Bowling Green, KY, Area Economic Summary

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 Bowling Green area, selected area counties, and the nation

![Unemployment rates chart]

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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Bowling Green area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = $1,144; Area = $836)

![Average weekly wages chart]

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

![Percent changes in employment chart]


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Total nonfarm | 75.4 | 1.4 | 1.9
Mining, logging, and construction | 3.5 | 0.1 | 2.9
Manufacturing | 13.1 | 0.3 | 2.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities | 13.7 | -0.2 | -1.4
Information | - | - | -
Financial activities | - | - | -
Professional and business services | 9.1 | 0.4 | 4.6
Education and health services | 11.1 | 0.2 | 1.8
Leisure and hospitality | 9.5 | 0.3 | 3.3
Other services | - | - | -
Government | 9.7 | 0.1 | 1.0

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2019

- South region
- U.S. city average

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

- General freight trucking
- Hospitals
- Motor vehicle parts manufacturing

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2017

- All Items $54,815
- Food $7,117 13.0%
- Energy $9,347 17.1%
- Housing $17,800 32.5%
- Transportation $9,347 17.1%
- Personal insurance & pensions $5,968 10.9%
- Healthcare $4,669 8.5%
- All other $9,914 18.1%

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

- East South Central
- United States

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<td>Total, all occupations</td>
<td>$19.35</td>
<td>$24.98</td>
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<td>General and operations managers</td>
<td>41.00</td>
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<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>30.42</td>
<td>37.89</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>29.25</td>
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<td>Light truck or delivery services drivers</td>
<td>15.59</td>
<td>17.75</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
<td>14.48</td>
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<td>Customer service representatives</td>
<td>14.24</td>
<td>17.53</td>
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<td>Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand</td>
<td>13.58</td>
<td>14.85</td>
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<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>12.98</td>
<td>13.61</td>
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<td>Cooks, fast food</td>
<td>10.04</td>
<td>10.89</td>
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<td>Cashiers</td>
<td>9.72</td>
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<td>Waiters and waitresses</td>
<td>9.25</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, March 2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$27.57</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
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<td>2.66</td>
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(1) East South Central includes AL, KY, MS, and TN.

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