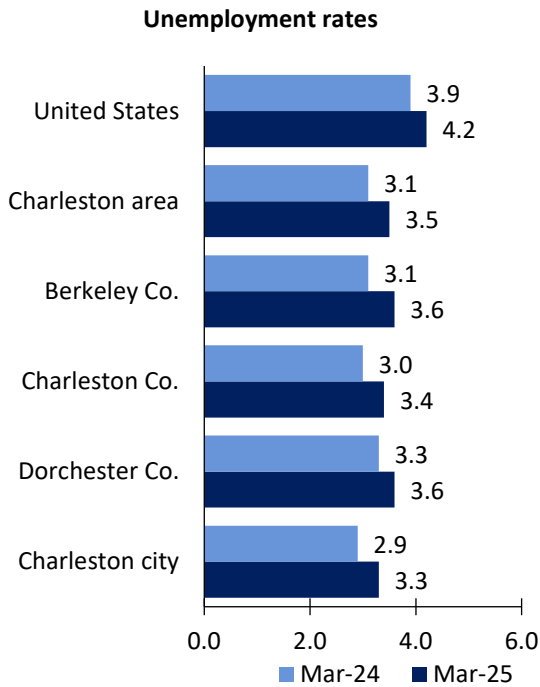


Charleston, SC, Area Economic Summary

Updated May 07, 2025

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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

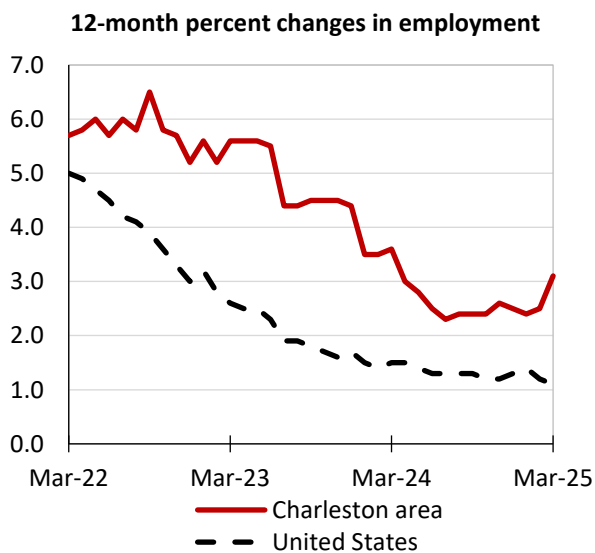
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Charleston area, third quarter 2024
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,248)



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

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



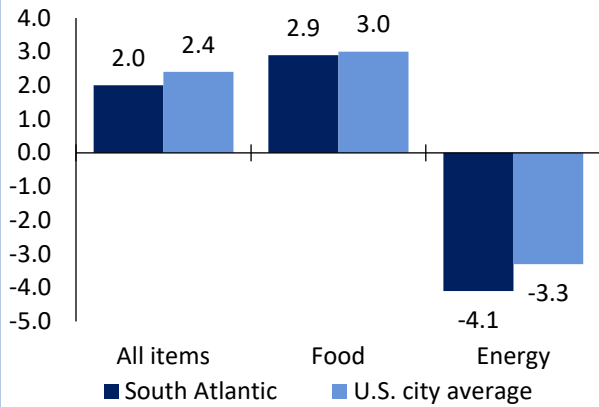
Charleston area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2025	Change from Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	431.9	13.1	3.1
Mining, logging, and construction	25.0	2.1	9.2
Manufacturing	34.4	-0.4	-1.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	77.4	1.4	1.8
Information	8.0	0.2	2.6
Financial activities	21.3	1.0	4.9
Professional and business services	69.5	1.4	2.1
Education and health services	51.6	2.7	5.5
Leisure and hospitality	55.7	1.1	2.0
Other services	16.7	0.6	3.7
Government	72.3	3.0	4.3

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

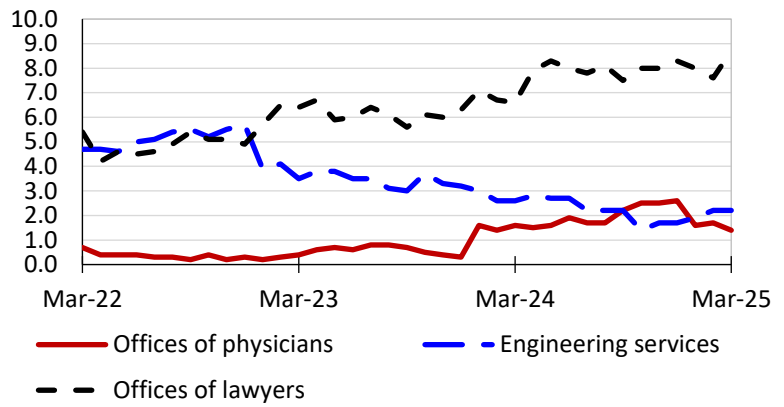
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2025



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

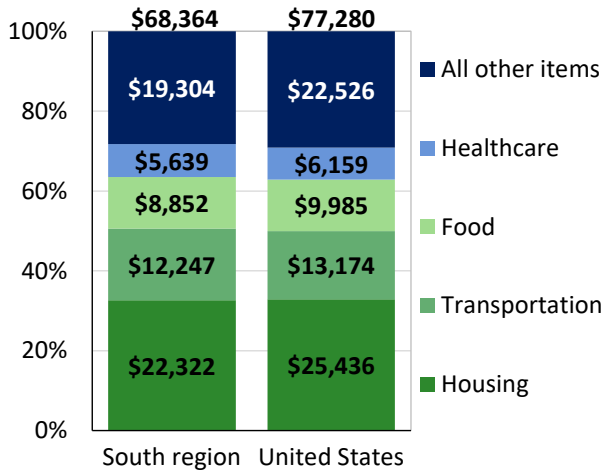
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	Charleston area	United States
All occupations	\$29.65	\$32.66
Registered nurses	42.57	47.32
Automotive service technicians and mechanics	24.26	26.57
Industrial truck and tractor operators	23.37	23.00
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	18.21	19.66
Cooks, restaurant	17.47	18.14
Waiters and waitresses	12.20	18.44

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

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

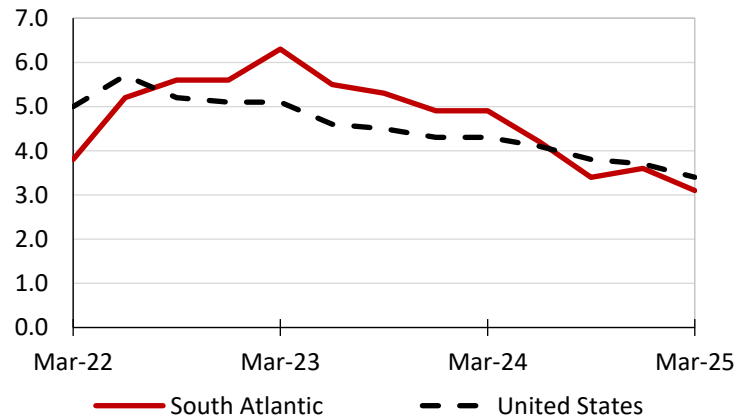
Private industry, December 2024	South Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$41.19	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	29.51	31.47
Total benefits	11.68	13.20
Paid leave	3.07	3.38
Vacation	1.57	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.68	1.84
Insurance	2.73	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.27	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.91	3.24

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

