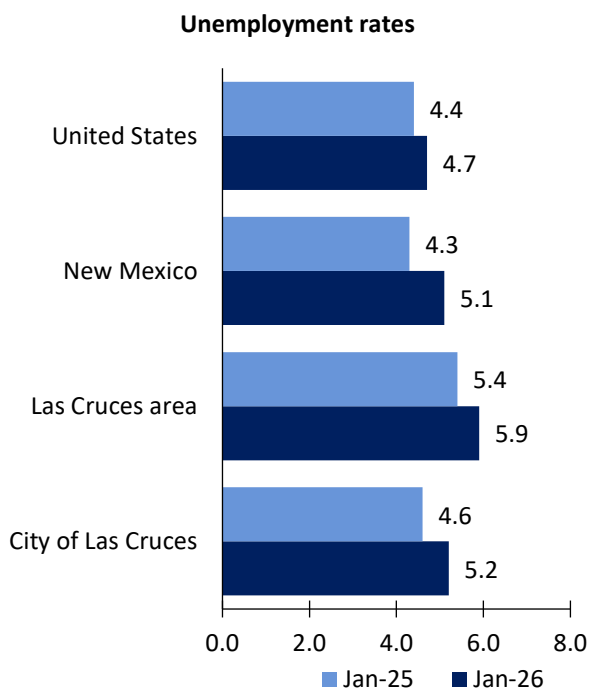


# Las Cruces Area Economic Summary

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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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

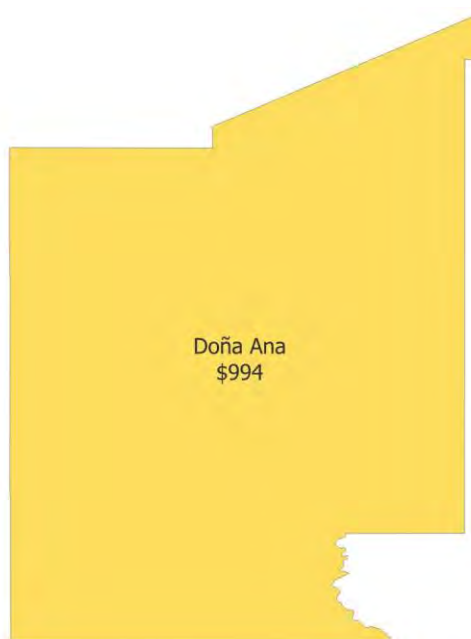
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

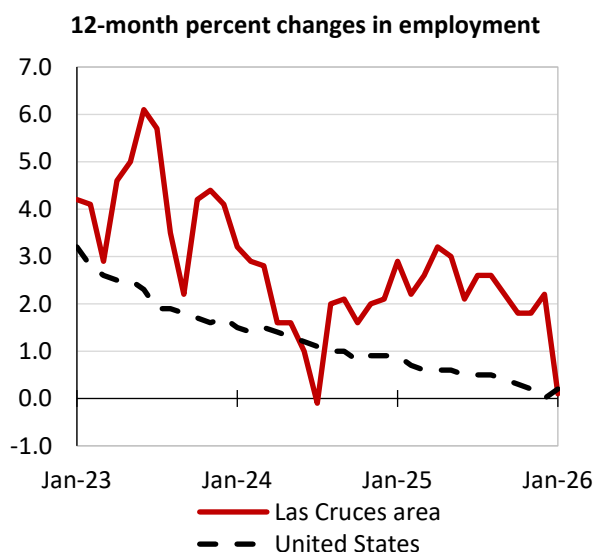
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Las Cruces area, third quarter 2025  
(U.S. = \$1,459; Area = \$994)



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

## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



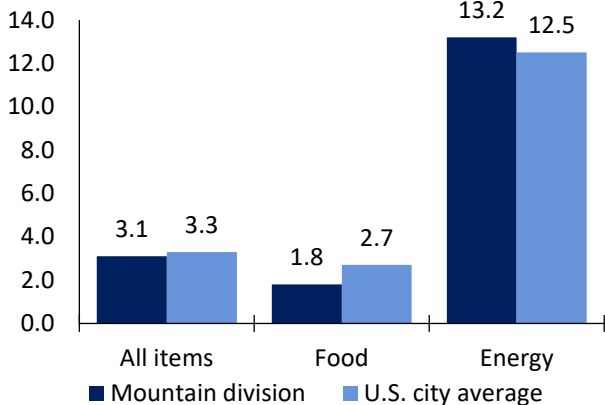
| Las Cruces area employment<br>(number in thousands) | Jan. 2026 | Change from Jan. 2025 to Jan. 2026 |         |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
|   |           | Number                             | Percent |
| Total nonfarm                                       | 82.3      | 0.1                                | 0.1     |
| Mining, logging, and construction                   | 5.5       | 0.6                                | 12.2    |
| Manufacturing                                       | 3.2       | 0.1                                | 3.2     |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                | 12.7      | 0.1                                | 0.8     |
| Information   | 0.5       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Financial activities                                | 2.8       | 0.1                                | 3.7     |
| Professional and business services                  | 7.4       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Education and health services                       | 19.4      | 0.1                                | 0.5     |
| Leisure and hospitality                             | 8.7       | -0.1                               | -1.1    |
| Other services                                      | 1.9       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Government  | 20.2      | -0.8                               | -3.8    |

