

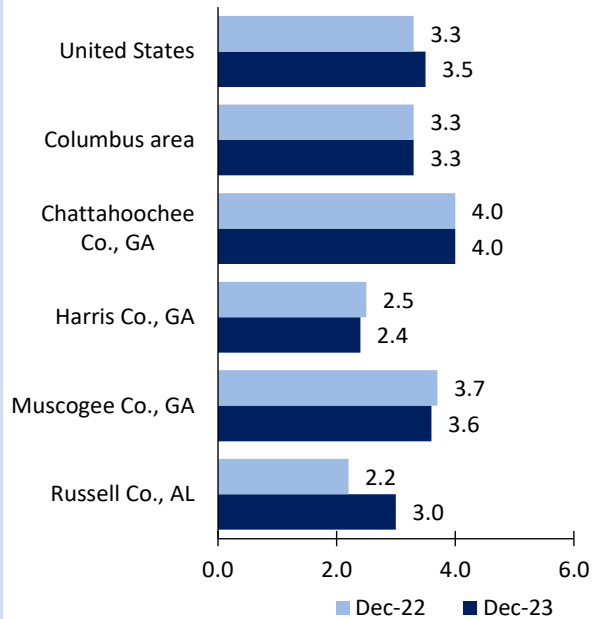
# Columbus, GA-AL, Area Economic Summary

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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

### Unemployment rates

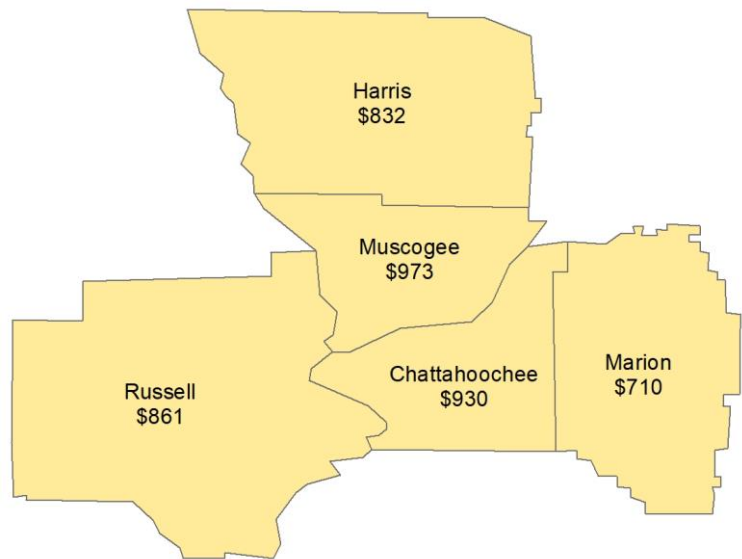


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Columbus area, second quarter 2023

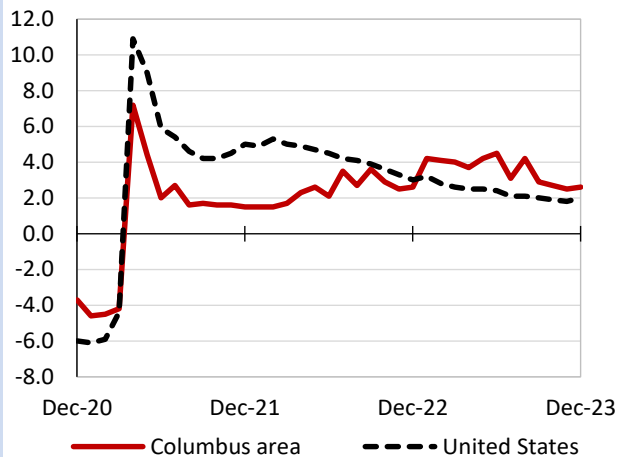
(U.S. = \$1,332; Area = \$948)



