

# Austin Area Selected Economic Data

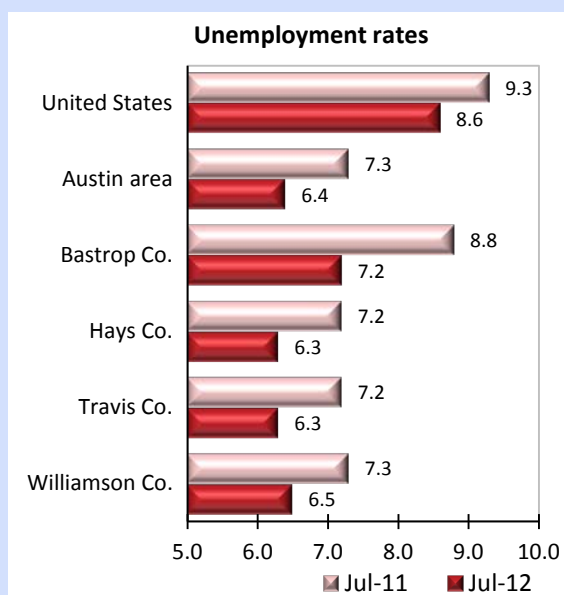


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Austin** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. See [www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm) for more area fact sheets and area definitions.

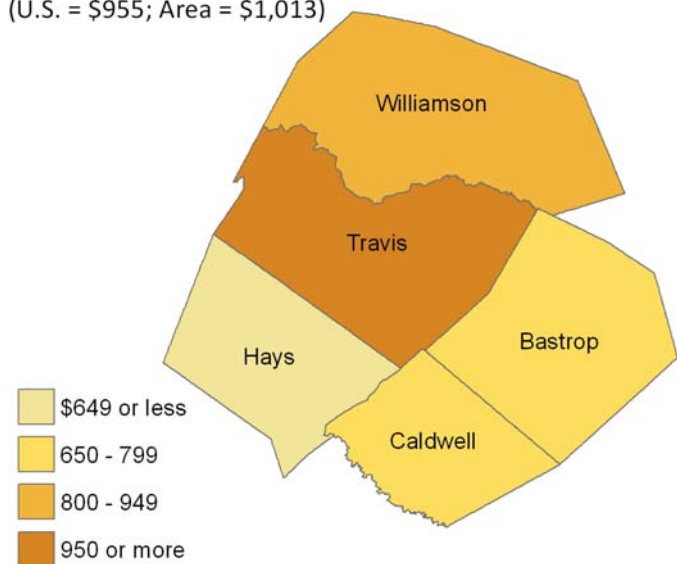
## Unemployment rates for the Austin area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

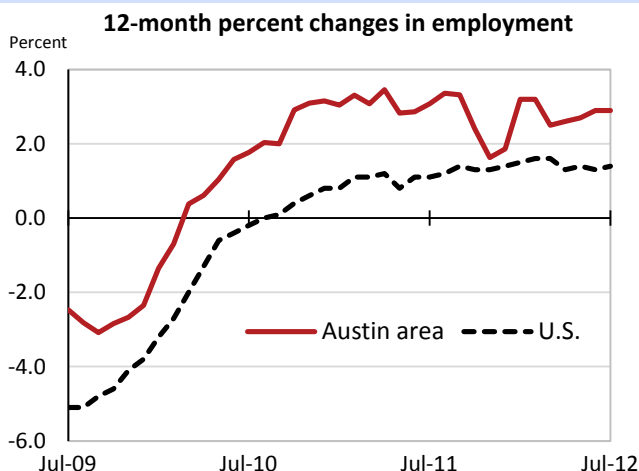
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Austin area, 4th quarter 2011  
(U.S. = \$955; Area = \$1,013)



