

Houston Area Selected Economic Data

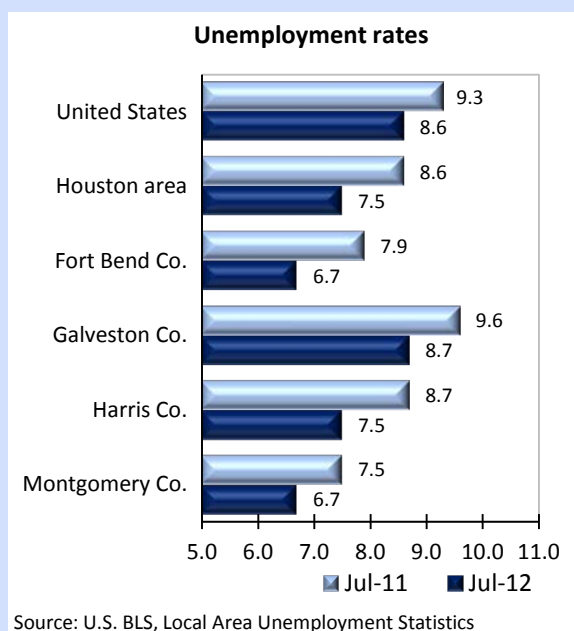


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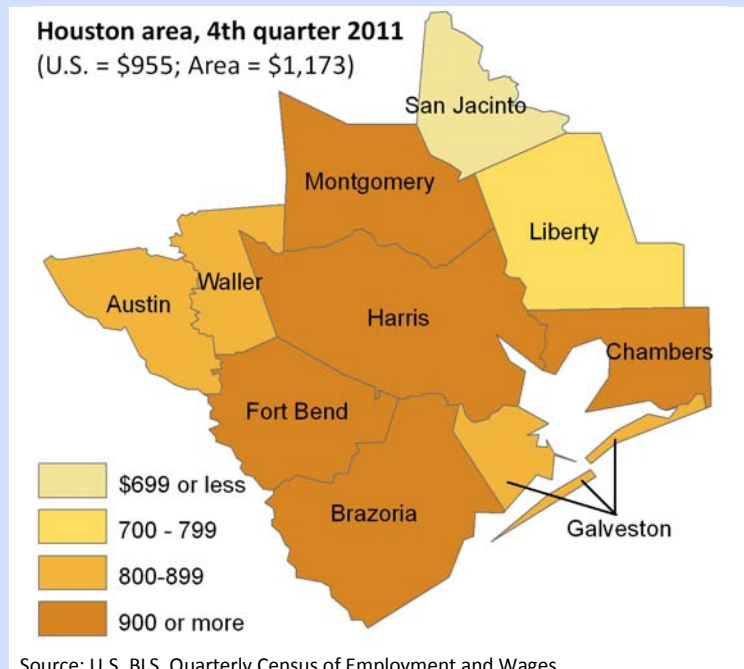
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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Houston** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

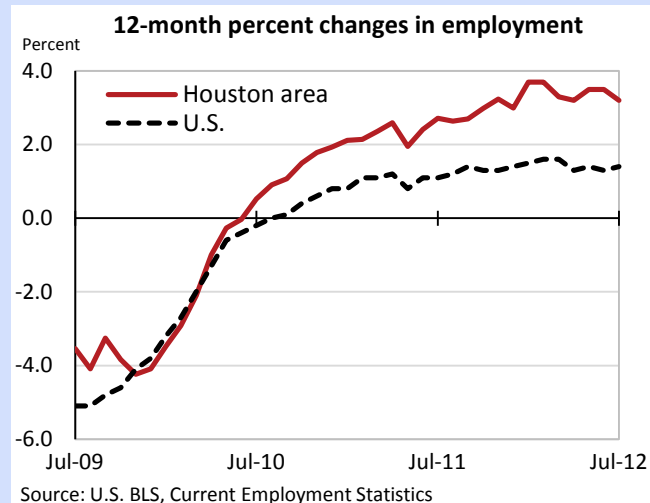
Unemployment rates for the Houston area, selected area counties, and the nation