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

### 12-month percent changes in employment



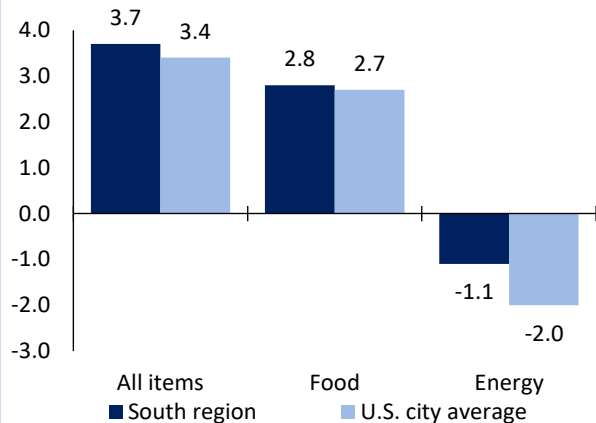
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Columbus area employment (number in thousands)	Dec. 2023	Change from Dec. 2022 to Dec. 2023	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	127.5	3.2	2.6
Mining, logging, and construction	5.0	0.1	2.0
Manufacturing	10.3	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18.8	0.0	0.0
Information	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	11.7	0.2	1.7
Professional and business services	16.9	0.6	3.7
Education and health services	18.3	0.9	5.2
Leisure and hospitality	15.2	0.6	4.1
Other services	4.6	0.2	4.5
Government	25.5	0.6	2.4

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

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

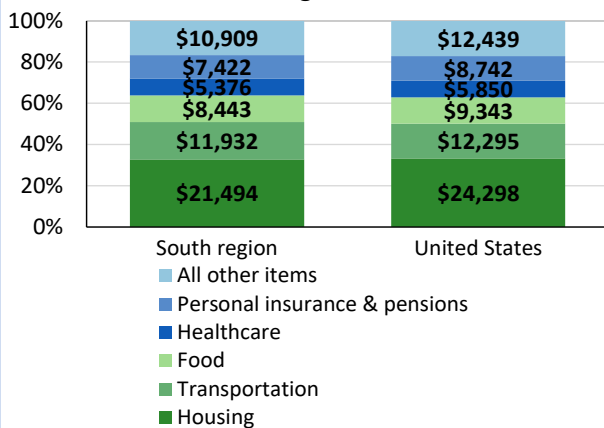
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2023



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

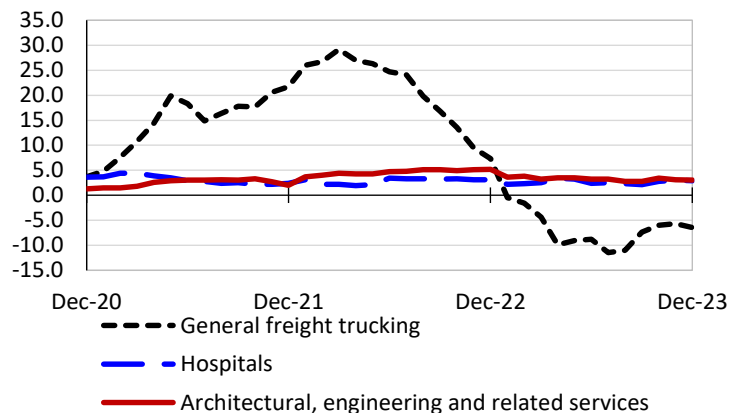
Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2022



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

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 hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Columbus area	United States
All occupations	\$23.75	\$29.76
Accountants and auditors	36.34	41.70
Registered nurses	34.57	42.80
Office clerks, general	16.55	19.78
Customer service representatives	16.17	19.80
Construction laborers	15.51	22.29
Retail salespersons	13.20	16.70

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2022.

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

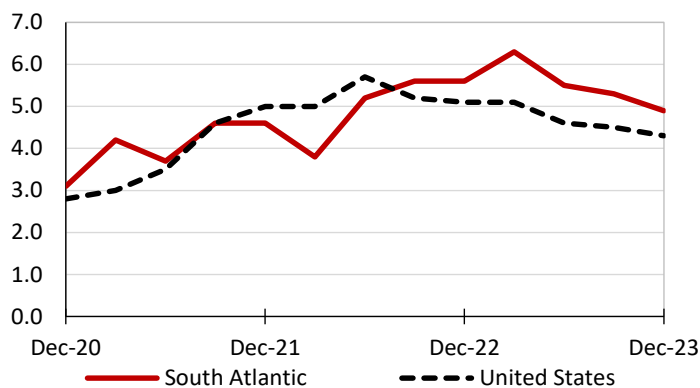
Private industry, September 2023	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$37.94	\$41.53
Wages and salaries	27.46	29.34
Total benefits	10.48	12.19
Paid leave	2.83	3.09
Vacation	1.47	1.59
Supplemental pay	1.22	1.55
Insurance	2.50	3.04
Retirement and savings	1.12	1.41
Legally required benefits	2.82	3.11

(1) The states that compose the South Atlantic census division are: DE, DC, 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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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