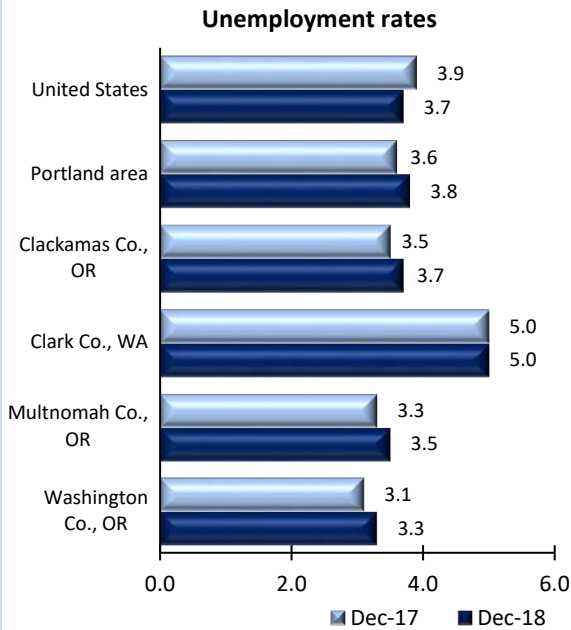


# Portland, OR-WA, Area Economic Summary

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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).

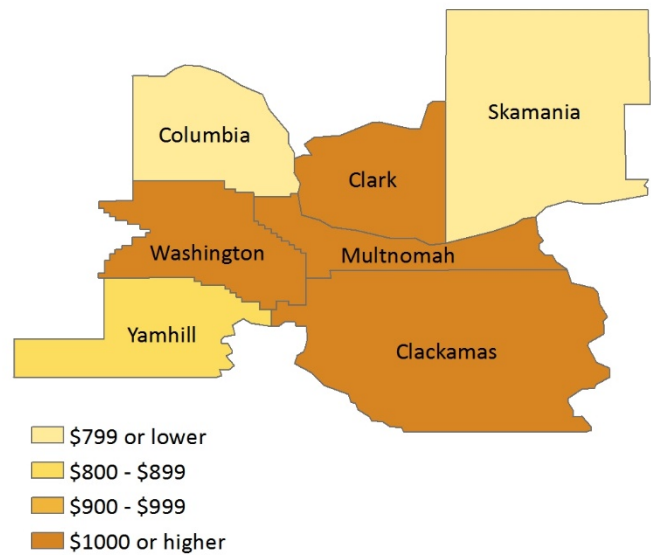
## Unemployment rates for the Portland area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

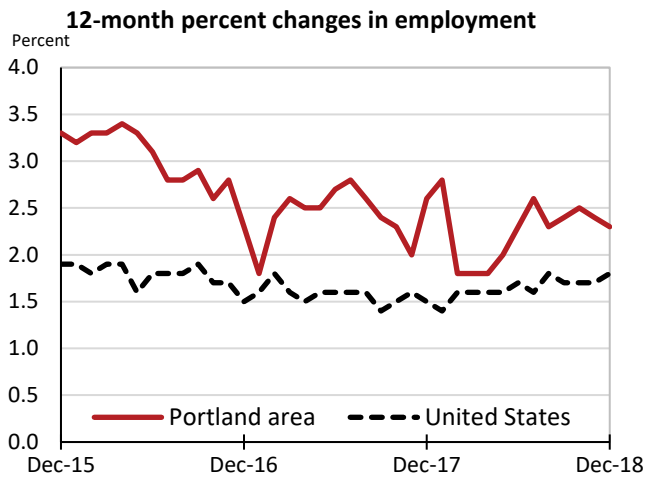
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Portland area, 2nd quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$1,125)



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



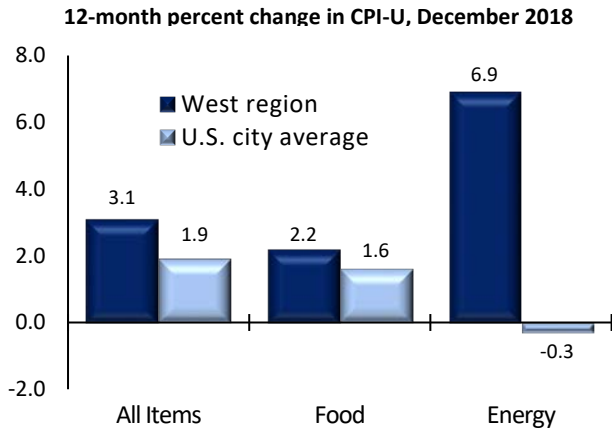
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Portland area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2018	Change from Dec. 2017 to Dec. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,219.9	27.5	2.3
Mining and logging	1.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	73.0	6.0	9.0
Manufacturing	131.1	6.3	5.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	225.2	1.9	0.9
Information	25.9	0.3	1.2
Financial activities	71.7	0.5	0.7
Professional and business services	177.6	-3.8	-2.1
Education and health services	189.0	14.7	8.4
Leisure and hospitality	126.1	3.8	3.1
Other services	45.1	2.9	6.9
Government	154.0	-5.1	-3.2

