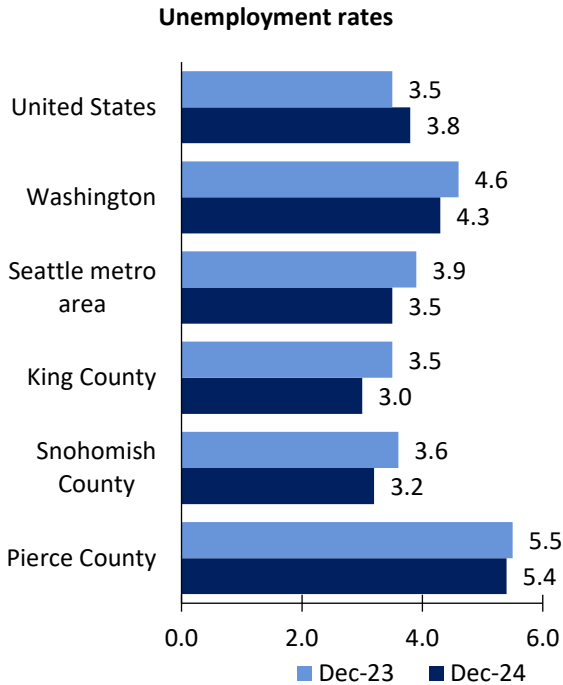


# Seattle Area Economic Summary

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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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

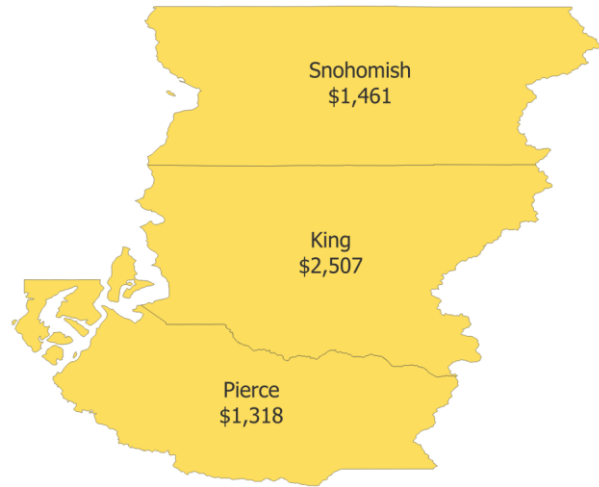
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

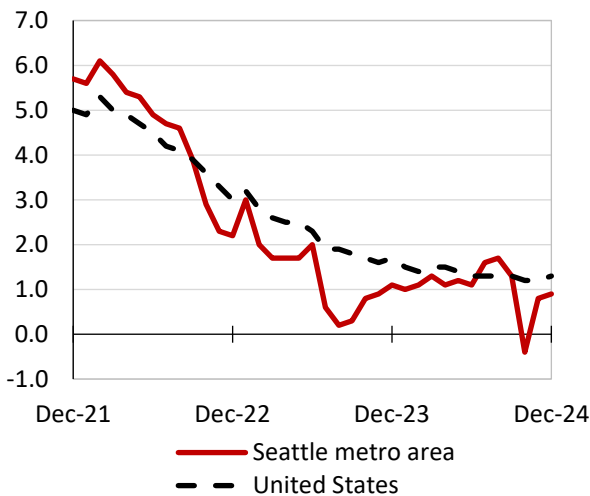
Seattle metro area, second quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,390; Area = \$2,166)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes

### 12-month percent changes in employment



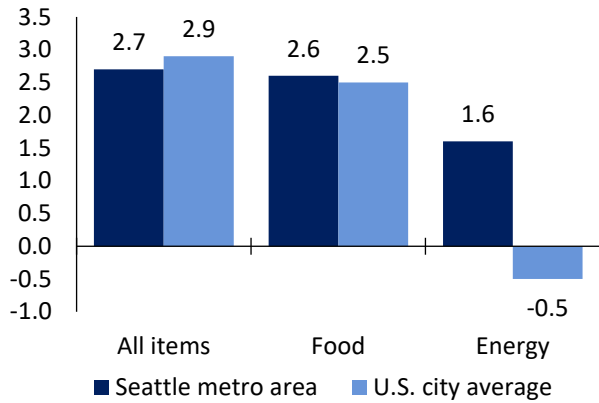
Seattle metro area employment (number in thousands)	Dec. 2024	Change from Dec. 2023 to Dec. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,164.1	18.6	0.9
Mining and logging	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	129.1	3.4	2.7
Manufacturing	164.5	-4.1	-2.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	368.4	0.1	0.0
Information	137.2	-0.2	-0.1
Financial activities	103.6	2.6	2.6
Professional and business services	387.1	-1.4	-0.4
Education and health services	318.6	14.5	4.8
Leisure and hospitality	200.0	-1.2	-0.6
Other services	74.1	-0.9	-1.2
Government	280.5	5.8	2.1

