

St. Louis Area Selected Economic Data

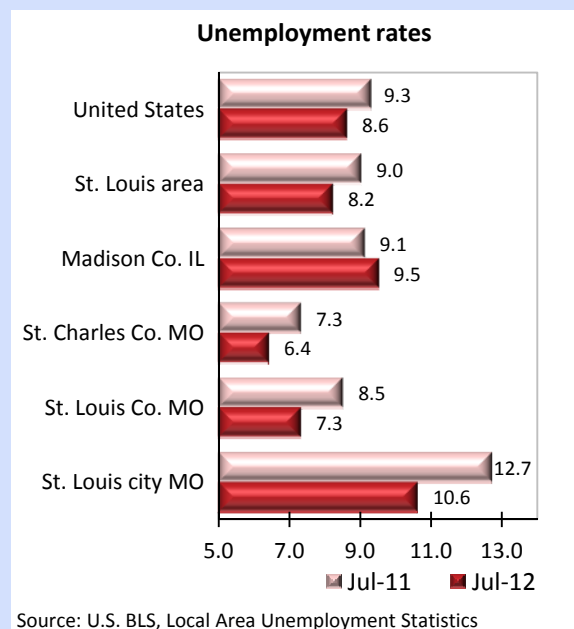


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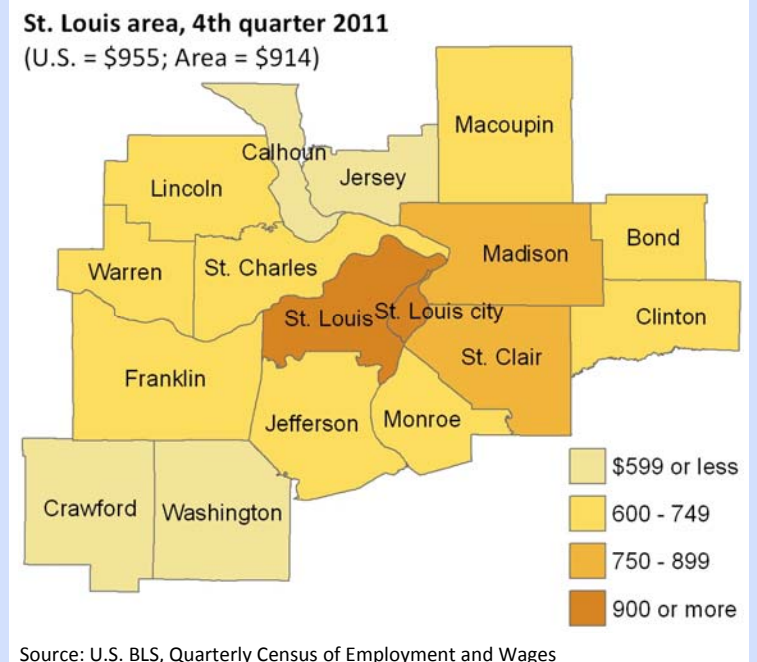
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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **St. Louis** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

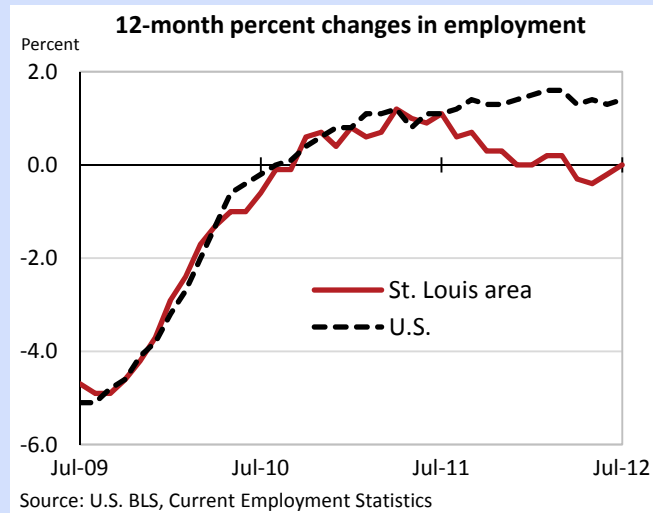
Unemployment rates for the St. Louis area, selected area counties, and the nation



Average weekly wages for all industries by county



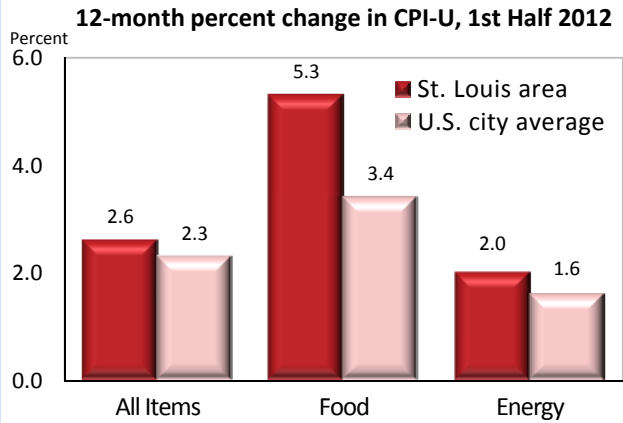
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



