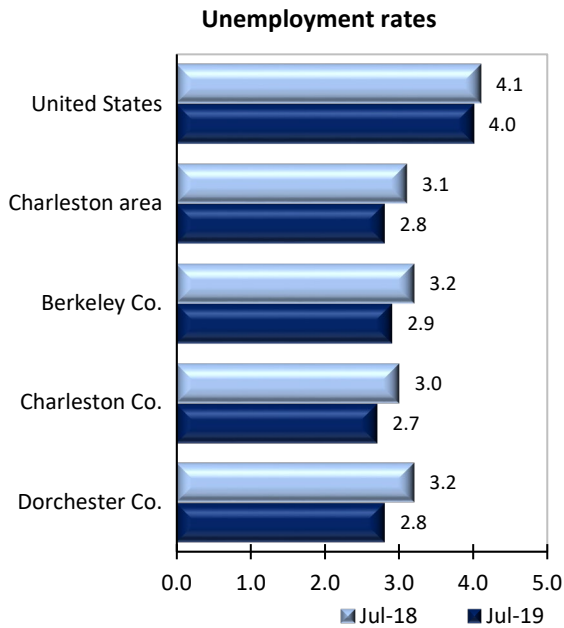


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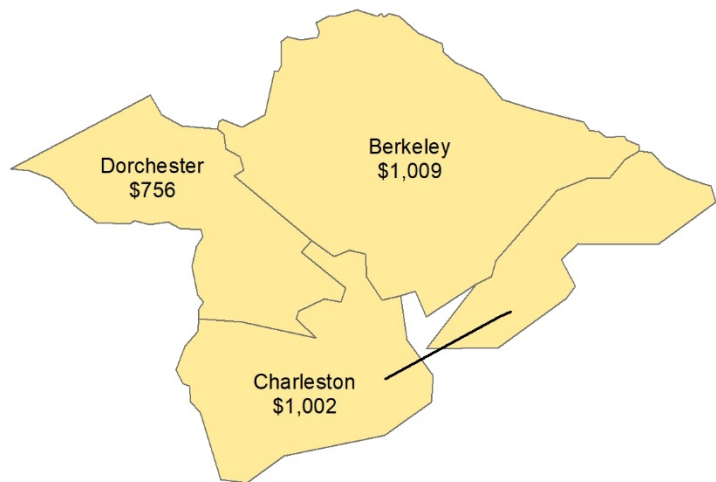
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Unemployment rates for the Charleston area, selected area counties, and the nation

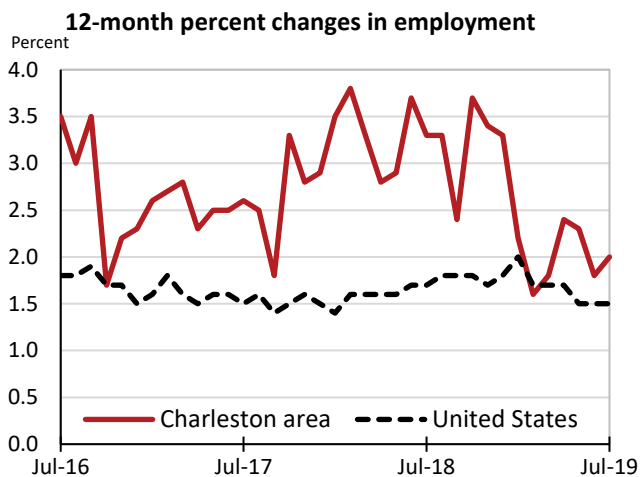


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Charleston area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$977)



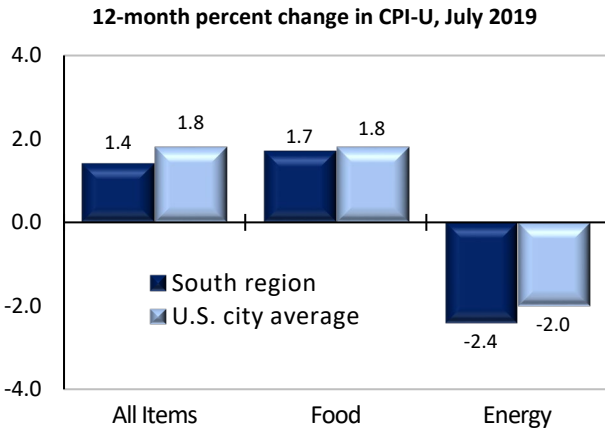
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Charleston area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	375.9	7.5	2.0
Mining, logging, and construction	23.1	0.8	3.6
Manufacturing	28.0	0.6	2.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	69.8	2.0	2.9
Information	6.6	0.2	3.1
Financial activities	16.3	0.3	1.9
Professional and business services	56.9	-1.7	-2.9
Education and health services	42.5	0.7	1.7
Leisure and hospitality	53.4	4.9	10.1
Other services	14.7	0.1	0.7
Government	64.6	-0.4	-0.6