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

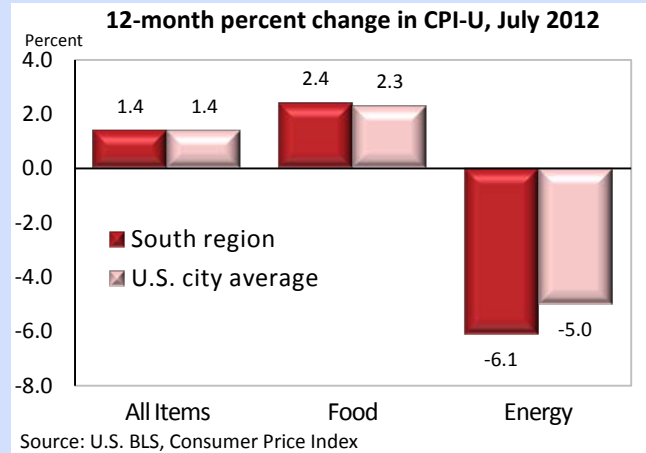


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

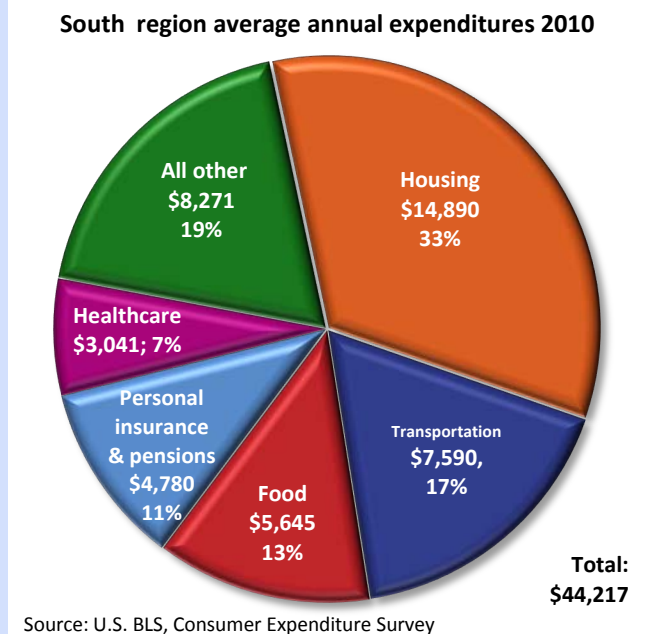
Austin area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2012	Change from Jul. 2011 to Jul. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	811.0	23.2	2.9
Mining, logging, and construction	43.0	4.0	10.3
Manufacturing	51.9	1.6	3.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	139.1	0.6	0.4
Information	20.3	0.1	0.5
Financial activities	46.3	1.6	3.6
Professional and business services	126.4	7.7	6.5
Education and health services	91.5	2.4	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	94.3	2.0	2.2
Other services	34.6	0.9	2.7
Government	163.6	2.3	1.4

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

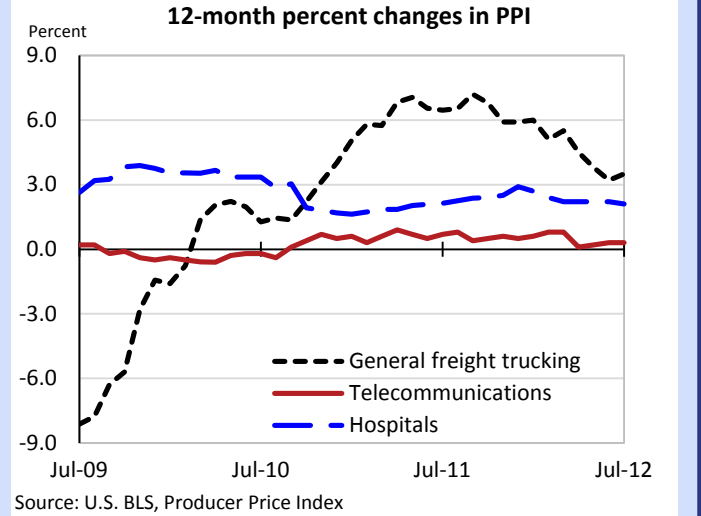
**Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories**



**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**



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



**Average hourly wages for selected occupations**

Occupation	Austin area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.76	\$21.74
General dentists	90.89	77.76
Human resources managers	57.41	52.21
Computer hardware engineers	47.03	48.73
Computer systems analysts	40.99	39.58
Accountants and auditors	33.31	33.72
Registered nurses	33.09	33.23
Librarians	26.93	27.41
Team assemblers	12.38	14.30
Customer service representatives	15.86	15.92
Retail salespersons	12.19	12.08
Construction laborers	11.71	16.43
Fast food cooks	8.66	9.00

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2011

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

Private industry, March 2012	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$26.63	\$28.78
Wages and salaries	18.89	20.25
Total benefits	7.74	8.53
Paid leave	1.75	1.98
Vacation	0.88	1.02
Supplemental pay	1.03	0.83
Insurance	1.98	2.34
Retirement and savings	0.91	1.02
Legally required benefits	2.07	2.36

(1) West South Central includes AR, LA, OK, and TX.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation

**Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries**

