Bowling Green, KY, 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.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Aug-21</th>
<th>Aug-22</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>5.3</td>
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<td>Bowling Green</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>4.2</td>
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<td>Allen Co.</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Butler Co.</td>
<td>4.6</td>
<td>4.1</td>
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<td>Edmonson Co.</td>
<td>4.9</td>
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<td>Warren Co.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>4.1</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Bowling Green area, first quarter 2022
(U.S. = $1,374; Area = $924)

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Weekly Wages</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bowling Green</td>
<td>$762</td>
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<td>Edmonson Co.</td>
<td>$707</td>
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<td>Warren Co.</td>
<td>$948</td>
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<td>Allen Co.</td>
<td>$753</td>
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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

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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Aug. 2022</th>
<th>Change from Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>76.0</td>
<td>0.8  1.1</td>
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<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>-0.1 -2.8</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>0.0  0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>15.1</td>
<td>0.6  4.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-       -</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>8.7</td>
<td>-0.1 -1.1</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>11.2</td>
<td>0.2  1.8</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>0.2  2.3</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-       -</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>10.5</td>
<td>-0.2 -1.9</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2022

- All items: 8.9%
- Food: 8.3%
- Energy: 11.5%
- South region: 11.4%
- U.S. city average: 22.6%
- U.S. city average: 23.8%

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

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2021

- All items: $10,404
- Food: $6,876
- Energy: $5,107
- South region: $7,639
- U.S. city average: $11,203
- U.S. city average: $20,244

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Bowling Green area</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$20.87</td>
<td>$28.01</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>32.33</td>
<td>40.37</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>29.60</td>
<td>39.78</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
<td>17.93</td>
<td>21.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Customer service representatives</td>
<td>15.52</td>
<td>18.79</td>
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<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>15.35</td>
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<td>Waiters and waitresses</td>
<td>10.64</td>
<td>13.95</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, June 2022</th>
<th>East South Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.83</td>
<td>$38.91</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.92</td>
<td>27.44</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>8.91</td>
<td>11.47</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.23</td>
<td>2.87</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.13</td>
<td>1.47</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.05</td>
<td>1.37</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.35</td>
<td>2.96</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>0.96</td>
<td>1.33</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.32</td>
<td>2.93</td>
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(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.