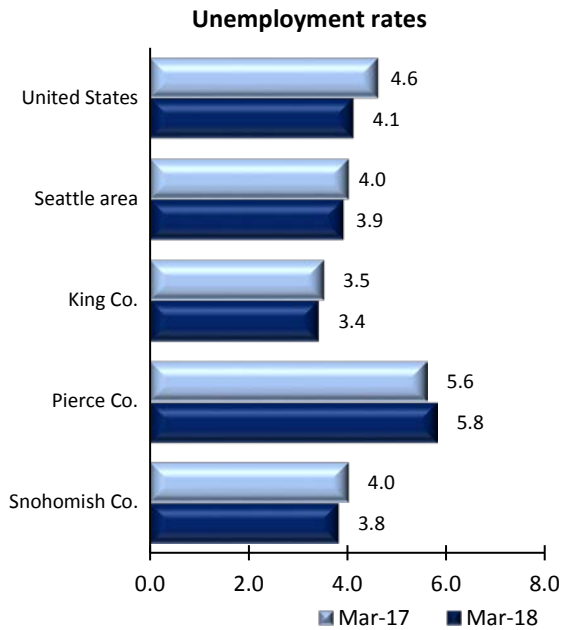


# Seattle Area Economic Summary

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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).

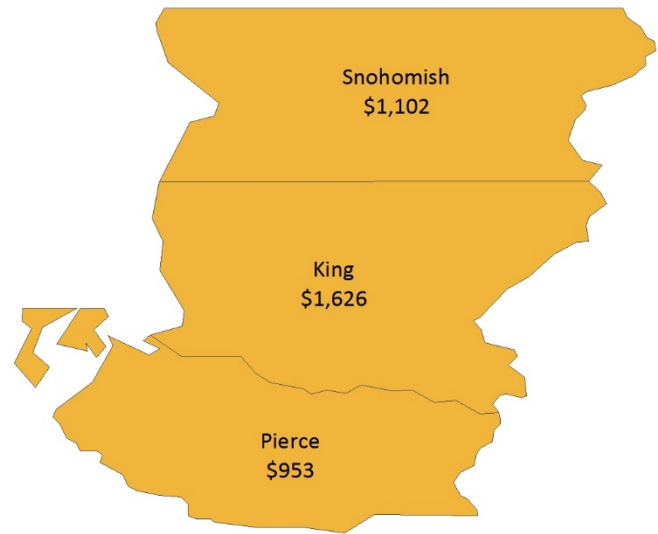
## Unemployment rates for the Seattle area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

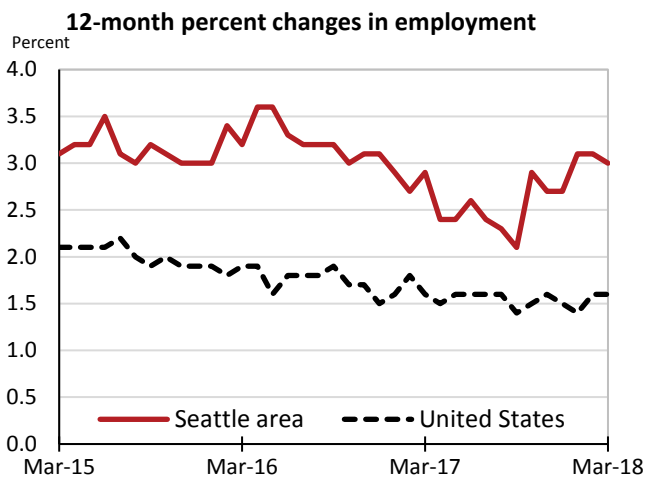
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle area, 3rd quarter 2017  
(U.S. = \$1,021; Area = \$1,445)



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

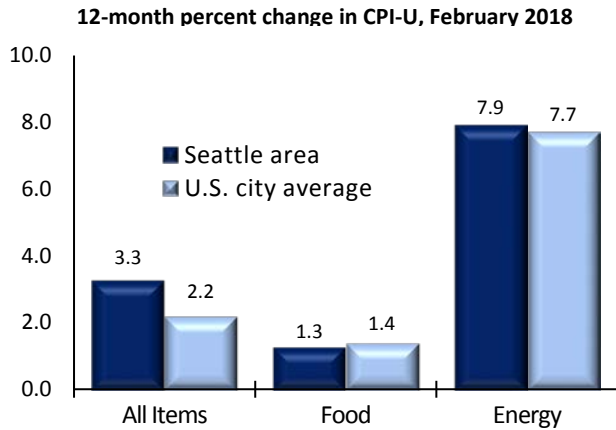


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Seattle area employment (numbers in thousands)	Mar. 2018	Change from Mar. 2017 to Mar. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,034.5	60.2	3.0
Mining and logging	1.1	0.1	10.0
Construction	124.5	8.0	6.9
Manufacturing	176.6	-3.3	-1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	392.3	17.6	4.7
Information	114.6	5.6	5.1
Financial activities	100.0	2.6	2.7
Professional and business services	291.8	10.3	3.7
Education and health services	272.6	6.1	2.3
Leisure and hospitality	203.2	10.1	5.2
Other services	72.9	0.8	1.1
Government	284.9	2.3	0.8

