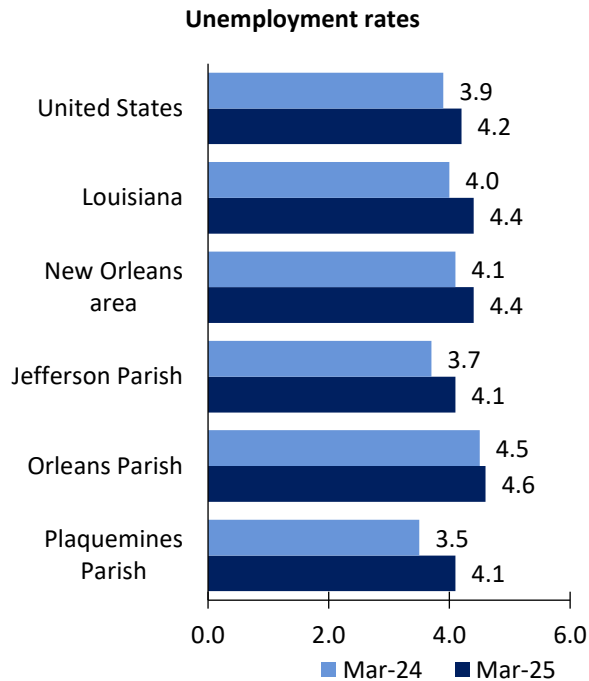


# New Orleans Area Economic Summary

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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>.

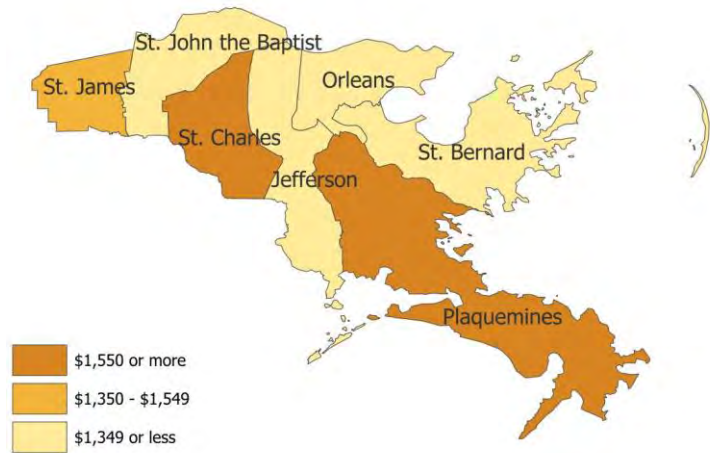
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

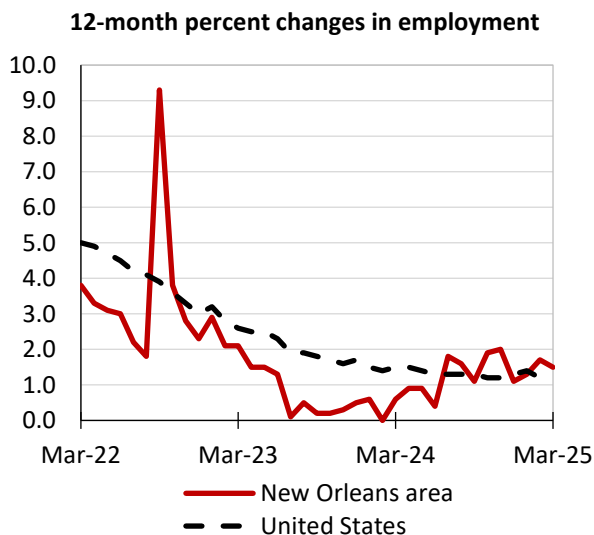
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**New Orleans area, third quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,288)



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

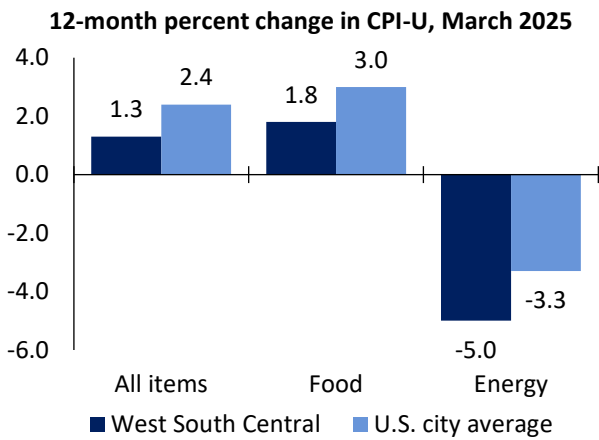
## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



