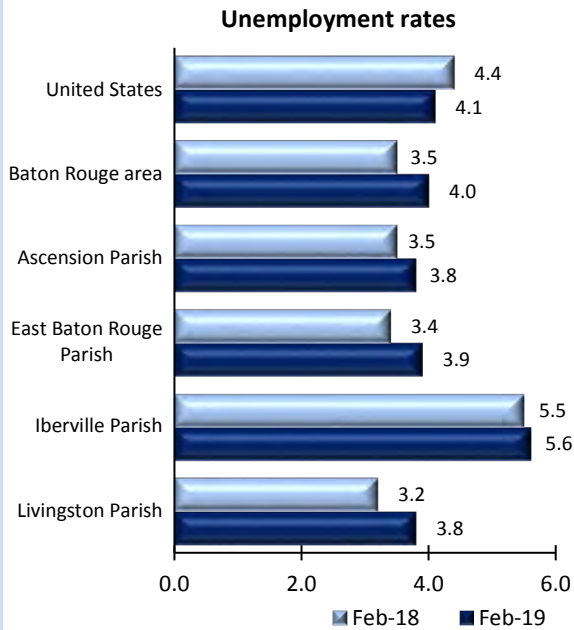


Baton Rouge Area Economic Summary

Updated April 03, 2019

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.

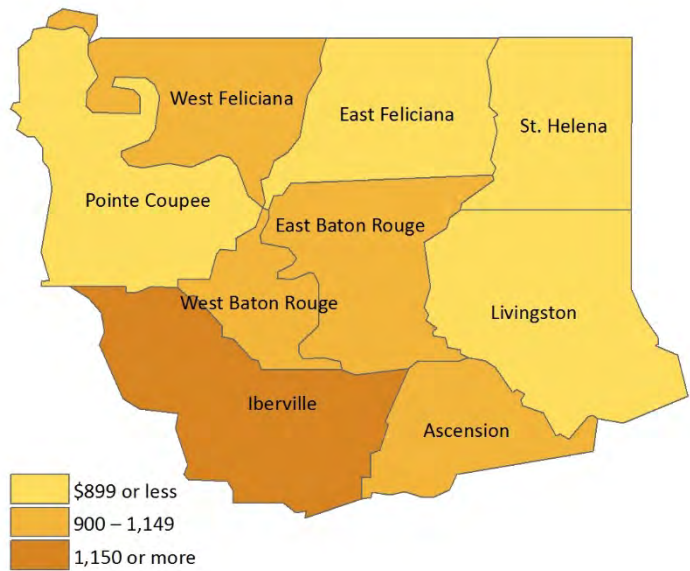
Unemployment rates for the Baton Rouge area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

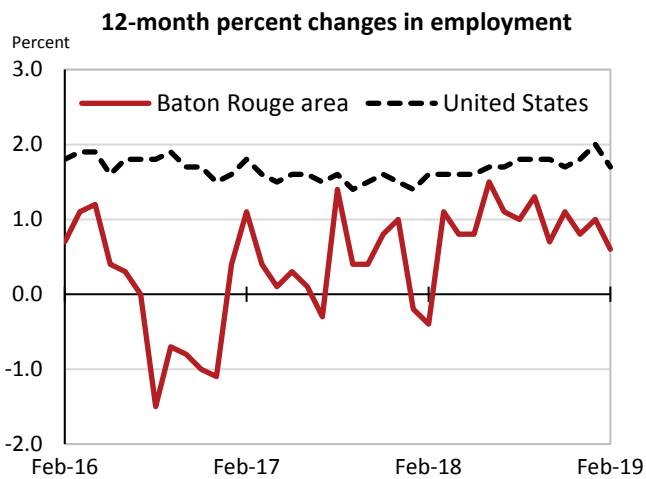
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Baton Rouge area, 3rd quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$980)



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



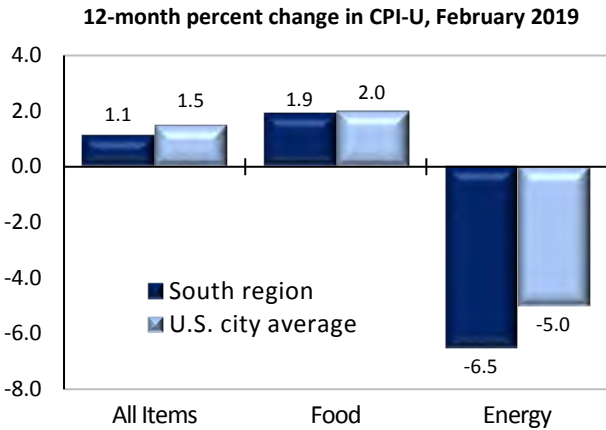
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Baton Rouge area employment (numbers in thousands)	Feb. 2019	Change from Feb. 2018 to Feb. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	409.1	2.5	0.6
Mining and logging	0.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	52.5	1.0	1.9
Manufacturing	29.7	0.6	2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	70.4	0.4	0.6
Information	4.8	-0.8	-14.3
Financial activities	18.6	0.1	0.5
Professional and business services	46.8	-0.5	-1.1
Education and health services	53.0	-0.3	-0.6
Leisure and hospitality	39.3	0.2	0.5
Other services	16.8	0.1	0.6
Government	76.3	1.7	2.3

