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 nation and selected areas

![Unemployment rates chart]

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

### Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Houston area, fourth quarter 2020**

(U.S. = $1,339; Area = $1,420)

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

![Over-the-year changes in employment chart]

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, June 2021

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Houston area average annual expenditures, 2018-19

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

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

Private industry, March 2021

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.

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