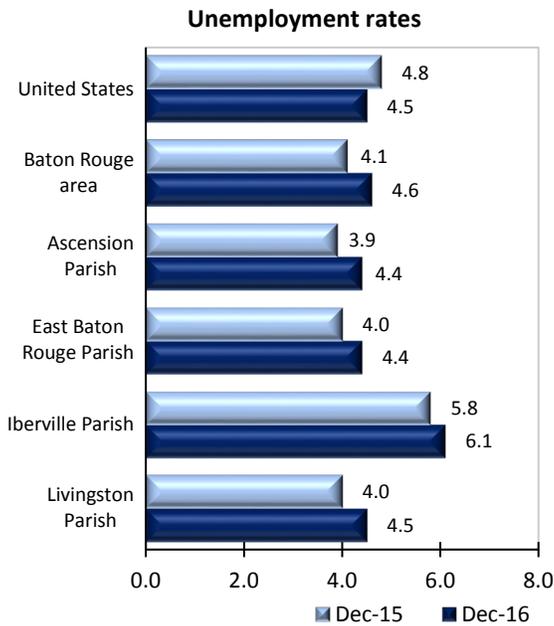


# Baton Rouge Area Economic Summary

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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).

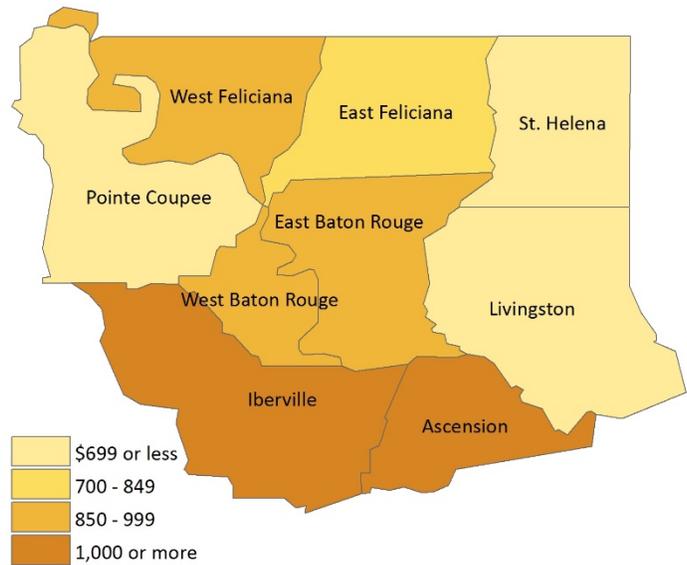
## Unemployment rates for the Baton Rouge area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

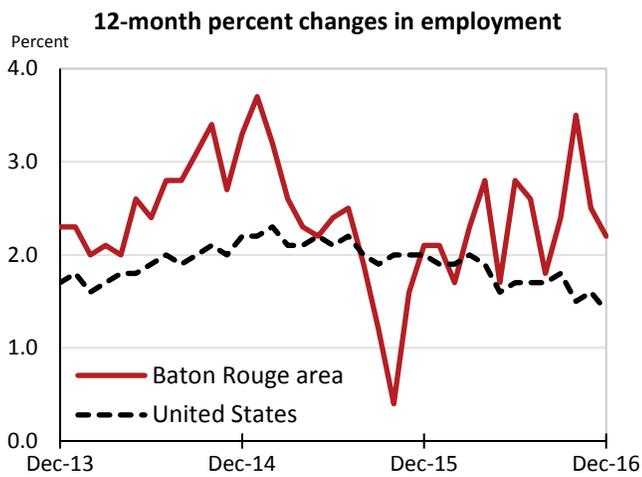
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Baton Rouge area, 2nd quarter 2016**  
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$927)



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



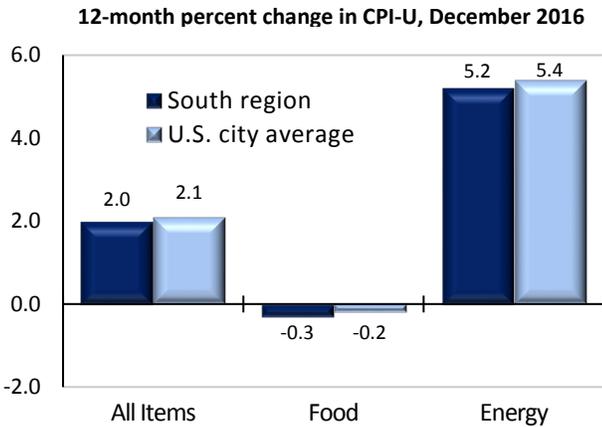
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Baton Rouge area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	419.9	9.1	2.2
Mining and logging	0.8	-0.2	-20.0
Construction	53.9	0.3	0.6
Manufacturing	29.8	0.2	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	74.8	3.4	4.8
Information	6.7	0.6	9.8
Financial activities	18.7	0.2	1.1
Professional and business services	50.8	1.3	2.6
Education and health services	56.3	1.6	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	39.1	1.5	4.0
Other services	16.6	0.4	2.5
Government	72.4	-0.2	-0.3

