

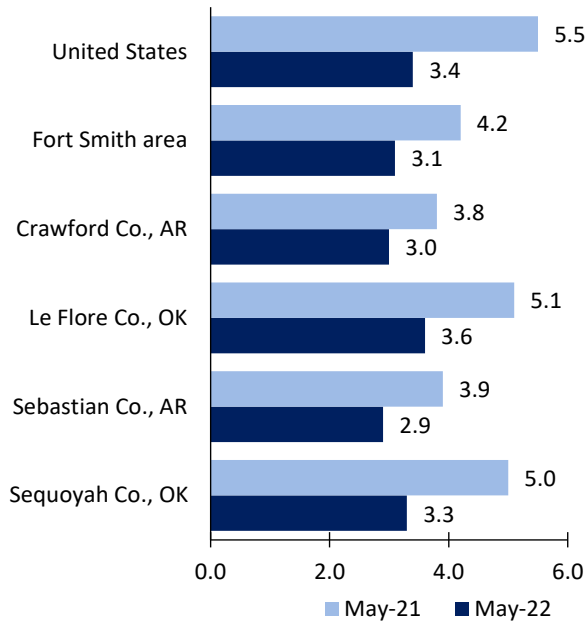
# Fort Smith Area Economic Summary

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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 nation and selected areas

### Unemployment rates

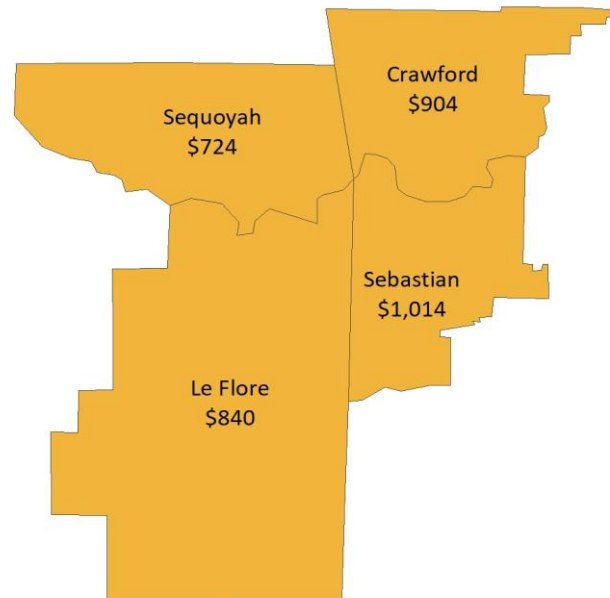


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Fort Smith area, fourth quarter 2021

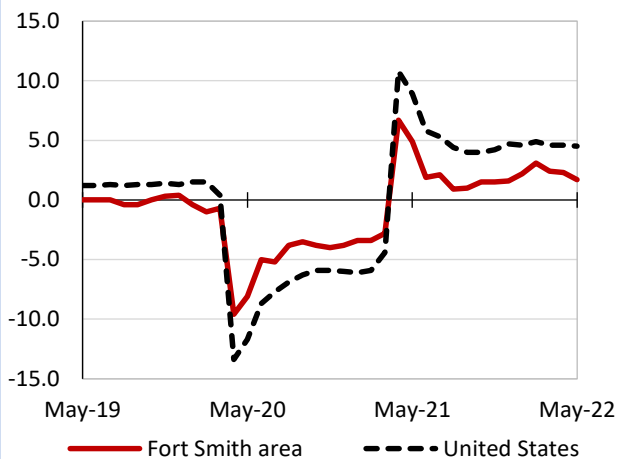
(U.S. = \$1,418; Area = \$948)



