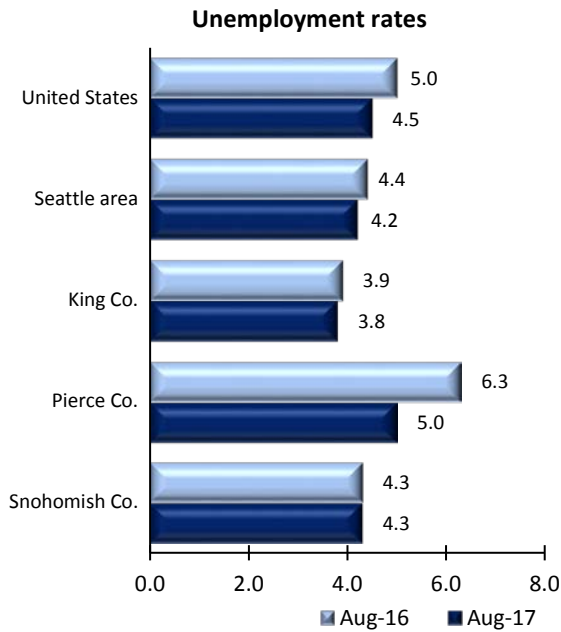


# Seattle Area Economic Summary

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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).

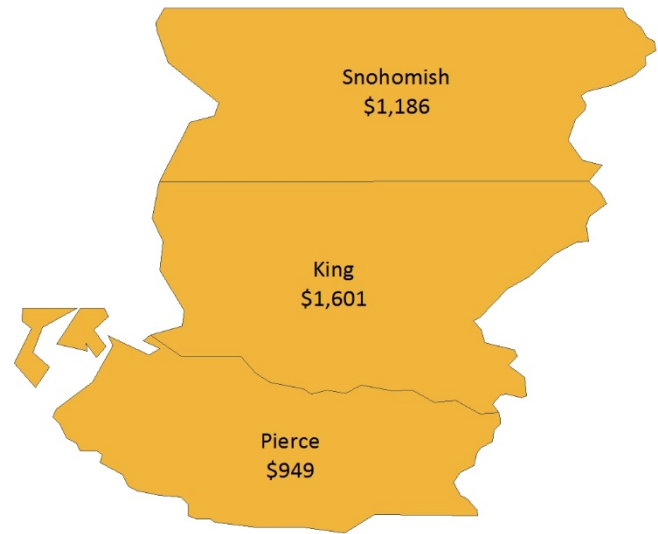
Unemployment rates for the Seattle area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

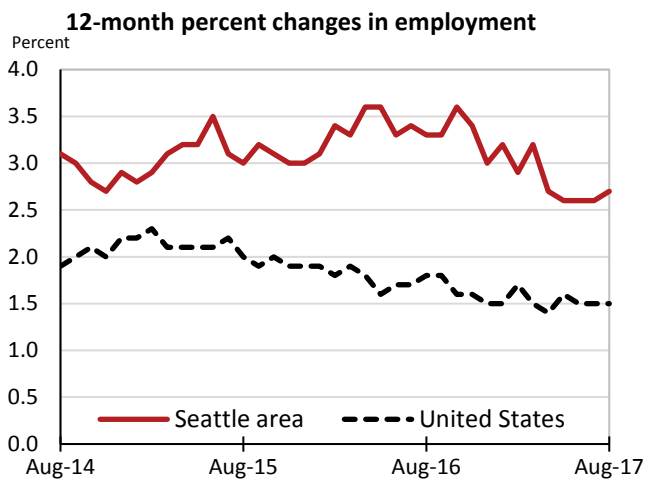
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle area, 1st quarter 2017  
(U.S. = \$1,111; Area = \$1,438)



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



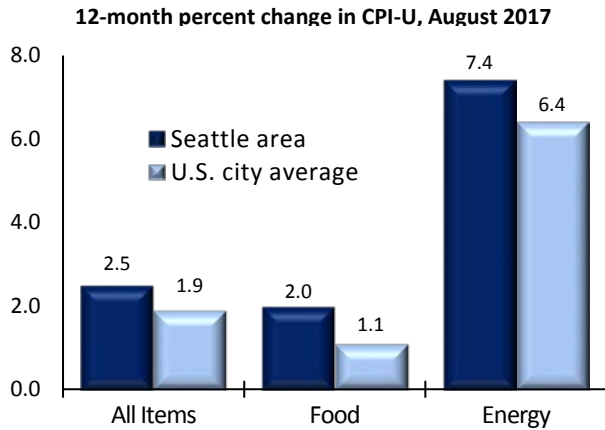
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Seattle area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2017	Change from Aug. 2016 to Aug. 2017	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,017.3	52.4	2.7
Mining and logging	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	121.6	3.5	3.0
Manufacturing	180.2	-5.9	-3.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	385.1	10.4	2.8
Information	111.8	4.1	3.8
Financial activities	101.0	2.0	2.0
Professional and business services	289.2	6.6	2.3
Education and health services	268.2	10.3	4.0
Leisure and hospitality	207.7	6.8	3.4
Other services	76.0	2.8	3.8
Government	275.4	11.8	4.5