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

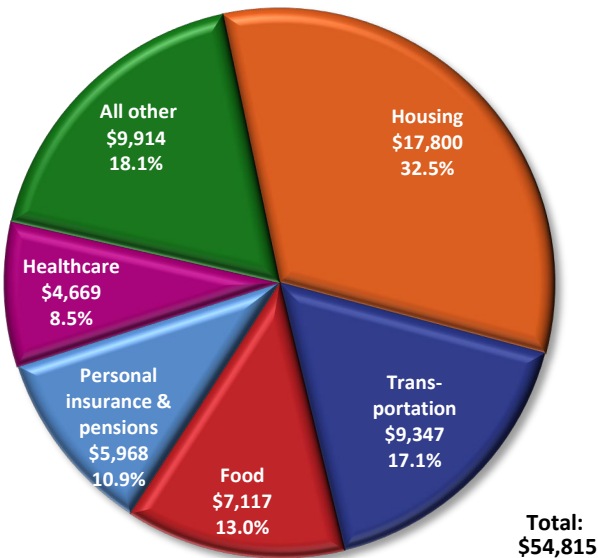
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

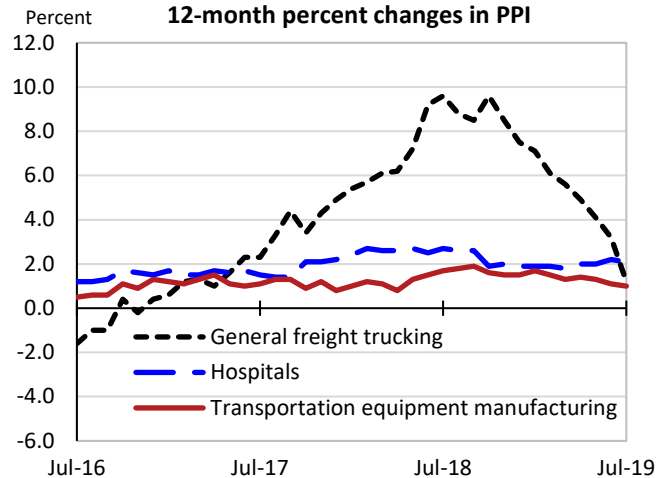
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

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	Charleston area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.21	\$24.98
General and operations managers	51.20	59.56
Registered nurses	36.43	36.30
Accountants and auditors	28.04	37.89
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	22.65	21.91
Medical assistants	16.70	16.61
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	15.83	14.85
Construction laborers	13.85	19.40
Retail salespersons	13.01	13.61
Cashiers	10.08	11.17
Waiters and waitresses	9.46	12.42
Cooks, fast food	9.38	10.89

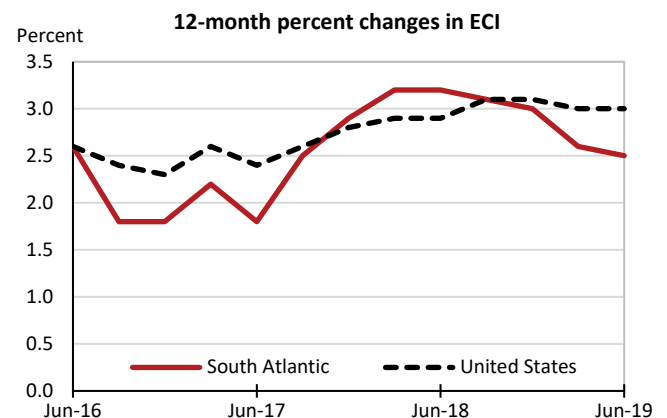
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, March 2019	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.66	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	22.46	24.17
Total benefits	9.20	10.33
Paid leave	2.23	2.48
Vacation	1.14	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.10
Insurance	2.36	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.21	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.66

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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