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

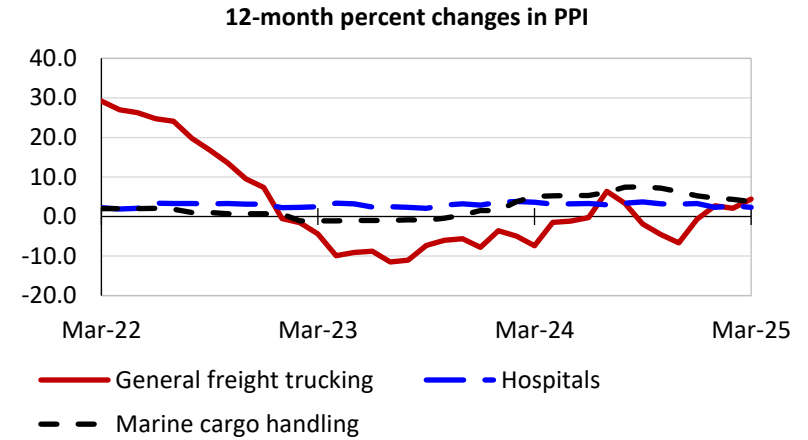
New Orleans area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2025	Change from Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	478.6	7.1	1.5
Mining and logging	1.8	-0.2	-10.0
Construction	27.4	3.7	15.6
Manufacturing	26.2	-0.4	-1.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	86.5	0.4	0.5
Information	6.8	0.3	4.6
Financial activities	23.8	-0.3	-1.2
Professional and business services	61.5	-1.3	-2.1
Education and health services	98.0	2.5	2.6
Leisure and hospitality	71.0	1.5	2.2
Other services	20.6	0.7	3.5
Government	55.0	0.2	0.4

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



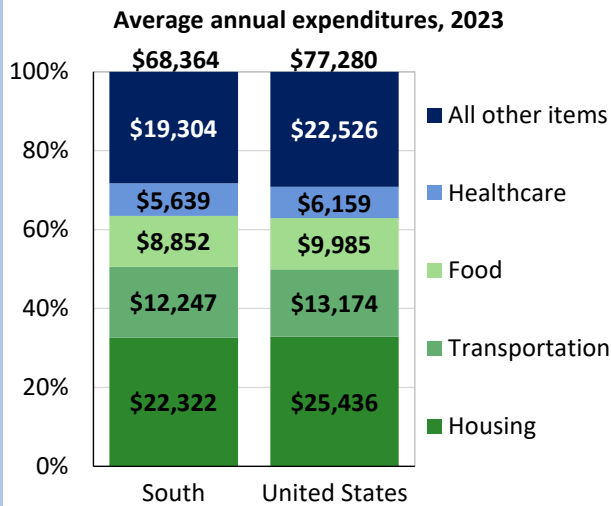
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	New Orleans area	United States
All occupations	\$28.70	\$32.66
Lawyers	66.68	87.86
Petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers	47.85	43.74
Healthcare practitioners and technical workers, all other	32.18	35.19
Sailors and marine oilers	26.60	26.59
Hotel, motel, and resort desk clerks	13.88	16.70
Waiters and waitresses	12.40	18.44

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

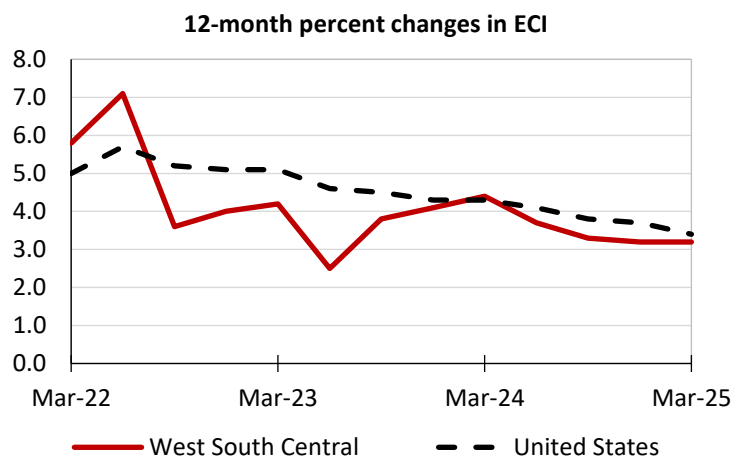
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, December 2024	West South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$38.98	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	27.98	31.47
Total benefits	11.00	13.20
Paid leave	2.77	3.38
Vacation	1.40	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.63	1.84
Insurance	2.68	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.18	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.74	3.24

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year



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