

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

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Huntington-Ashland

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	208.490	218.783	4.9
South	201.697	212.650	5.4
South (size class B/C)*	128.263	135.093	5.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	203.889	214.935	5.4
South	198.873	210.572	5.9
South (size class B/C)*	126.953	134.285	5.8
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2008	Percent change
Finished goods	167.4	182.0	8.7
All commodities	173.5	197.2	13.7
Industrial commodities	175.6	200.4	14.1

*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	2nd Qtr. 2007	2nd Qtr. 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
South	105.3	108.5	3.0
South Atlantic	106.0	109.1	2.9
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2007		
Huntington-Ashland			
Total, all occupations	\$15.65		
Education, training, and library	18.82		
Office and administrative support	12.23		
Construction and extraction	18.43		
Sales and related	12.25		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	28.52		
Food preparation and serving related	7.97		
Production	15.68		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	16.58		
Transportation and material moving	12.57		

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	August 2007	August 2008	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,088	9,479	2,391	33.7
Kentucky	104.2	133.3	29.1	28.0
Ohio	330.9	432.4	101.6	30.7
West Virginia	37.1	30.9	-6.2	-16.7
Huntington-Ashland	6.5	6.8	0.4	6.1

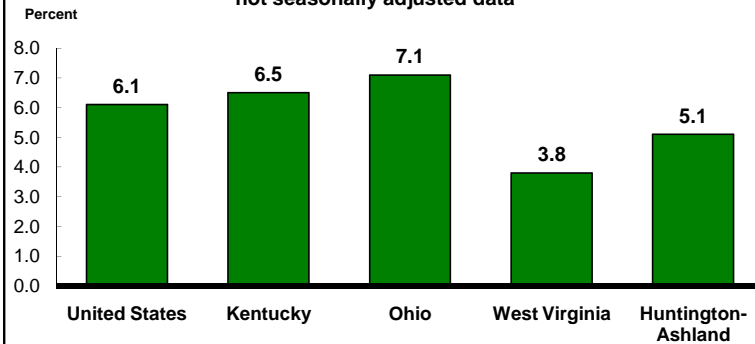
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

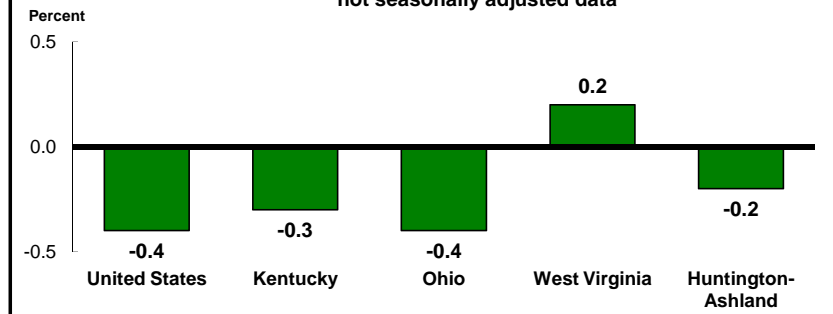
Area	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2008	Net change	Percent change
United States	138,075	137,476	-599	-0.4
Kentucky	1,877.9	1,872.1	-5.8	-0.3
Ohio	5,449.6	5,430.0	-19.6	-0.4
West Virginia	761.2	762.6	1.4	0.2
Huntington-Ashland	121.3	121.0	-0.3	-0.2

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Unemployment rates,
August 2008
not seasonally adjusted data



Percent change in nonfarm employment,
Sep. 2007-Sep. 2008
not seasonally adjusted data



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The Huntington-Ashland, W. Va.-Ky.-Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cabell and Wayne Counties in West Virginia, Boyd and Greenup Counties in Kentucky, and Lawrence County in Ohio.

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