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



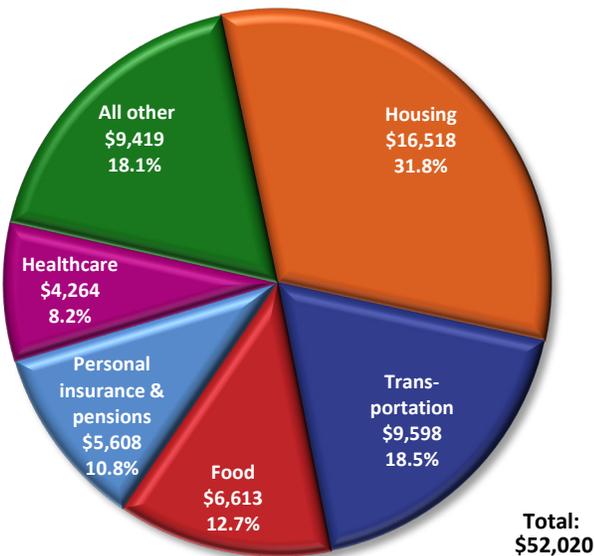
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

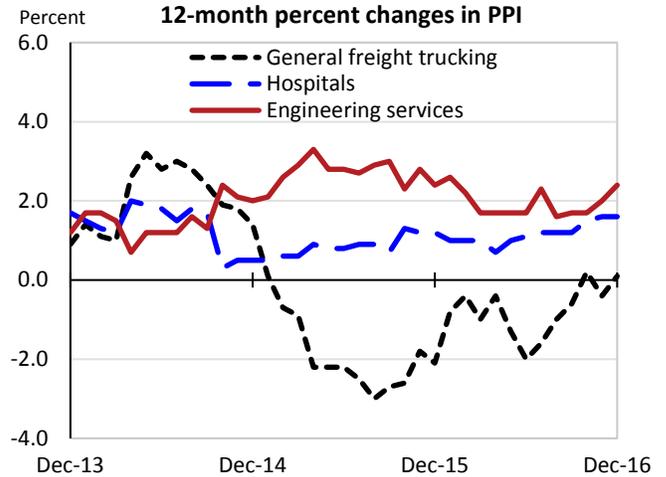
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2015



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

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Baton Rouge area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.01	\$23.23
Dentists, general	94.21	82.86
General and operations managers	55.32	57.44
Lawyers	53.38	65.51
Computer systems analysts	35.05	43.36
Accountants and auditors	29.93	36.19
Registered nurses	28.18	34.14
Construction laborers	15.30	17.57
Customer service representatives	14.41	16.62
Medical secretaries	13.77	16.50
Retail salespersons	11.92	12.67
Cooks, fast food	8.60	9.43
Food preparation workers	8.57	10.60

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

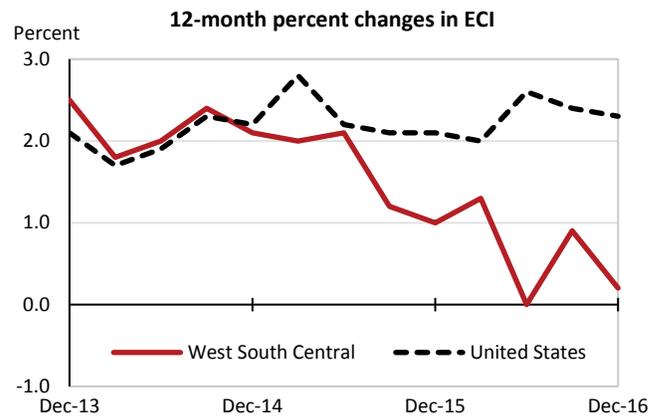
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2016	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$29.91	\$32.27
Wages and salaries	21.55	22.52
Total benefits	8.37	9.75
Paid leave	1.89	2.21
Vacation	0.94	1.15
Supplemental pay	1.12	1.16
Insurance	2.04	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.03	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.29	2.54

(1) West South Central includes AR, LA, OK, and TX.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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