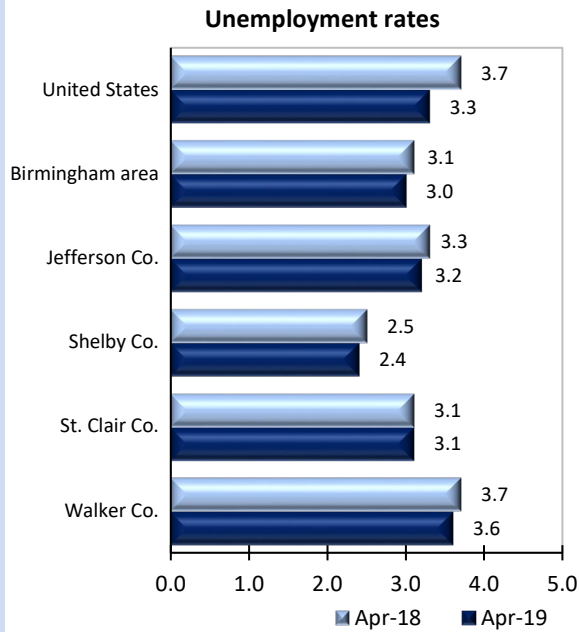


Birmingham Area Economic Summary

Updated June 05, 2019

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

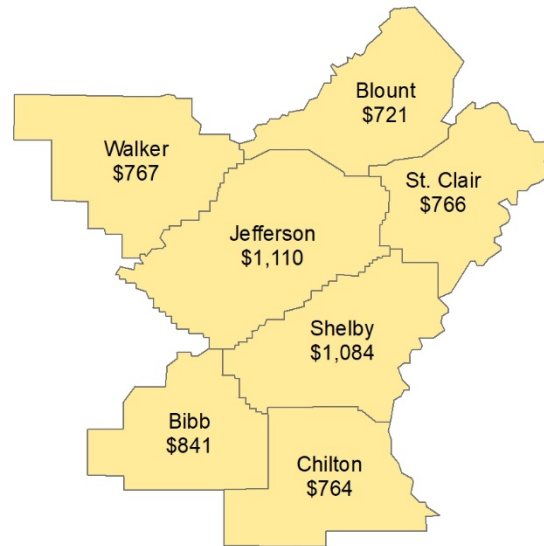
Unemployment rates for the Birmingham area, selected area counties, and the nation



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

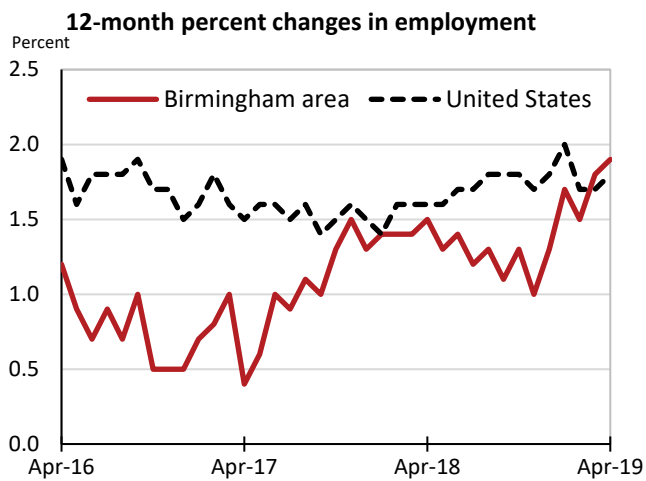
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Birmingham area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,064)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



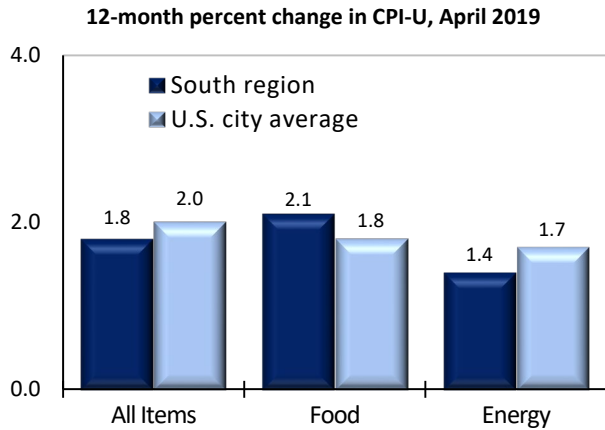
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Birmingham area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2019	Change from Apr. 2018 to Apr. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	546.9	10.3	1.9
Mining and logging	2.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.2	2.9	10.6
Manufacturing	40.3	1.6	4.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	108.4	0.3	0.3
Information	7.4	-0.6	-7.5
Financial activities	42.2	0.3	0.7
Professional and business services	67.6	-1.2	-1.7
Education and health services	76.3	2.6	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	55.7	2.9	5.5
Other services	30.8	0.2	0.7
Government	85.3	1.3	1.5

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.



