Las Cruces Area Economic Summary

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 Las Cruces 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

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

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


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

### Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**West Region average annual expenditures 2018**

- **Housing** $22,840 33.5%
- **Food** $8,913 13.1%
- **Transportation** $10,530 15.5%
- **Healthcare** $4,892 7.2%
- **Personal insurance & pensions** $8,281 12.2%
- **All other** $12,657 18.6%

**Total:** $68,113

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

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

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<th>Private industry, June 2019</th>
<th>Mountain (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$33.47</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
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(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, and WY.
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

- **General freight trucking**
- **Hospitals**
- **Engineering services**

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.