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

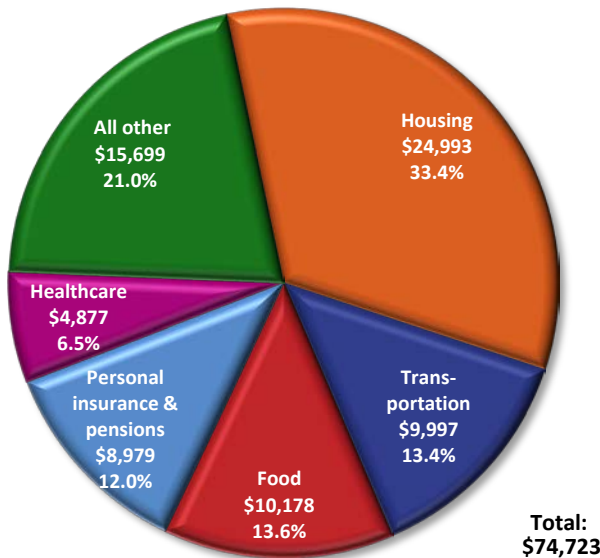
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

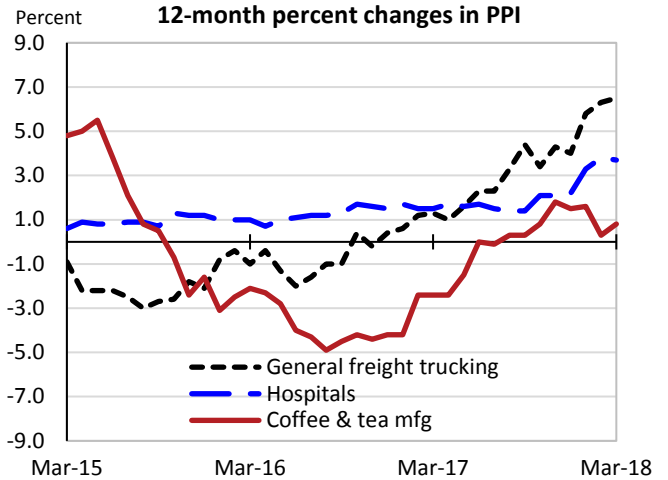
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Seattle area average annual expenditures 2015-16



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	\$30.35	\$24.34
Human resources managers	63.16	59.38
Computer programmers	59.76	42.08
Civil engineers	44.74	44.13
Registered nurses	39.77	35.36
Accountants and auditors	38.07	37.46
Roofers	26.18	20.57
Machinists	25.72	21.23
Construction laborers	23.53	18.70
Retail salespersons	17.18	13.20
Cashiers	14.14	10.64
Cooks, fast food	13.62	10.39
Personal care aides	13.45	11.59

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

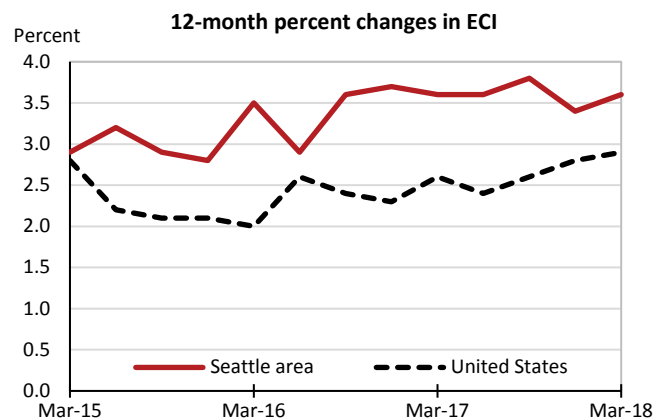
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2017	Pacific (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$38.26	\$33.72
Wages and salaries	26.77	23.47
Total benefits	11.49	10.25
Paid leave	2.71	2.36
Vacation	1.38	1.22
Supplemental pay	0.97	1.28
Insurance	3.05	2.70
Retirement and savings	1.61	1.29
Legally required benefits	3.15	2.62

(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.