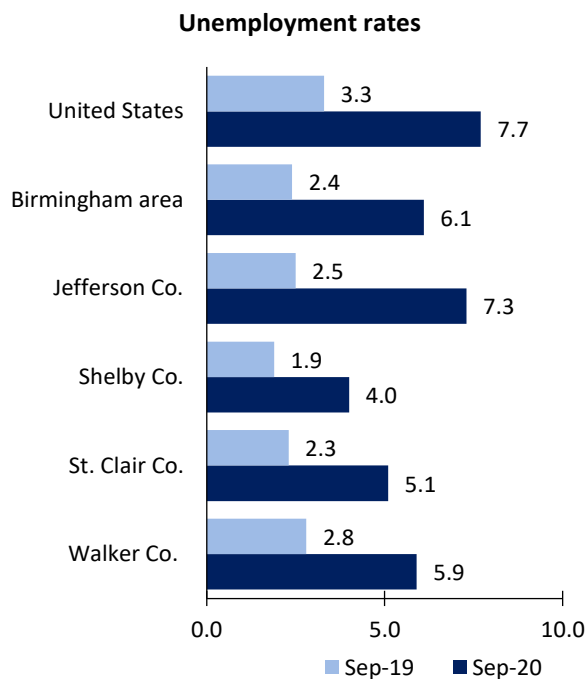


# Birmingham, AL, Area Economic Summary

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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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

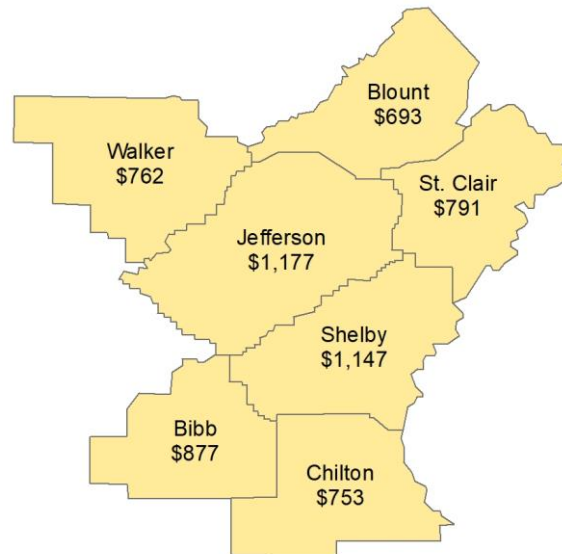


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

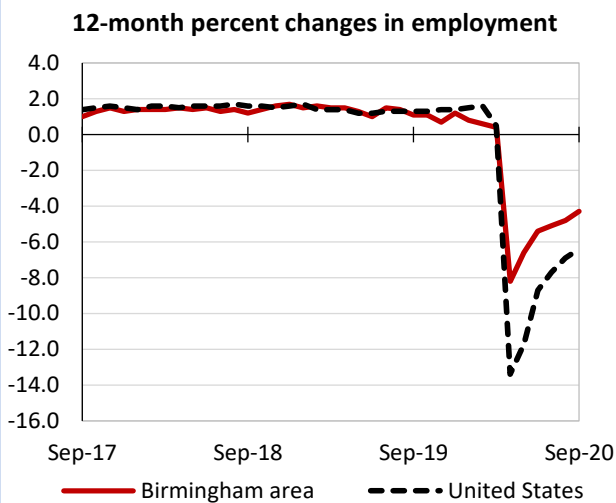
Birmingham area, first quarter 2020

(U.S. = \$1,222; Area = \$1,122)



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.

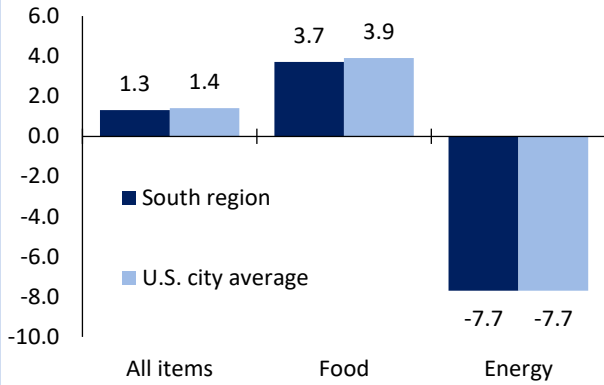
Birmingham area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2020	Change from Sep. 2019 to Sep. 2020	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	522.0	-23.7	-4.3
Mining and logging	2.5	-0.3	-10.7
Construction	29.9	-0.4	-1.3
Manufacturing	37.2	-2.0	-5.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	106.2	-1.1	-1.0
Information	6.2	-1.1	-15.1
Financial activities	41.7	-0.7	-1.7
Professional and business services	67.6	-1.7	-2.5
Education and health services	73.1	-3.3	-4.3
Leisure and hospitality	43.0	-9.8	-18.6
Other services	30.2	-1.3	-4.1
Government	84.4	-2.0	-2.3