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



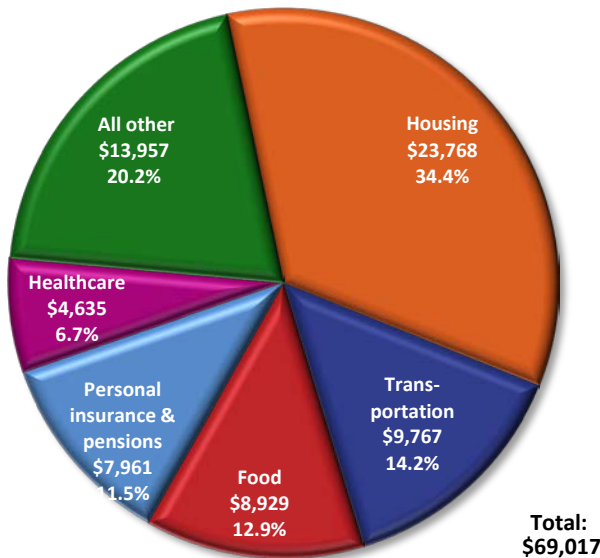
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

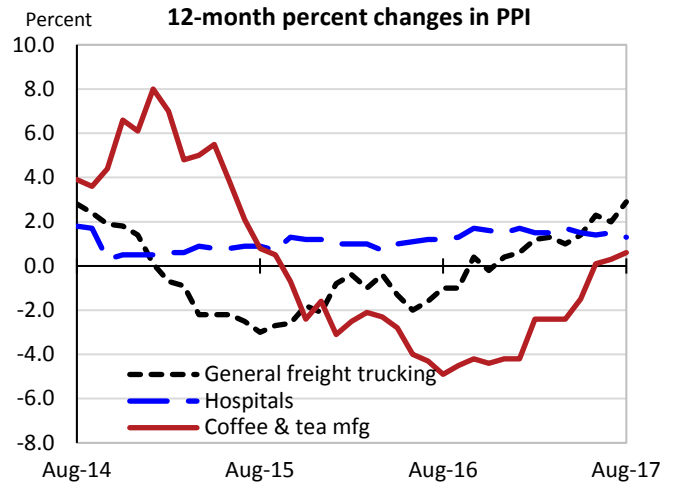
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Seattle area average annual expenditures 2014-15



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	Seattle area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$29.41	\$23.86
Human resources managers	59.74	57.79
Computer programmers	57.51	40.95
Electrical engineers	52.97	47.41
Civil engineers	42.84	43.14
Registered nurses	39.79	34.70
Accountants and auditors	35.72	36.89
Roofers	24.11	20.23
Construction laborers	23.83	18.22
Retail salespersons	15.54	13.07
Cashiers	13.63	10.43
Cooks, fast food	13.25	9.89
Personal care aides	12.91	10.92

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2016.

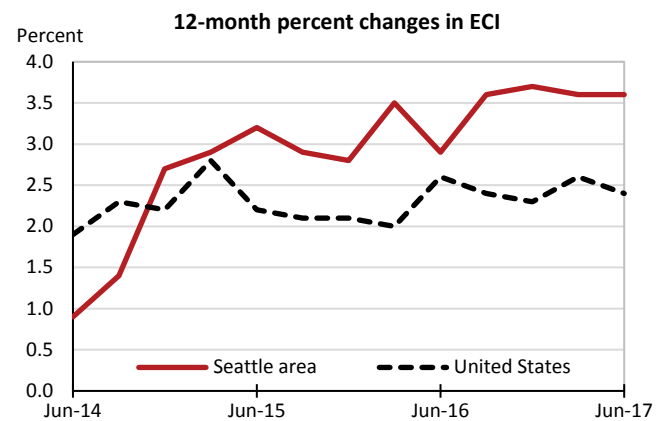
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2017	Pacific (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$36.93	\$33.26
Wages and salaries	25.86	23.15
Total benefits	11.07	10.11
Paid leave	2.51	2.30
Vacation	1.26	1.19
Supplemental pay	0.94	1.18
Insurance	2.84	2.66
Retirement and savings	1.64	1.36
Legally required benefits	3.14	2.61

(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.