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



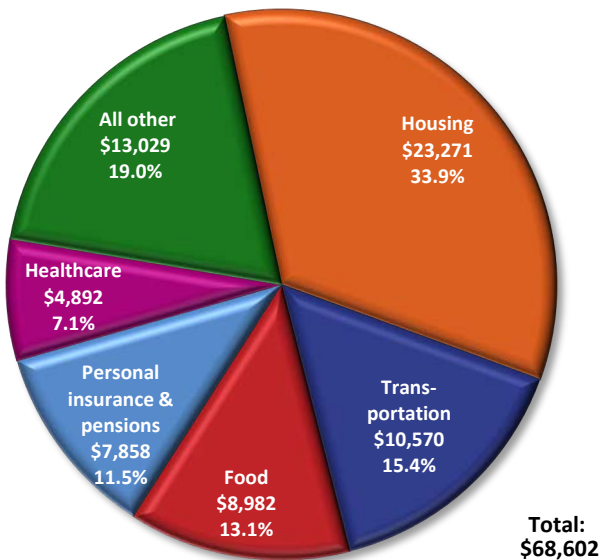
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

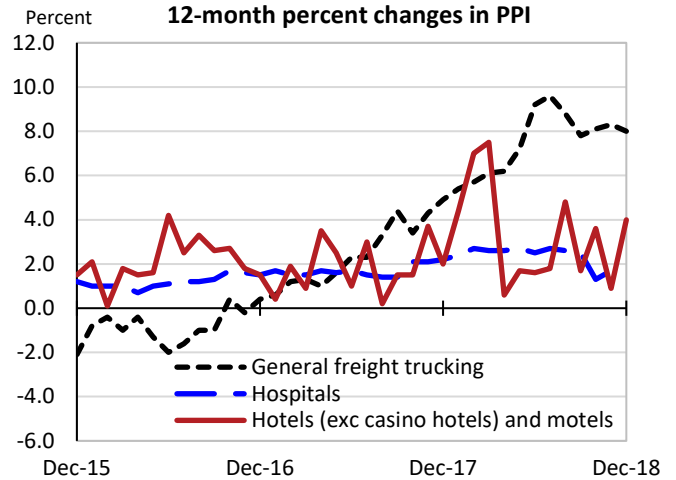
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

West Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Portland area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$26.60	\$24.34
Software developers, applications	51.62	51.30
Registered nurses	43.78	35.36
Civil engineers	42.61	44.13
Accountants and auditors	33.82	37.46
Computer network support specialists	30.03	32.46
Clergy	26.22	24.43
Sheet metal workers	24.55	25.05
Construction laborers	20.24	18.70
Medical secretaries	19.84	17.25
Semiconductor processors	18.06	18.68
Retail salespersons	13.77	13.20
Cooks, fast food	11.50	10.39

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

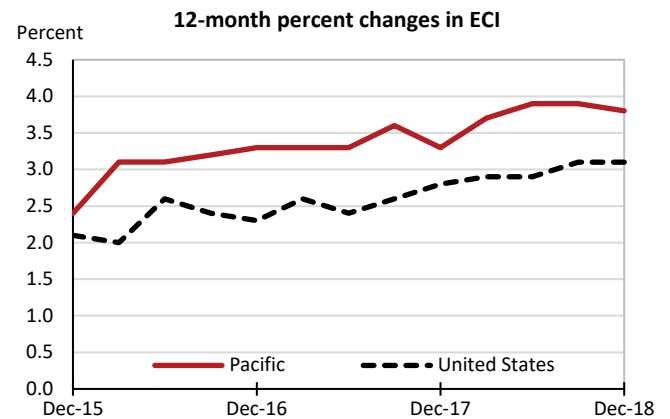
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2018	Pacific (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$39.42	\$34.53
Wages and salaries	27.74	24.06
Total benefits	11.68	10.48
Paid leave	2.77	2.41
Vacation	1.40	1.25
Supplemental pay	1.05	1.32
Insurance	3.07	2.74
Retirement and savings	1.58	1.35
Legally required benefits	3.21	2.66

(1) Pacific includes AK, CA, HI, OR, and WA.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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