St. Louis area employment (numbers in thousands)	July 2012	Change from July 2011 to July 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,287.7	-0.2	0.0
Mining, logging, and construction	63.5	-3.1	-4.7
Manufacturing	112.4	1.5	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	242.4	-2.8	-1.1
Information	28.1	-2.8	-9.1
Financial activities	82.4	1.8	2.2
Professional and business services	197.6	4.3	2.2
Education and health services	229.0	3.6	1.6
Leisure and hospitality	142.6	0.5	0.4
Other services	47.8	-0.2	-0.4
Government	141.9	-3.0	-2.1

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

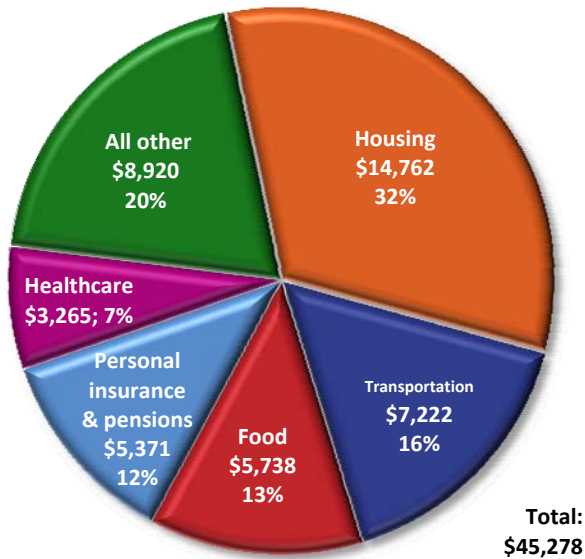
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

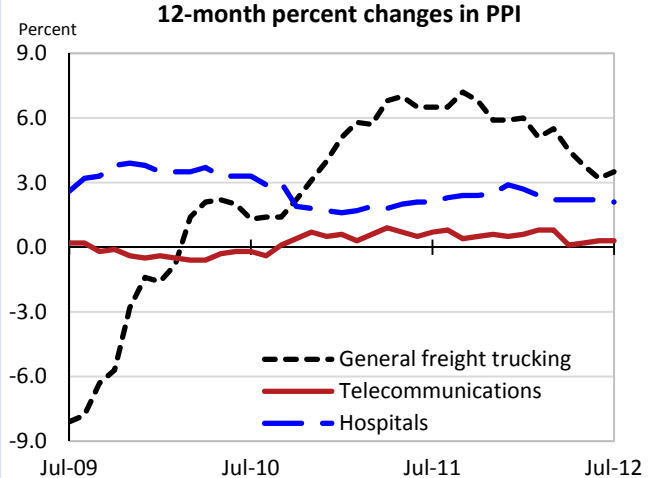
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest 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	St. Louis area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.26	\$21.74
General dentists	72.20	77.76
Human resources managers	50.90	52.21
Compensation and benefits managers	47.62	66.82
Computer systems analysts	37.41	39.58
Accountants and auditors	33.21	33.72
Registered nurses	29.02	33.23
Machinists	21.64	19.48
Customer service representatives	15.52	15.92
Medical secretaries	15.65	15.59
Retail salespersons	12.99	12.08
Construction laborers	22.12	16.43
Fast food cooks	9.43	9.00

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

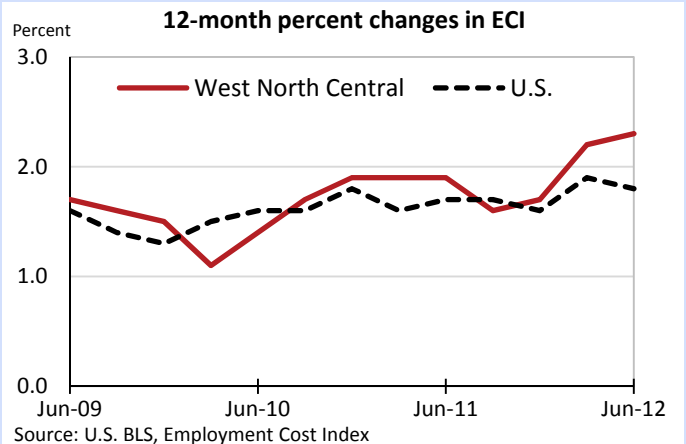
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2012	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.00	\$28.78
Wages and salaries	19.87	20.25
Total benefits	8.13	8.53
Paid leave	1.86	1.98
Vacation	1.01	1.02
Supplemental pay	0.62	0.83
Insurance	2.36	2.34
Retirement and savings	1.06	1.02
Legally required benefits	2.22	2.36

(1) West North Central includes IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index