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

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<th>Dec-18</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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<td>Tampa area</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

### Average weekly wages for all industries by county

#### Tampa area, second quarter 2019

(U.S. = $1,095; Area = $976)

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

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<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>1,406.8</td>
<td>31.0</td>
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<td>Mining and logging</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>84.4</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>70.2</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>257.6</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>25.5</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>122.6</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>257.4</td>
<td>7.5</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>218.4</td>
<td>5.8</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>164.0</td>
<td>4.4</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>48.5</td>
<td>1.7</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>157.9</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, November 2019

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<th>U.S. city average</th>
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<td>All items</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>2.1</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>-0.6</td>
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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

Dec-16 Dec-17 Dec-18 Dec-19
General freight trucking -3.7 1.8 2.1 -2.0
Hospitals -3.7 0.0 2.0 2.1
Offices of lawyers -3.7 -3.7 -3.7 4.0

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Tampa area, 2017-18

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<td>All other items</td>
<td>$8,721</td>
<td>$11,178</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>$3,810</td>
<td>$4,902</td>
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<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$5,072</td>
<td>$7,034</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$7,218</td>
<td>$7,826</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$7,694</td>
<td>$9,669</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$17,871</td>
<td>$19,971</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<td>$22.95</td>
<td>$24.98</td>
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<td>Lawyers</td>
<td>54.56</td>
<td>69.34</td>
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<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>33.85</td>
<td>37.89</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>32.70</td>
<td>36.30</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
<td>14.58</td>
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<td>Landscaping and groundskeeping</td>
<td>13.34</td>
<td>14.88</td>
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<td>workers</td>
<td>12.90</td>
<td>13.61</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, September 2019</th>
<th>South Atlantic (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.85</td>
<td>$34.77</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.67</td>
<td>24.38</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>9.19</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.36</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.17</td>
<td>1.31</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.40</td>
<td>2.68</td>
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(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

Dec-16 Dec-17 Dec-18 Dec-19
South Atlantic 3.7 2.1 3.0 3.5
United States 3.7 2.1 3.0 3.5

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

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