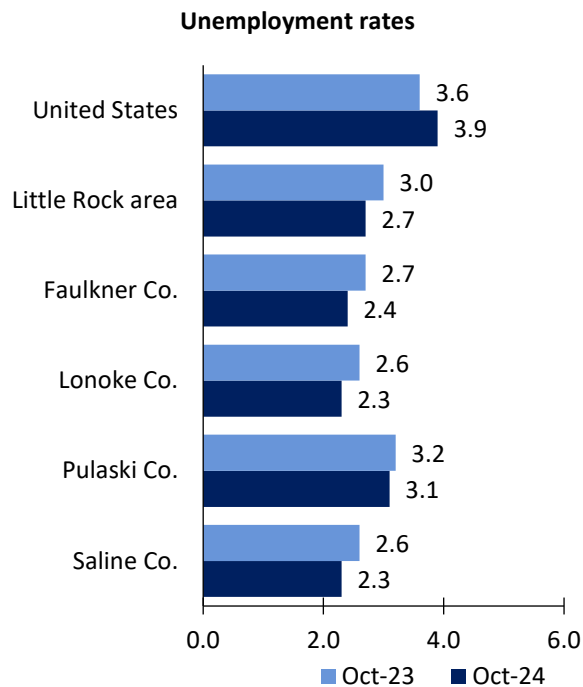


Little Rock Area Economic Summary

Updated December 04, 2024

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>.

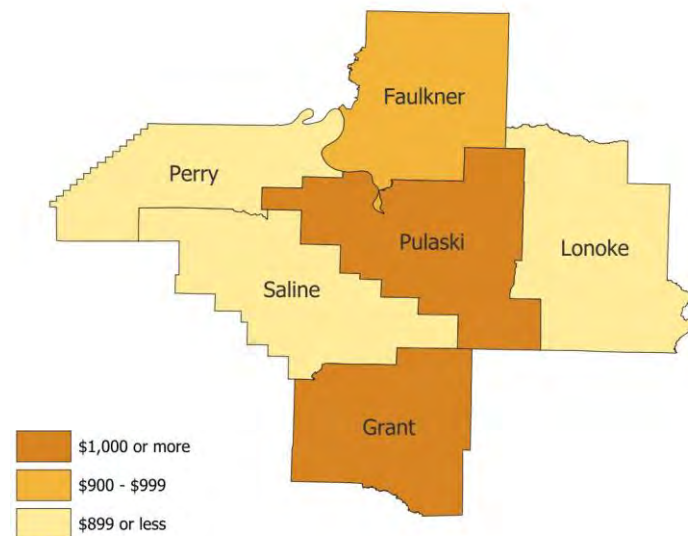
Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

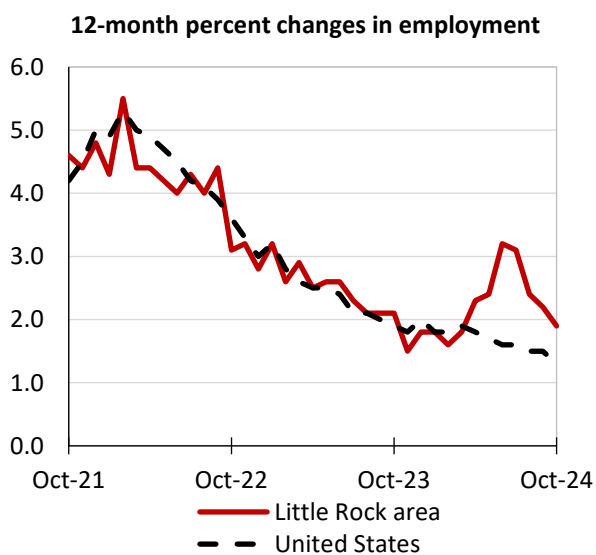
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Little Rock area, first quarter 2024
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,161)



