

# Little Rock Area Selected Economic Data

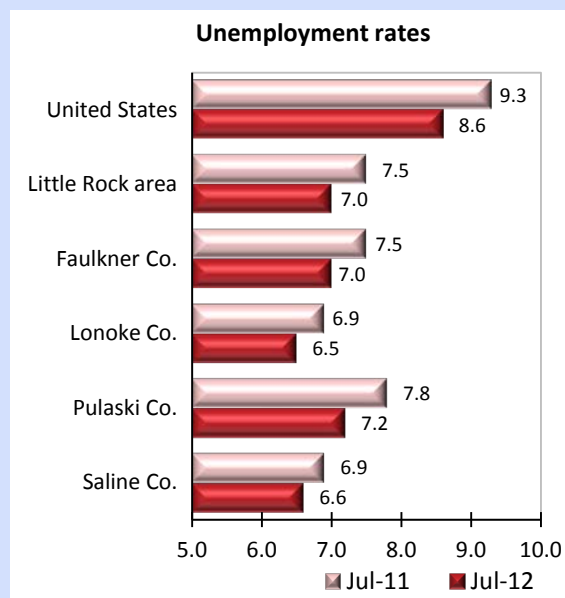


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Little Rock** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted 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 Little Rock area, selected area counties, and the nation

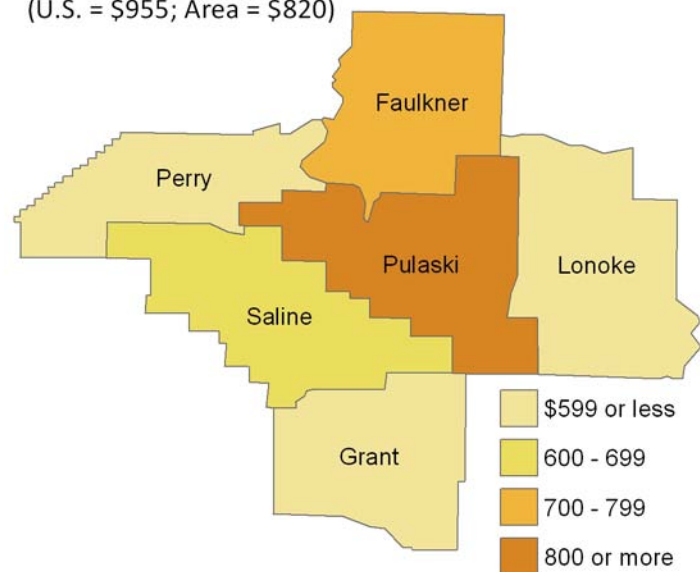


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

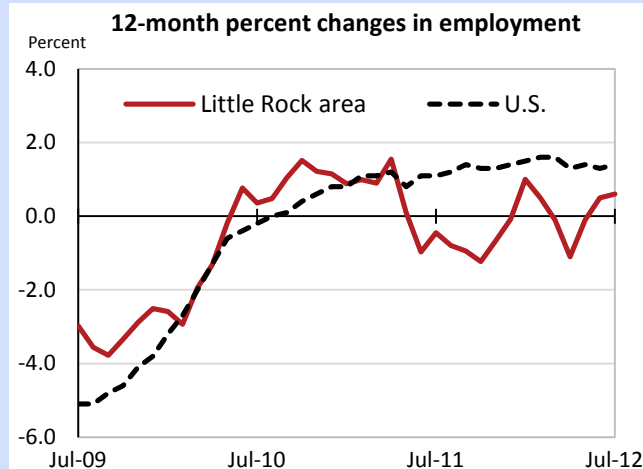
### Little Rock area, 4th quarter 2011

(U.S. = \$955; Area = \$820)