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



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

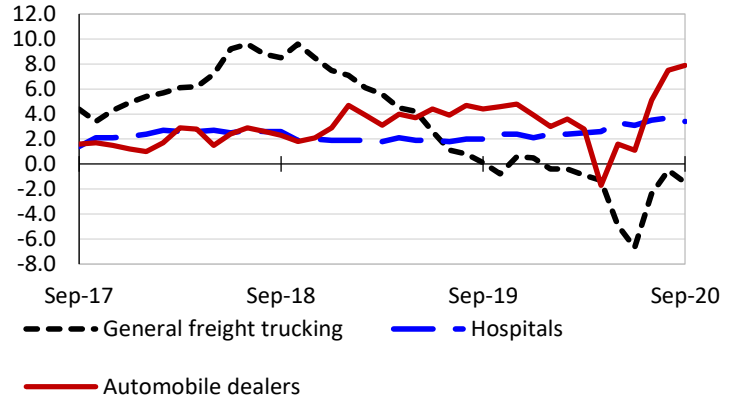
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2020



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

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

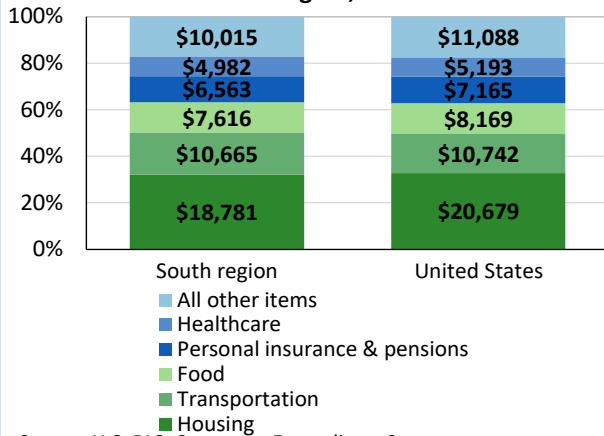
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2019



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Birmingham area	United States
All occupations	\$23.41	\$25.72
Accountants and auditors	36.93	38.23
Registered nurses	30.20	37.24
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	22.83	22.52
Customer service representatives	17.06	17.94
Construction laborers	16.33	20.06
Retail salespersons	12.75	14.12

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2019.

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

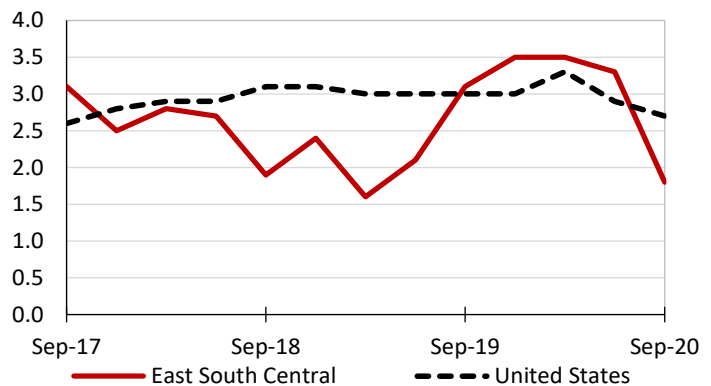
Private industry, June 2020	East South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.93	\$35.96
Wages and salaries	20.61	25.18
Total benefits	8.33	10.79
Paid leave	1.97	2.63
Vacation	0.99	1.35
Supplemental pay	0.97	1.23
Insurance	2.27	2.89
Retirement and savings	0.97	1.29
Legally required benefits	2.14	2.74

(1) The states that compose the East South Central census division are: AL, KY, MS, and TN.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