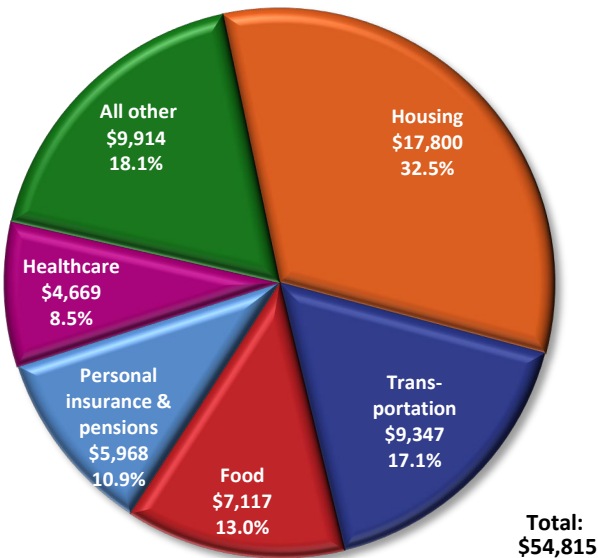
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

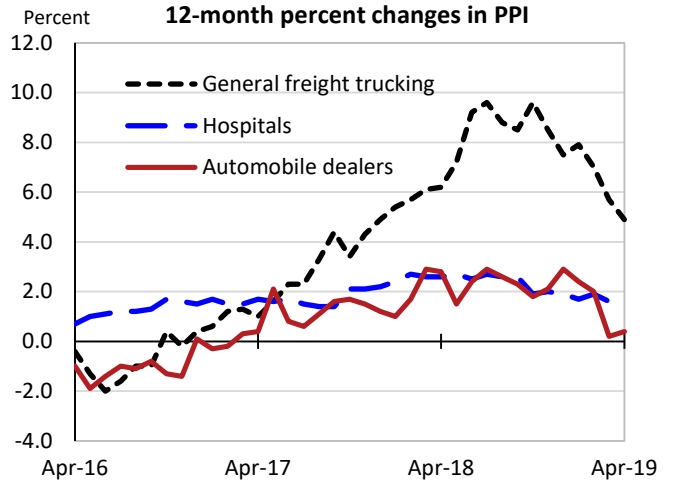
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2017



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Birmingham area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.83	\$24.98
General and operations managers	59.89	59.56
Accountants and auditors	36.51	37.89
Registered nurses	29.77	36.30
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	21.35	21.91
Customer service representatives	16.77	17.53
Construction laborers	16.27	19.40
Retail salespersons	13.44	13.61
Security guards	12.80	15.41
Nursing assistants	12.23	14.22
Waiters and waitresses	9.94	12.42
Cashiers	9.93	11.17
Cooks, fast food	9.46	10.89

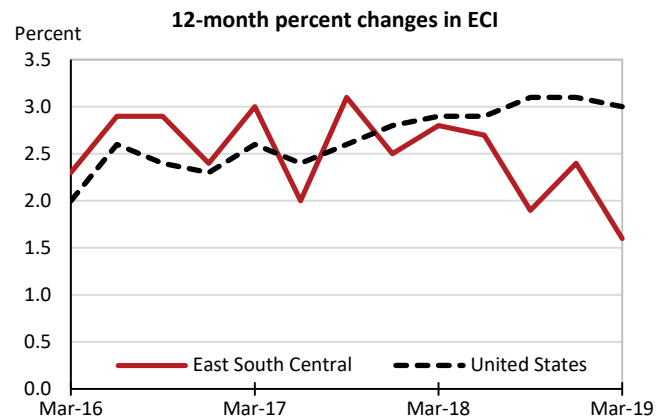
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2018	East South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$27.35	\$34.05
Wages and salaries	19.21	23.85
Total benefits	8.14	10.20
Paid leave	1.86	2.44
Vacation	0.93	1.26
Supplemental pay	0.93	1.09
Insurance	2.26	2.71
Retirement and savings	1.05	1.32
Legally required benefits	2.06	2.64

(1) East South Central includes AL, KY, MS, and TN.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.