

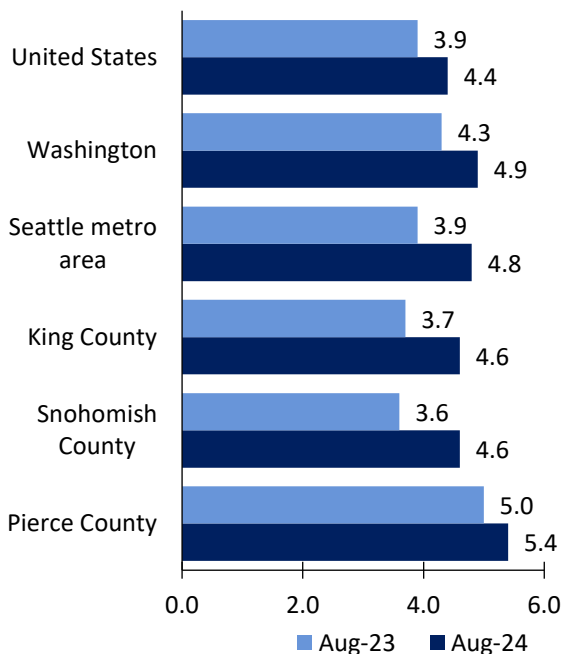
Seattle Area Economic Summary

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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.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates



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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle metro area, first quarter 2024

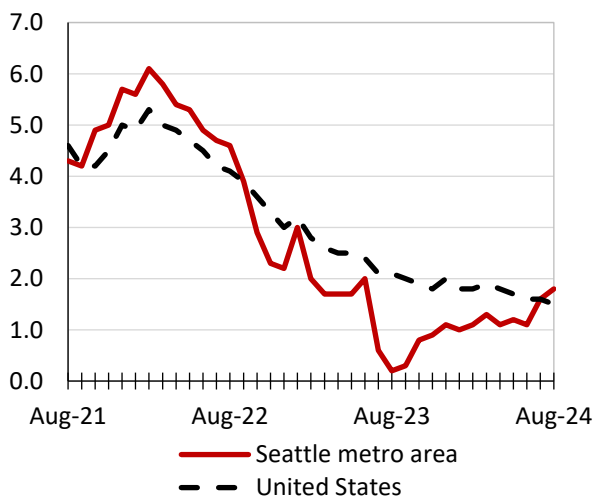
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$2,188)



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

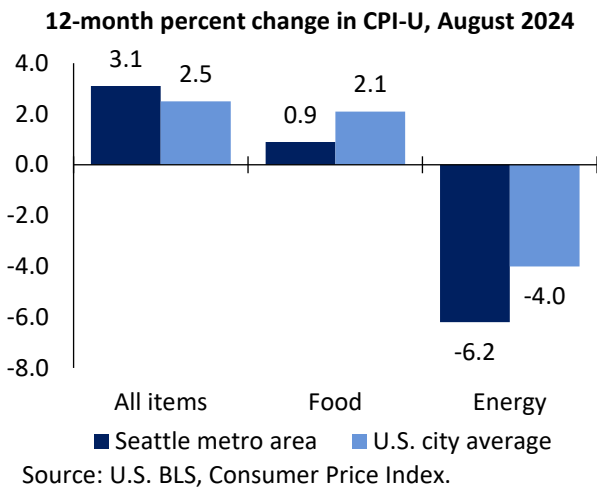
12-month percent changes in employment



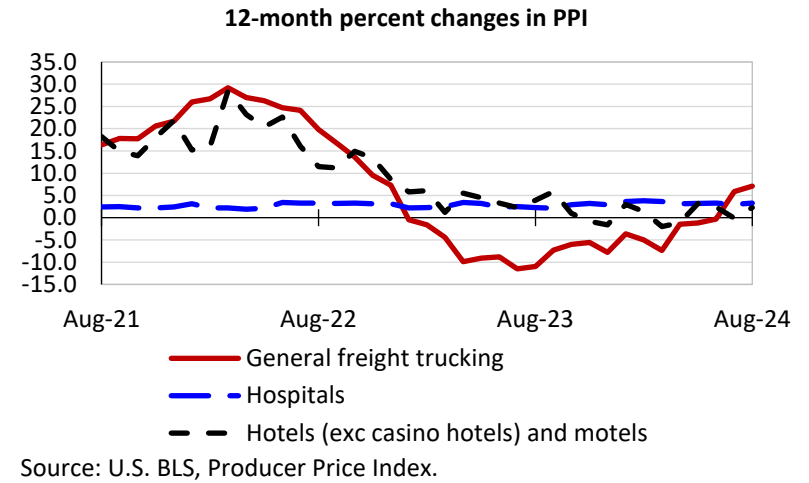
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Seattle metro area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2024	Change from Aug. 2023 to Aug. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,167.7	38.6	1.8
Mining and logging	1.0	-0.1	-9.1
Construction	134.1	0.7	0.5
Manufacturing	168.2	2.4	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	361.1	3.5	1.0
Information	136.5	-4.8	-3.4
Financial activities	103.7	0.7	0.7
Professional and business services	392.5	2.6	0.7
Education and health services	312.7	21.2	7.3
Leisure and hospitality	212.6	3.8	1.8
Other services	77.3	3.4	4.6
Government	268.0	5.2	2.0

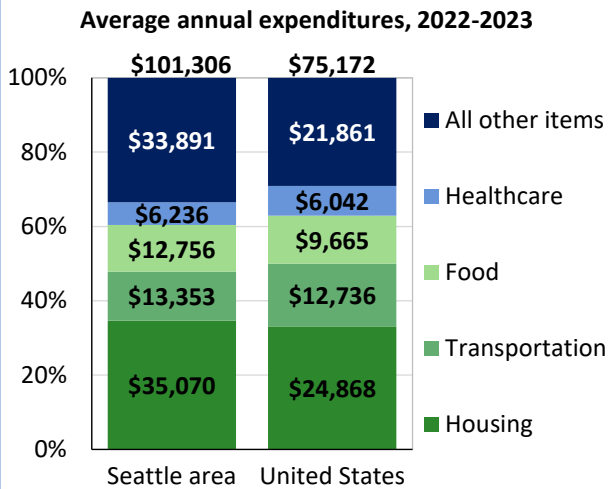
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Seattle metro area	United States
All occupations	\$41.60	\$31.48
Human resources managers	97.06	74.39
Registered nurses	55.37	45.42
Accountants and auditors	49.06	43.65
Electricians	45.54	32.60
Chefs and head cooks	35.63	30.12
Construction laborers	30.65	23.69

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 census	United States
Total compensation	\$46.47	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	32.77	30.90
Total benefits	13.70	13.04
Paid leave	3.47	3.30
Vacation	1.73	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.79	1.76
Insurance	3.23	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.62	1.52
Legally required benefits	3.59	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

