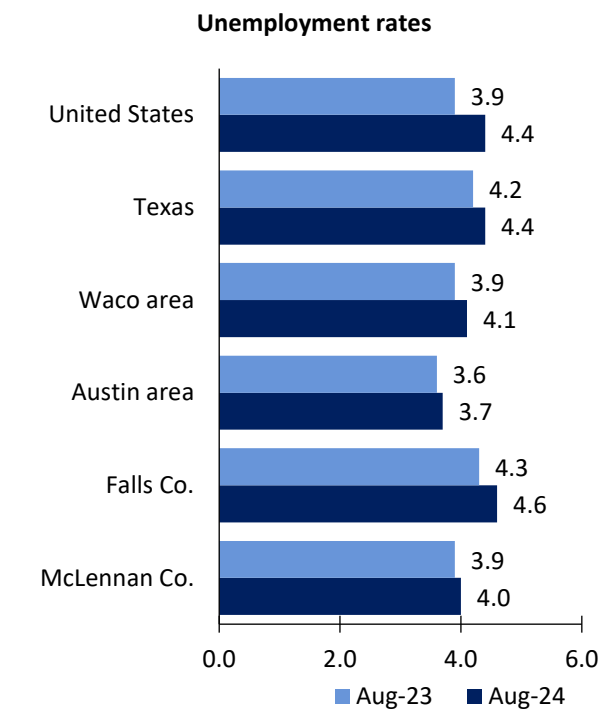


# Waco Area Economic Summary

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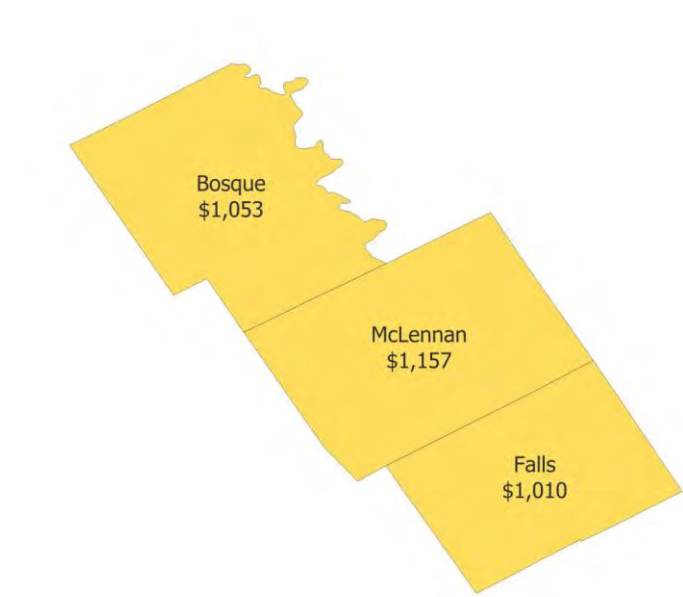
This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions 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

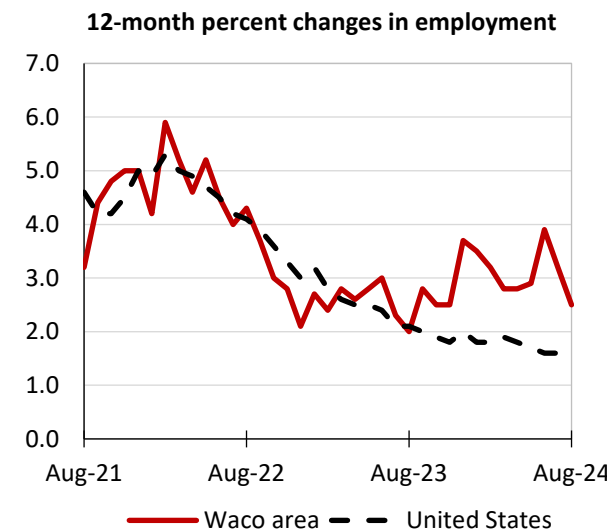


## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Waco area, first quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,150)



## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

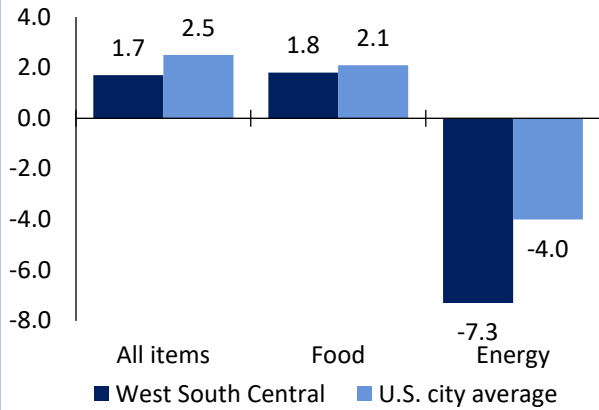


Waco area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2024	Change from Aug. 2023 to Aug. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	138.4	3.4	2.5
Mining, logging, and construction	9.0	0.2	2.3
Manufacturing	16.2	0.1	0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	24.1	0.1	0.4
Information	1.0	0.1	11.1
Financial activities	9.2	0.2	2.2
Professional and business services	13.6	0.6	4.6
Education and health services	26.9	2.1	8.5
Leisure and hospitality	13.9	0.3	2.2
Other services	4.1	0.1	2.5
Government	20.4	-0.4	-1.9



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

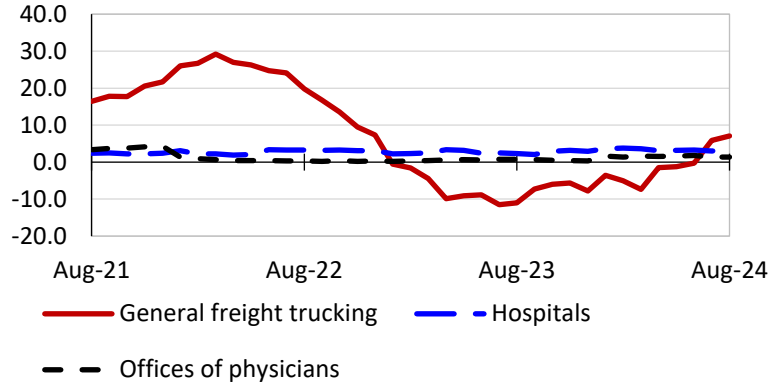
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2024



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

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

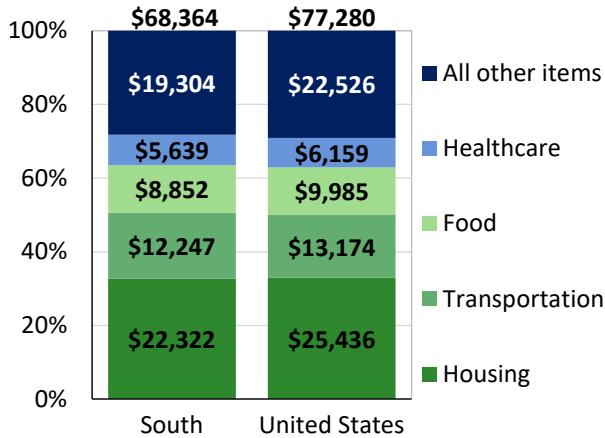
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Waco area	United States
All occupations	\$25.59	\$31.48
Human resources managers	61.20	74.39
Registered nurses	40.60	45.42
Accountants and auditors	36.44	43.65
Construction laborers	17.58	23.69
Retail salespersons	16.01	17.64
Cooks, fast food	12.31	14.31

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023.

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

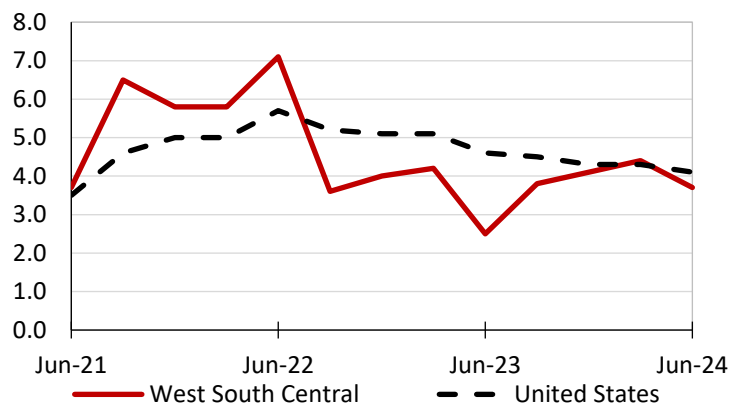
Private industry, June 2024	West South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$39.09	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	28.14	30.90
Total benefits	10.95	13.04
Paid leave	2.75	3.30
Vacation	1.43	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.60	1.76
Insurance	2.64	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.21	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.74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

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



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