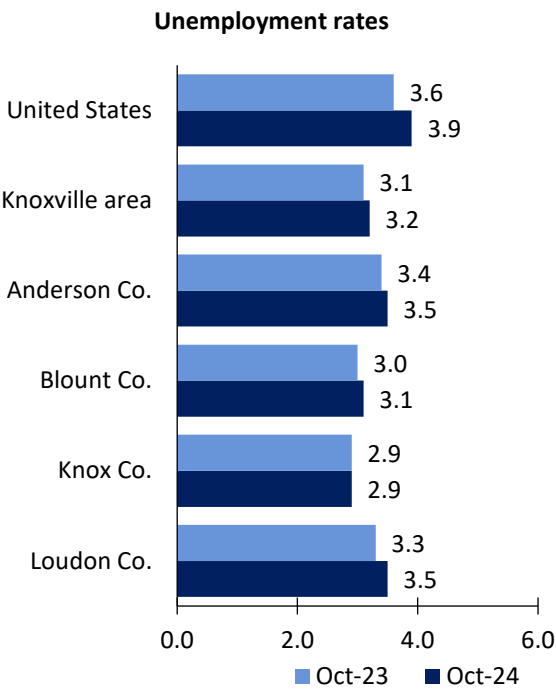


# Knoxville, TN, Area Economic Summary

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

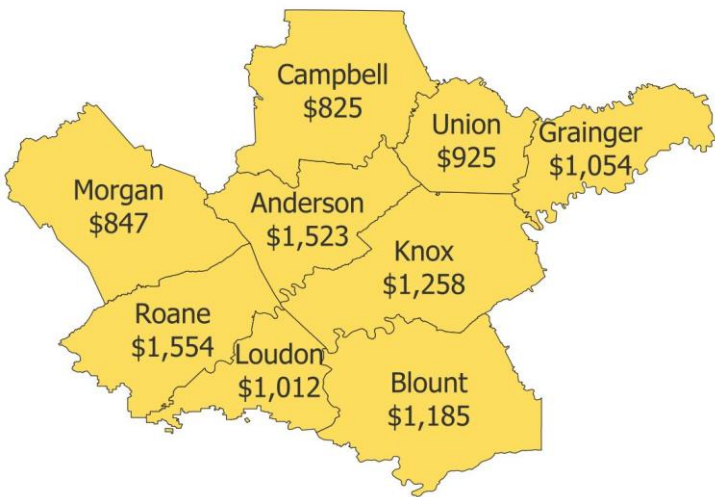
### Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

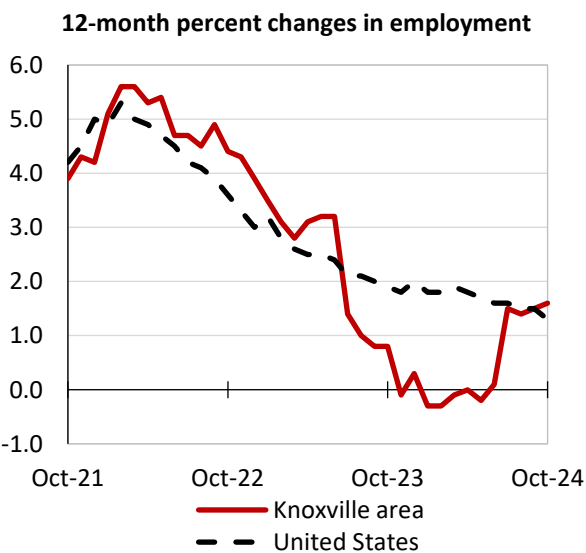
### Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Knoxville area, first quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,263)



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

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



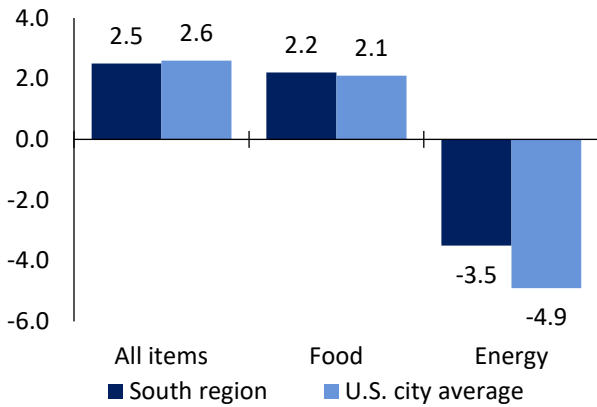
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Knoxville area employment (number in thousands)	Oct. 2024	Change from Oct. 2023 to Oct. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	445.7	7.2	1.6
Mining, logging, and construction	21.6	0.4	1.9
Manufacturing	48.5	1.2	2.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	86.4	1.0	1.2
Information	6.6	-0.1	-1.5
Financial activities	21.5	-0.5	-2.3
Professional and business services	69.9	-0.6	-0.9
Education and health services	64.8	4.9	8.2
Leisure and hospitality	46.4	-0.6	-1.3
Other services	17.0	0.5	3.0
Government	63.0	1.0	1.6