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

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



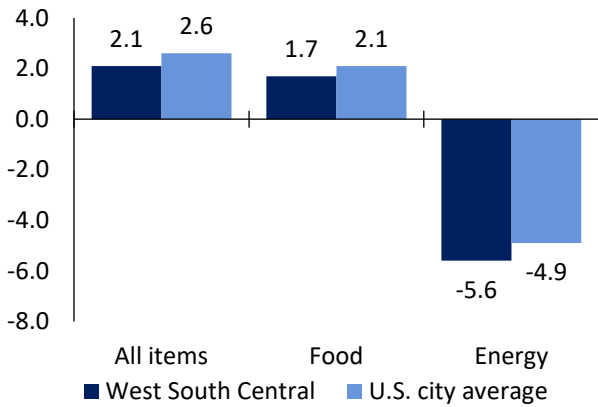
Little Rock area employment (number in thousands)	Oct. 2024	Change from Oct. 2023 to Oct. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	401.4	7.5	1.9
Mining, logging, and construction	22.7	1.0	4.6
Manufacturing	20.8	0.7	3.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	78.1	0.1	0.1
Information	5.4	-0.1	-1.8
Financial activities	27.9	0.1	0.4
Professional and business services	51.2	1.5	3.0
Education and health services	68.3	3.1	4.8
Leisure and hospitality	34.8	0.2	0.6
Other services	19.5	0.0	0.0
Government	72.7	0.9	1.3

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



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

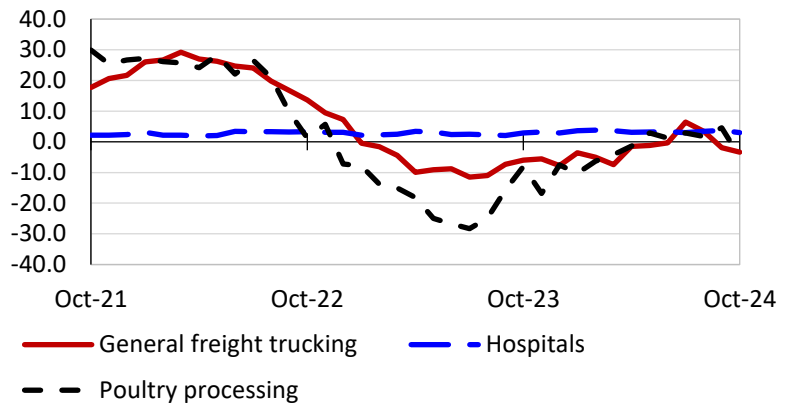
12-month percent change in CPI-U, October 2024



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

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

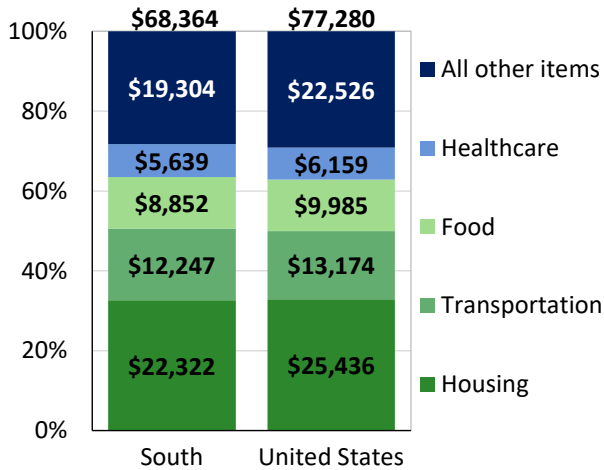
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

Occupation	Little Rock area	United States
All occupations	\$26.09	\$31.48
Human resources managers	49.09	74.39
Registered nurses	37.64	45.42
Accountants and auditors	34.70	43.65
Construction laborers	17.72	23.69
Retail salespersons	16.12	17.64
Cooks, fast food	13.72	14.31

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

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

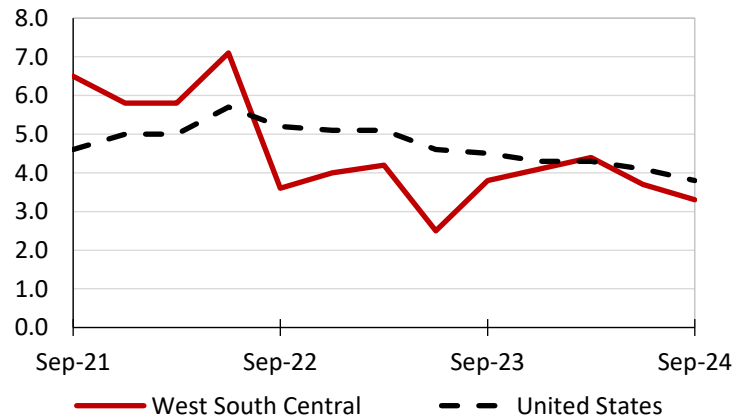
Private industry, June 2024	West South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$39.09	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	28.14	30.90
Total benefits	10.95	13.04
Paid leave	2.75	3.30
Vacation	1.43	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.60	1.76
Insurance	2.64	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.21	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.74	3.22

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.