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

### 12-month percent changes in employment



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

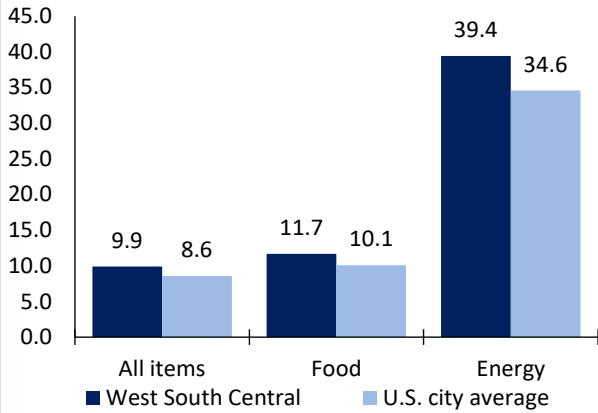
Fort Smith area employment (number in thousands)	May 2022	Change from May 2021 to May 2022	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	112.6	1.9	1.7
Mining, logging, and construction	5.2	0.2	4.0
Manufacturing	18.1	1.5	9.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	23.9	0.4	1.7
Information	1.2	0.1	9.1
Financial activities	3.9	0.1	2.6
Professional and business services	11.7	-0.3	-2.5
Education and health services	16.4	-0.4	-2.4
Leisure and hospitality	9.8	0.0	0.0
Other services	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	18.0	0.3	1.7

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



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

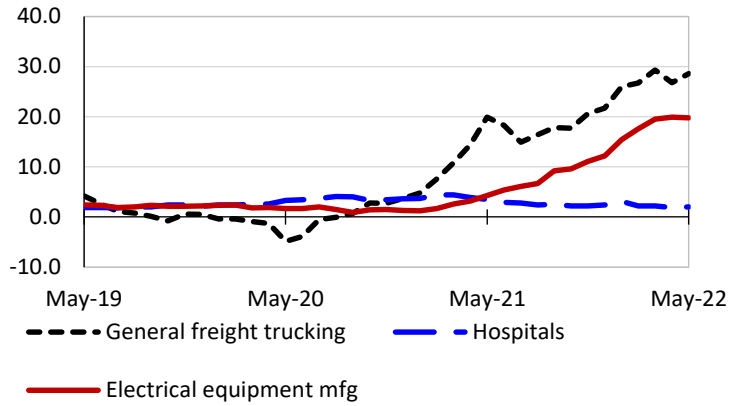
12-month percent change in CPI-U, May 2022



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

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

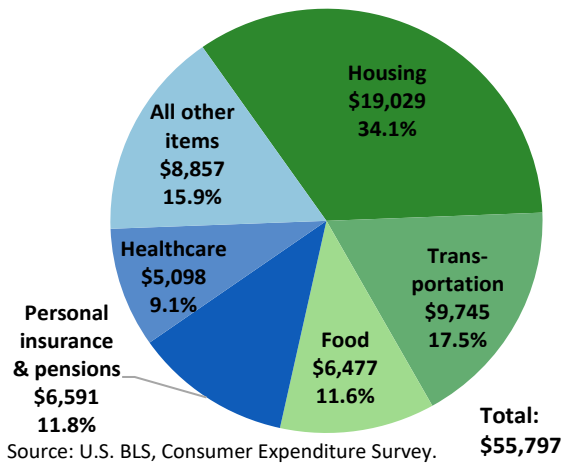
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South average annual expenditures, 2020



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Fort Smith area	United States
All occupations	\$20.25	\$28.01
Human resources managers	43.28	65.67
Registered nurses	30.66	39.78
Accountants and auditors	30.59	40.37
Construction laborers	15.39	21.22
Retail salespersons	13.32	15.35
Cooks, fast food	10.68	12.25

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2021.

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

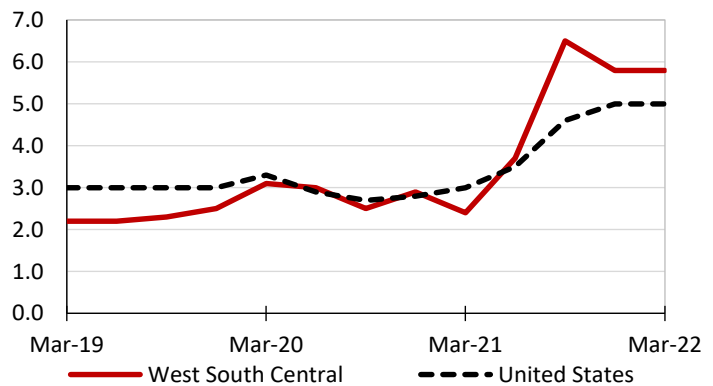
Private industry, March 2022	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$34.38	\$38.61
Wages and salaries	25.02	27.19
Total benefits	9.36	11.42
Paid leave	2.40	2.88
Vacation	1.21	1.47
Supplemental pay	1.32	1.37
Insurance	2.16	2.93
Retirement and savings	1.01	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.47	2.91

(1) The states that compose the West South Central census division are: 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



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