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 El Paso area, selected area counties, and the nation

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

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

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

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

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2018

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation | El Paso area | United States
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Total, all occupations | $18.80 | $24.98
Dentists, general | 81.30 | 84.54
Human resources managers | 47.51 | 60.91
Registered nurses | 33.86 | 36.30
Accountants and auditors | 29.97 | 37.89
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers | 21.80 | 21.91
Automotive service technicians and mechanics | 16.17 | 21.02
Medical secretaries | 13.43 | 17.83
Construction laborers | 13.22 | 19.40
Customer service representatives | 13.10 | 17.53
Retail salespersons | 12.71 | 13.61
Medical assistants | 12.23 | 16.61
Cooks, fast food | 12.07 | 10.89


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

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<th>Private industry, June 2019</th>
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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 the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

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