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

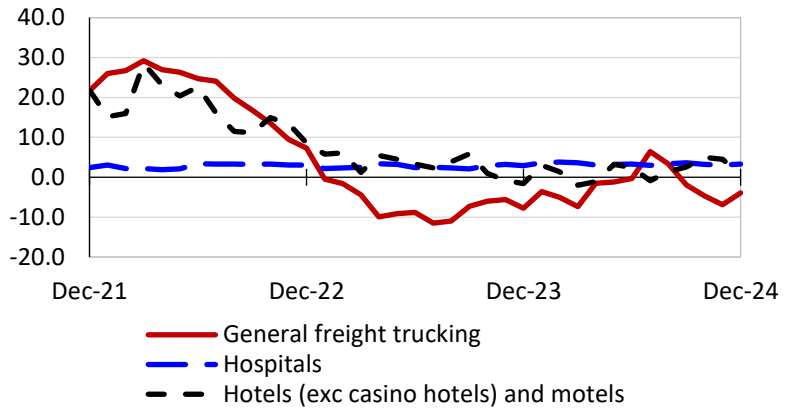
**12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2024**



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

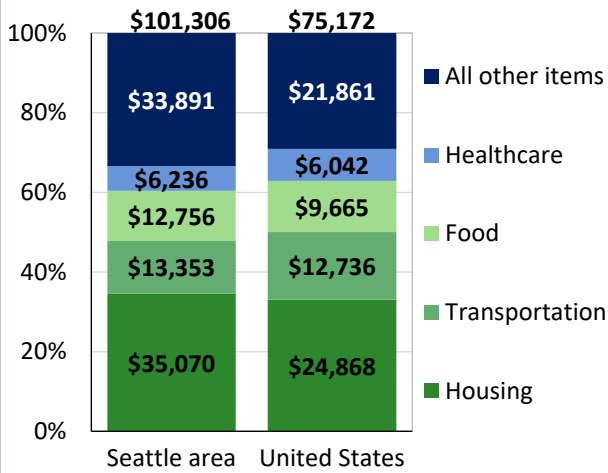
**12-month percent changes in PPI**



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Average annual expenditures, 2022-2023**



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

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.

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

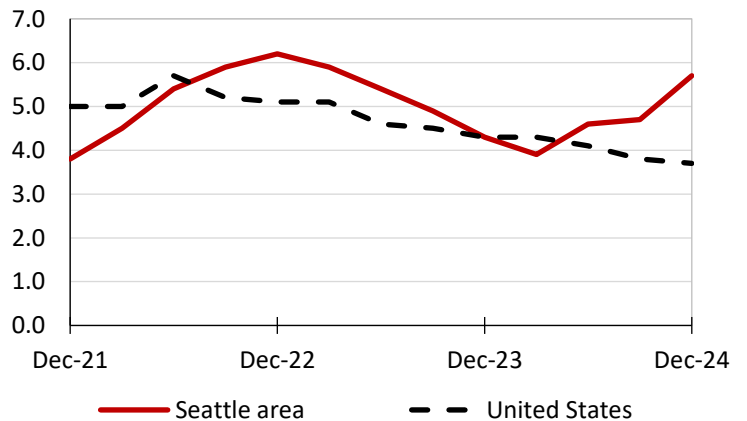
Private industry, September 2024	West census	United States
Total compensation	\$47.08	\$44.40
Wages and salaries	33.18	31.25
Total benefits	13.91	13.15
Paid leave	3.53	3.34
Vacation	1.76	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.82	1.76
Insurance	3.27	3.25
Retirement and savings	1.65	1.54
Legally required benefits	3.63	3.25

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

**12-month percent changes in ECI**



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