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

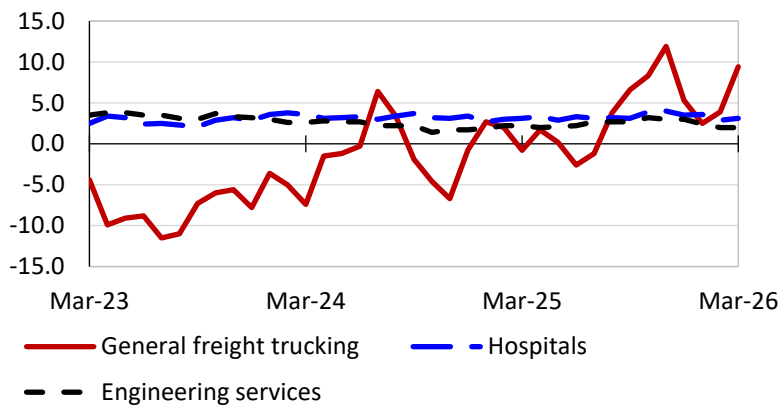
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2026



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

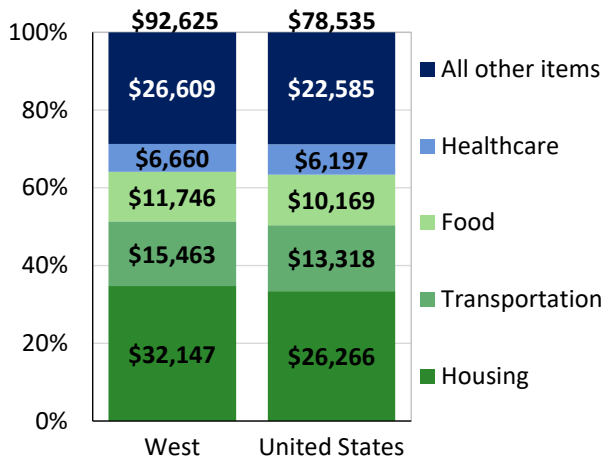
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2024



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

| Occupation  | Las Cruces area | United States |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| All occupations   | \$25.38         | \$32.66       |
| Detectives and criminal investigators                         | 46.76           | 47.48         |
| Construction laborers   | 19.48           | 24.64         |
| Customer service representatives                              | 17.59           | 21.82         |
| Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners | 15.11           | 18.01         |
| Fast food and counter workers                                 | 13.67           | 15.07         |
| Home health and personal care aides                           | 13.10           | 16.82         |

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

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

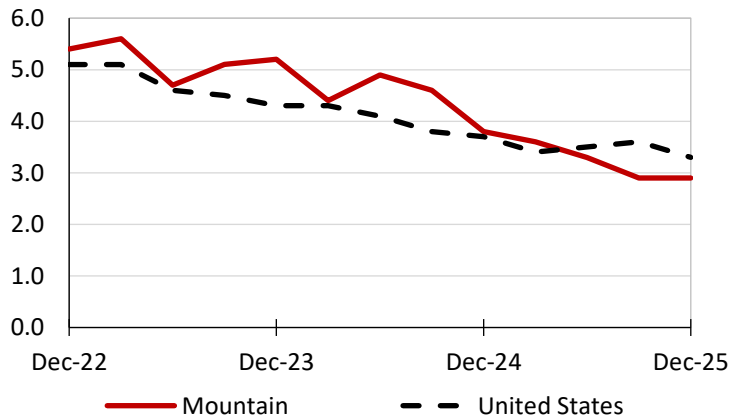
| Private industry, December 2025 | Mountain | United States |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Total compensation              | \$44.25  | \$46.15       |
| Wages and salaries              | 32.08    | 32.36         |
| Total benefits                  | 12.17    | 13.79         |
| Paid leave                      | 3.06     | 3.52          |
| Vacation                        | 1.51     | 1.75          |
| Supplemental pay                | 1.66     | 1.87          |
| Insurance                       | 2.89     | 3.51          |
| Retirement and savings          | 1.25     | 1.55          |
| Legally required benefits       | 3.31     | 3.34          |

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

