Dallas-Fort Worth 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.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Dallas-Fort Worth area, 1st quarter 2017
(U.S. = $1,111; Area = $1,224)

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

Unemployment rates for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, selected area counties, and the nation

Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.
Over-the-year changes in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2017

- All Items: Dallas-Fort Worth area 13.0%, U.S. city average 10.1%
- Food: Dallas-Fort Worth area 2.2%, U.S. city average 1.2%
- Energy: Dallas-Fort Worth area 1.2%, U.S. city average 1.2%

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Dallas-Fort Worth area average annual expenditures 2015-16

- Housing: $21,221 (34.2%)
- Personal insurance & pensions: $8,150 (13.1%)
- Healthcare: $4,429 (7.8%)
- Food: $7,380 (11.9%)
- All other: $10,613 (17.1%)

Total: $62,099

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

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

Private industry, June 2017

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(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

12-month percent changes in ECI

- Dallas-Fort Worth area
- United States

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