

New Orleans Area Selected Economic Data

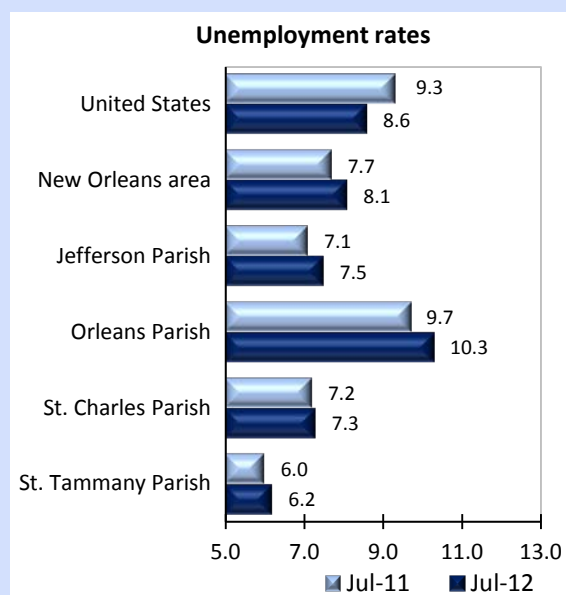


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **New Orleans** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

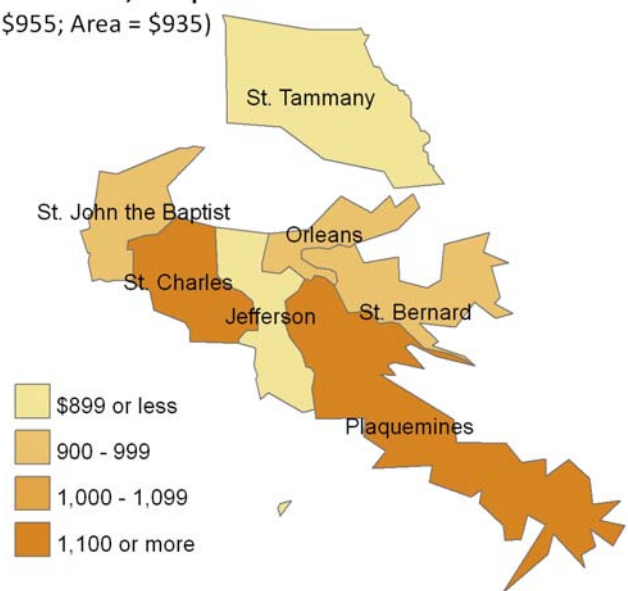


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

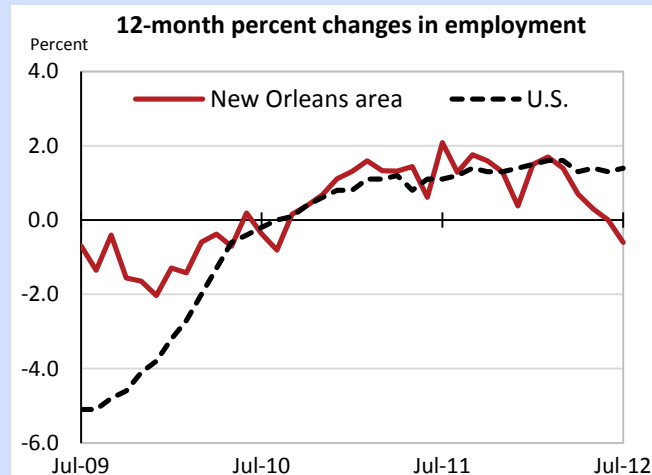
New Orleans area, 4th quarter 2011

(U.S. = \$955; Area = \$935)