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

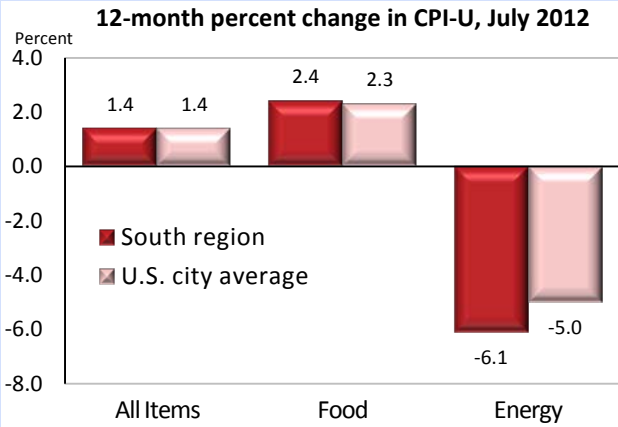


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

| Little Rock area employment<br>(numbers in thousands) | Jul.<br>2012 | Change from Jul.<br>2011 to Jul. 2012 |         |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
|   |              | Number                                | Percent |
| Total nonfarm   | 337.6        | 2.1                                   | 0.6     |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 16.4         | -1.0                                  | -5.7    |
| Manufacturing   | 19.1         | -0.6                                  | -3.0    |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 66.1         | 1.3                                   | 2.0     |
| Information   | 7.4          | -0.2                                  | -2.6    |
| Financial activities                                  | 18.9         | -0.1                                  | -0.5    |
| Professional and business services                    | 43.5         | -0.5                                  | -1.1    |
| Education and health services                         | 51.2         | 1.7                                   | 3.4     |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 31.8         | 1.6                                   | 5.3     |
| Other services  | 15.4         | 0.1                                   | 0.7     |
| Government  | 67.8         | -0.2                                  | -0.3    |

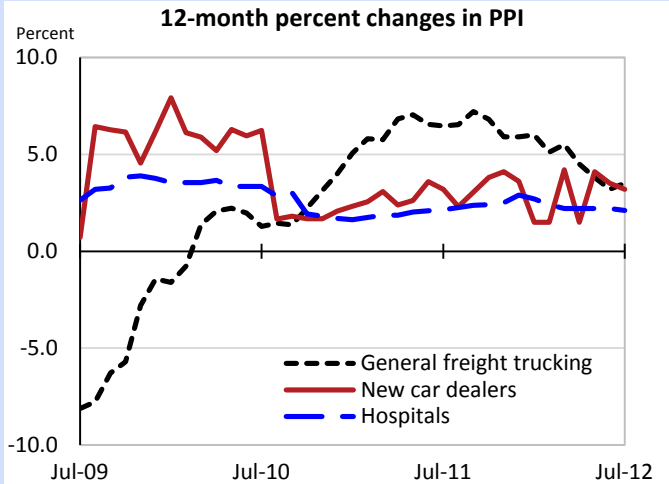
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

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



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

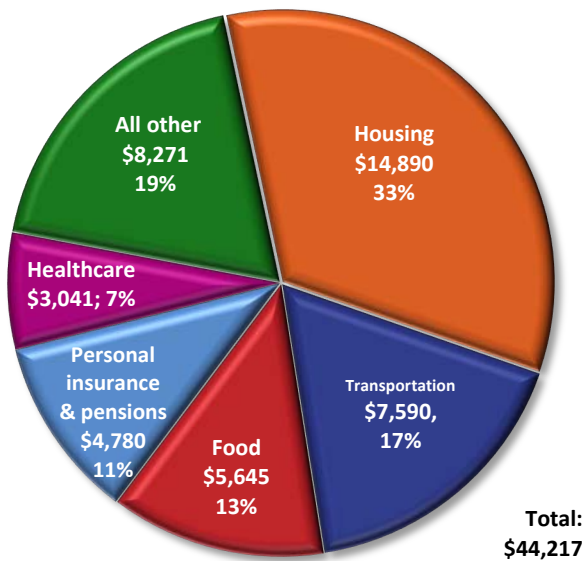
**Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide**



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index

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

**South region average annual expenditures 2010**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey

**Average hourly wages for selected occupations**

| Occupation                       | Little Rock area | United States |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Total, all occupations           | \$19.15          | \$21.74       |
| General dentists                 | 85.45            | 77.76         |
| Human resources managers         | 41.71            | 52.21         |
| Computer systems analysts        | 32.57            | 39.58         |
| Accountants and auditors         | 28.75            | 33.72         |
| Registered nurses                | 28.46            | 33.23         |
| Machinists                       | 18.57            | 19.48         |
| Customer service representatives | 14.98            | 15.92         |
| Medical secretaries              | 13.98            | 15.59         |
| Construction laborers            | 11.85            | 16.43         |
| Retail salespersons              | 10.87            | 12.08         |
| Fast food cooks                  | 8.28             | 9.00          |

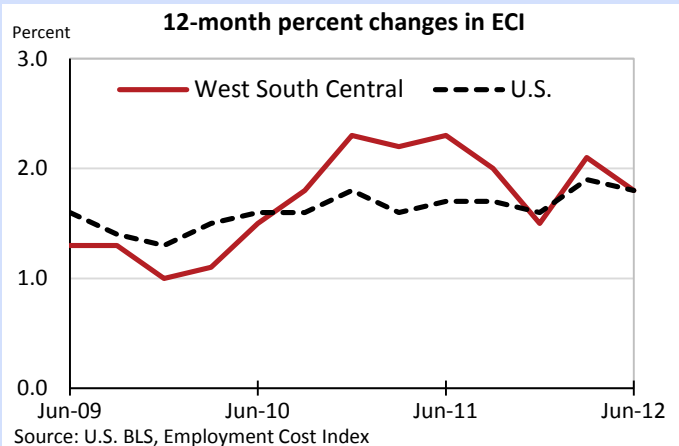
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2011

**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**



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index