Average weekly wages for all industries by county



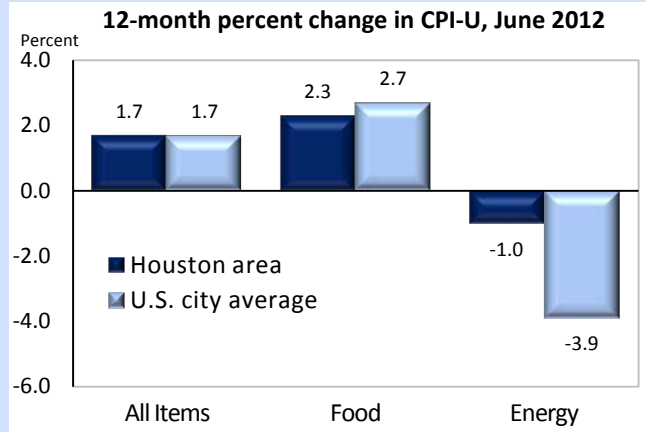
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Houston area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2012	Change from Jul. 2011 to Jul. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,676.4	83.7	3.2
Mining and logging	97.5	7.8	8.7
Construction	176.4	2.9	1.7
Manufacturing	237.9	7.8	3.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	548.4	20.6	3.9
Information	31.1	-0.6	-1.9
Financial activities	140.5	4.0	2.9
Professional and business services	391.5	8.4	2.2
Education and health services	336.0	18.7	5.9
Leisure and hospitality	266.0	16.1	6.4
Other services	101.1	6.1	6.4
Government	350.0	-8.1	-2.3

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

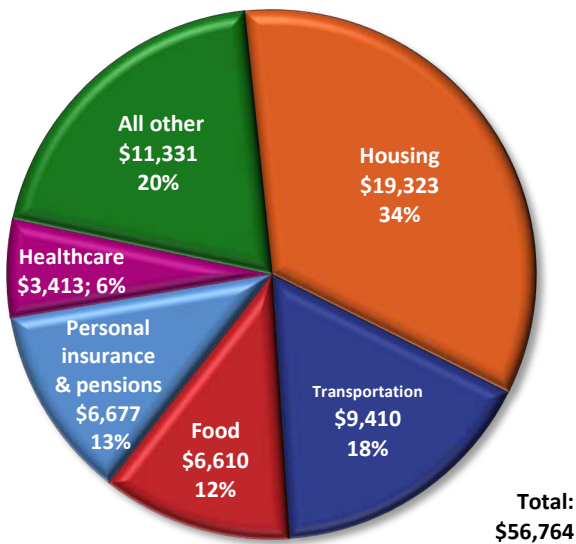
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

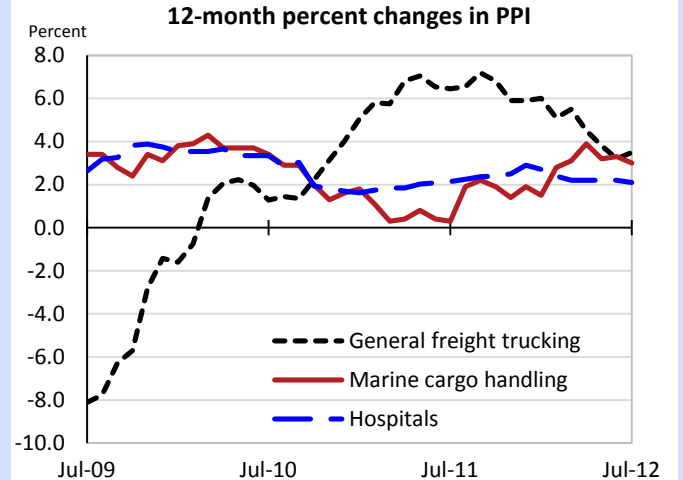
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Houston area average annual expenditures 2009-10



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey

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



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Houston area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.83	\$21.74
General dentists	70.87	77.76
Petroleum engineers	70.00	66.82
Human resources managers	56.71	52.21
Computer systems analysts	43.60	39.58
Accountants and auditors	35.72	33.72
Registered nurses	35.63	33.23
Machinists	19.49	19.48
Medical secretaries	15.09	15.59
Customer service representatives	14.85	15.92
Construction laborers	12.55	16.43
Retail salespersons	11.33	12.08
Fast food cooks	9.05	9.00

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

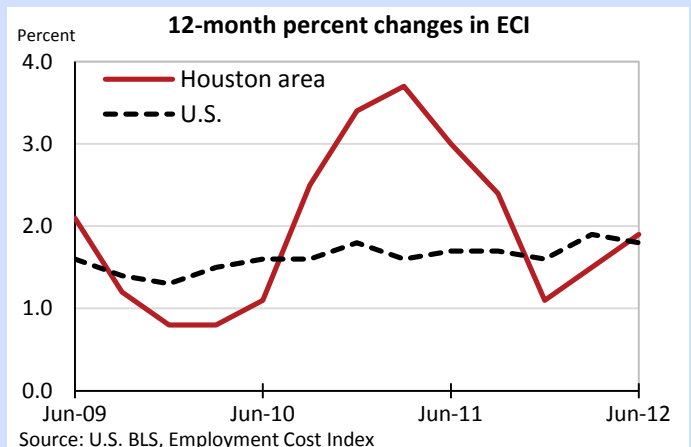
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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