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

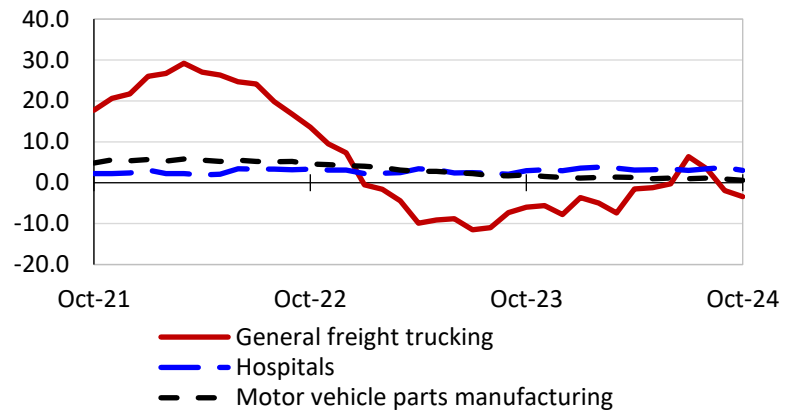
12-month percent change in CPI-U, October 2024



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

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

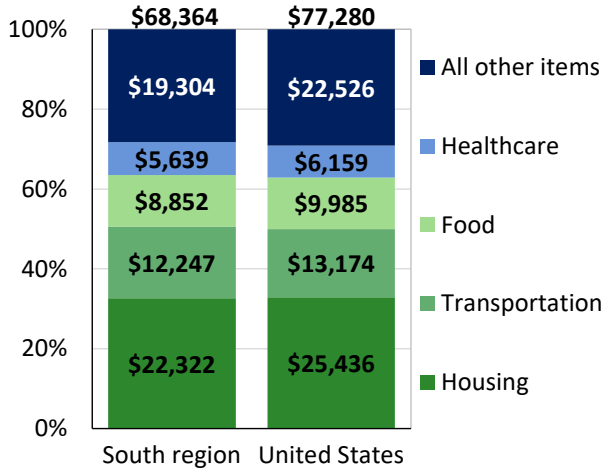
12-month percent changes in PPI



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 2023

Occupation	Knoxville area	United States
All occupations	\$26.35	\$31.48
Accountants and auditors	37.41	43.65
Registered nurses	33.61	45.42
Electricians	26.12	32.60
Construction laborers	20.95	23.69
Office clerks, general	18.06	20.94
Retail salespersons	16.93	17.64

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

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

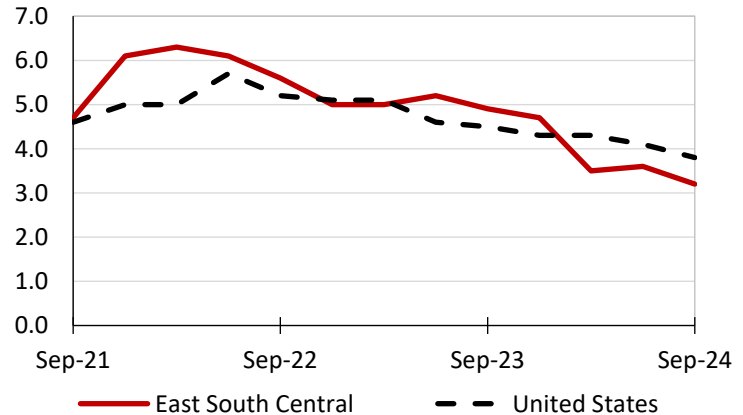
Private industry, June 2024	East South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$31.95	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	23.05	30.90
Total benefits	8.89	13.04
Paid leave	2.06	3.30
Vacation	1.05	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.25	1.76
Insurance	2.47	3.24
Retirement and savings	0.80	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.31	3.22

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.