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

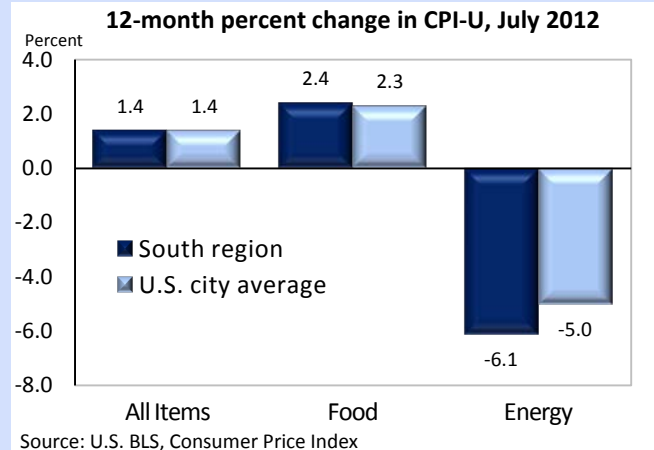


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

New Orleans area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2012	Change from Jul. 2011 to Jul. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	521.2	-3.0	-0.6
Mining and logging	7.0	0.2	2.9
Construction	26.7	-5.0	-15.8
Manufacturing	29.7	-1.5	-4.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	104.2	-1.6	-1.5
Information	8.2	0.4	5.1
Financial activities	25.9	0.6	2.4
Professional and business services	67.0	-0.7	-1.0
Education and health services	78.6	2.6	3.4
Leisure and hospitality	77.0	4.0	5.5
Other services	18.5	0.4	2.2
Government	78.4	-2.4	-3.0

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

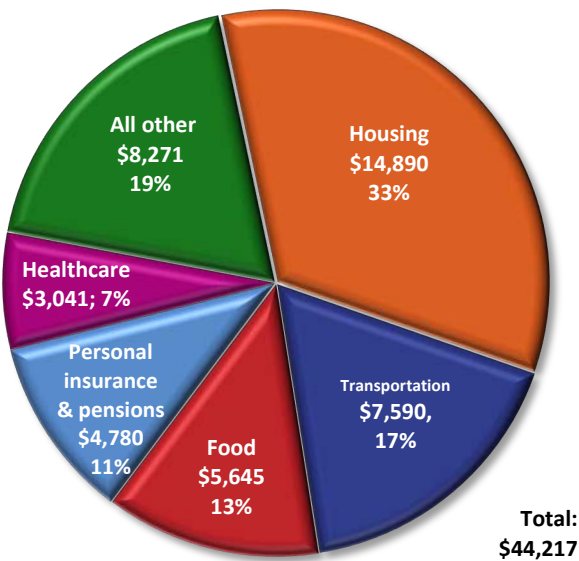
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

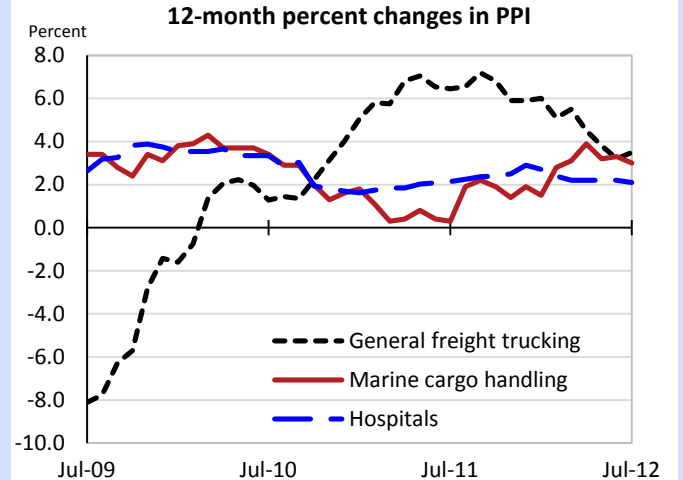
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South region average annual expenditures 2010



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	New Orleans area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$20.24	\$21.74
General dentists	74.29	77.76
Petroleum engineers	62.22	66.82
Human resources managers	45.54	52.21
Oil and gas rotary drill operators	34.56	28.15
Registered nurses	32.72	33.23
Accountants and auditors	31.66	33.72
Sailors and marine oilers	19.48	18.59
Customer service representatives	15.07	15.92
Construction laborers	13.58	16.43
Retail salespersons	12.01	12.08
Fast food cooks	8.08	9.00

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

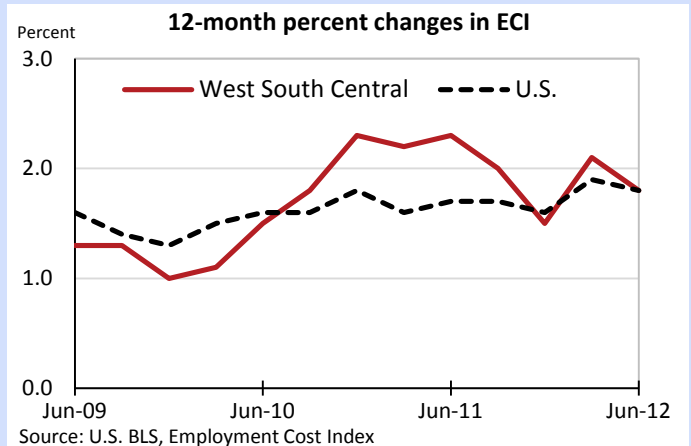
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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