Durham, NC, 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 nation and selected areas**

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

**Average weekly wages for all industries by county**

**Durham area, third quarter 2019**

(U.S. = $1,093; Area = $1,231)

**12-month percent changes in employment**

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2020

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

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2018

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations


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

Private industry, December 2019

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.