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



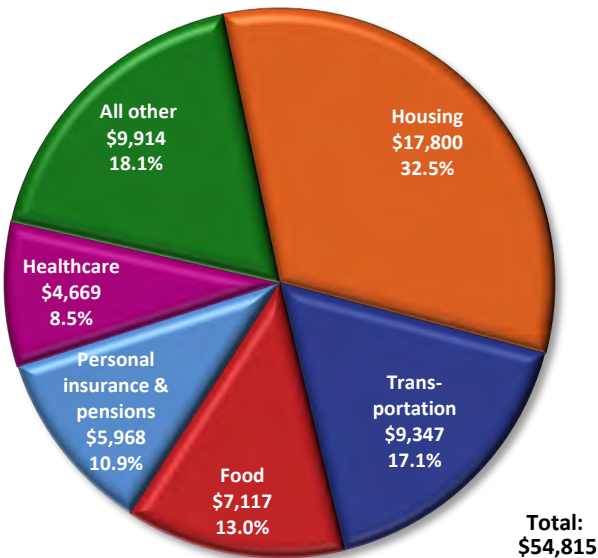
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

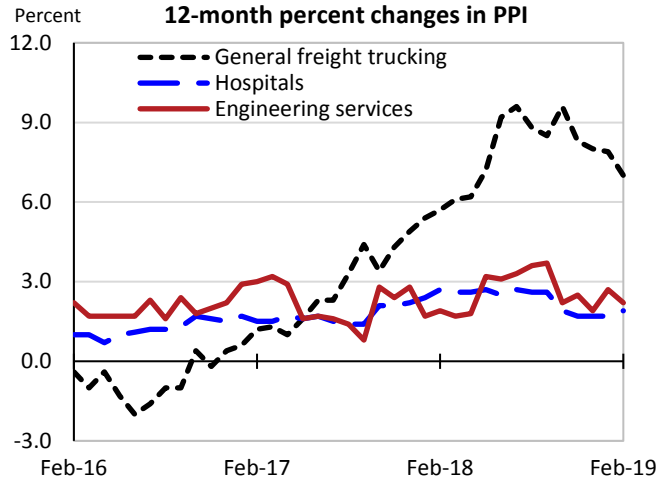
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2017



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	\$21.73	\$24.98
Dentists, general	86.11	84.54
General and operations managers	59.27	59.56
Lawyers	49.16	69.34
Computer systems analysts	36.78	45.01
Accountants and auditors	31.48	37.89
Registered nurses	29.05	36.30
Construction laborers	16.78	19.40
Customer service representatives	15.80	17.53
Medical secretaries	15.08	17.83
Retail salespersons	11.69	13.61
Cooks, fast food	9.66	10.89
Food preparation workers	9.11	11.94

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

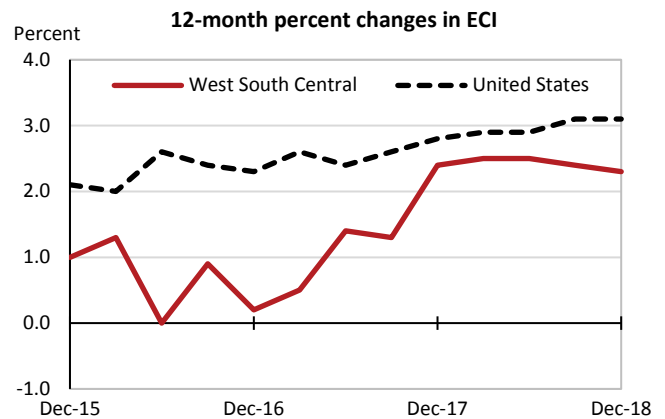
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2018	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.72	\$34.05
Wages and salaries	22.90	23.85
Total benefits	8.82	10.20
Paid leave	2.14	2.44
Vacation	1.06	1.26
Supplemental pay	1.18	1.09
Insurance	2.05	2.71
Retirement and savings	1.06	1.32
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.64

(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.