Las Vegas 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 Vegas area, selected area counties, and the nation

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<th>Unemployment rates</th>
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<td>United States</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Las Vegas area</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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<td>Clark Co.</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

**Average weekly wages** for all industries by county

Las Vegas area, 1st quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,184; Area = $977)

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

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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Percent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>1,030.9</td>
<td>20.3 2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining and logging</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.0 0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>69.9</td>
<td>4.2 6.4</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>25.8</td>
<td>1.0 4.0</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>176.4</td>
<td>-3.3 -1.8</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>11.4</td>
<td>0.1 0.9</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>57.0</td>
<td>3.8 7.1</td>
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<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>149.5</td>
<td>1.3 0.9</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>105.4</td>
<td>2.5 2.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>300.5</td>
<td>7.4 2.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other services</td>
<td>34.0</td>
<td>1.1 3.3</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>100.5</td>
<td>2.2 2.2</td>
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**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

West Region average annual expenditures 2018

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

**Total**: $68,113

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

**Average hourly wages for selected occupations**

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<td>Total, all occupations</td>
<td>$21.92</td>
<td>$24.98</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lawyers</td>
<td>66.86</td>
<td>69.34</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>42.27</td>
<td>36.30</td>
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<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>31.72</td>
<td>37.89</td>
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<td>Dancers</td>
<td>29.12</td>
<td>20.70</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
<td>17.40</td>
<td>19.40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maids and housekeeping cleaners</td>
<td>15.50</td>
<td>12.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Security guards</td>
<td>14.46</td>
<td>15.41</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bartenders</td>
<td>14.13</td>
<td>12.88</td>
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<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>13.29</td>
<td>13.61</td>
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<td>Amusement and recreation attendants</td>
<td>11.76</td>
<td>11.28</td>
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<td>Cooks, fast food</td>
<td>10.75</td>
<td>10.89</td>
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<td>Gaming dealers</td>
<td>8.74</td>
<td>11.09</td>
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**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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<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$33.47</td>
<td>$34.44</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>23.85</td>
<td>24.14</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>9.63</td>
<td>10.30</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.35</td>
<td>2.47</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.19</td>
<td>1.27</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>0.96</td>
<td>1.11</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.51</td>
<td>2.76</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.30</td>
<td>1.31</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.52</td>
<td>2.66</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 wages and salaries**

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

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2019

- **All Items**
  - West region: 2.6%
  - U.S. city average: 1.7%
- **Food**
  - West region: 2.2%
  - U.S. city average: 1.7%
- **Energy**
  - West region: -2.0%
  - U.S. city average: -4.4%

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

- **General freight trucking**
- **Hospitals**
- **Casino hotels**

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

**12-month percent changes in ECI**

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