

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators Huntington-Ashland



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, the Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

| Consumer Price Index<br>(1982-84) = 100                  | July<br>2011         | July<br>2012         | Percent<br>change         |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>                       |                      |                      |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 225.922              | 229.104              | 1.4                       |
| South  | 219.682              | 222.667              | 1.4                       |
| South (size class B/C)*                                  | 139.783              | 141.774              | 1.4                       |
| <b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b> |                      |                      |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 222.686              | 225.568              | 1.3                       |
| South  | 218.087              | 220.705              | 1.2                       |
| South (size class B/C)*                                  | 139.584              | 141.289              | 1.2                       |
| <b>Producer Price Index, U.S.<br/>(1982 = 100)</b>       | <b>July<br/>2011</b> | <b>July<br/>2012</b> | <b>Percent<br/>change</b> |
| Finished goods   | 192.2                | 193.1                | 0.5                       |
| All commodities  | 204.6                | 200.0                | -2.2                      |
| Industrial commodities                                   | 205.9                | 199.5                | -3.1                      |

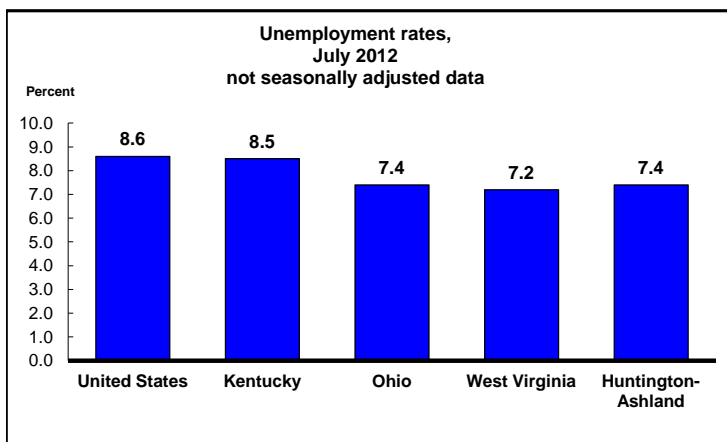
\*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)  
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

| Employment Cost Index<br>(December 2005) = 100     | 2nd Qtr.<br>2011                         | 2nd Qtr.<br>2012 | Percent<br>change |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b> |  |                  |                   |
| United States                                      | 114.3                                    | 116.4            | 1.8               |
| South  | 114.3                                    | 116.8            | 2.2               |
| South Atlantic                                     | 114.6                                    | 117.3            | 2.4               |
| <b>Occupational Wages<br/>Selected Occupations</b> | <b>Mean Hourly Earnings<br/>May 2011</b> |                  |                   |
| <b>Huntington-Ashland</b>                          |  |                  |                   |
| Total, all occupations                             | \$17.58                                  |                  |                   |
| Education, training, and library                   | 20.37                                    |                  |                   |
| Office and administrative support                  | 13.46                                    |                  |                   |
| Construction and extraction                        | 20.57                                    |                  |                   |
| Sales and related                                  | 12.97                                    |                  |                   |
| Healthcare practitioners and technical             | 31.31                                    |                  |                   |
| Food preparation and serving related               | 9.25                                     |                  |                   |
| Production   | 16.73                                    |                  |                   |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair              | 17.30                                    |                  |                   |
| Transportation and material moving                 | 14.01                                    |                  |                   |

## Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area               | July<br>2011 | July<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States      | 14,428       | 13,400       | -1,028        | -7.1              |
| Kentucky           | 202.5        | 177.6        | -24.9         | -12.3             |
| Ohio               | 529.1        | 430.4        | -98.7         | -18.7             |
| West Virginia      | 61.6         | 58.3         | -3.2          | -5.3              |
| Huntington-Ashland | 10.6         | 9.5          | -1.0          | -9.7              |

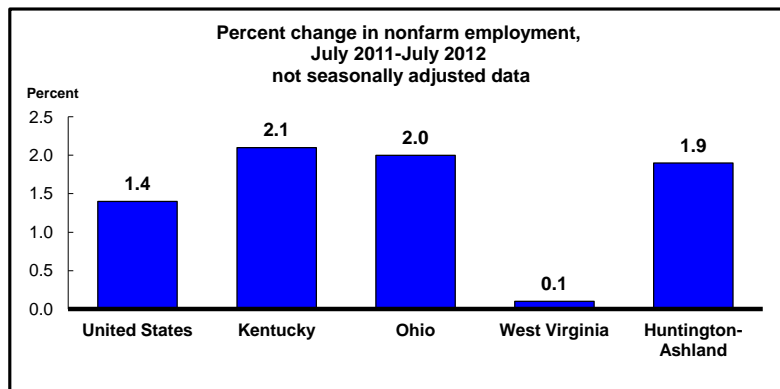
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## Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area               | July<br>2011 | July<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States      | 131,038      | 132,840      | 1,802         | 1.4               |
| Kentucky           | 1,784.3      | 1,821.2      | 36.9          | 2.1               |
| Ohio               | 5,092.6      | 5,193.8      | 101.2         | 2.0               |
| West Virginia      | 755.1        | 755.7        | 0.6           | 0.1               |
| Huntington-Ashland | 111.0        | 113.1        | 2.1           | 1.9               |

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The Huntington-Ashland, W.Va.-Ky.-Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cabell and Wayne Counties in West Virginia, Boyd and Greenup Counties in Kentucky, and Lawrence County in Ohio.

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