

Little Rock Area Selected Economic Data

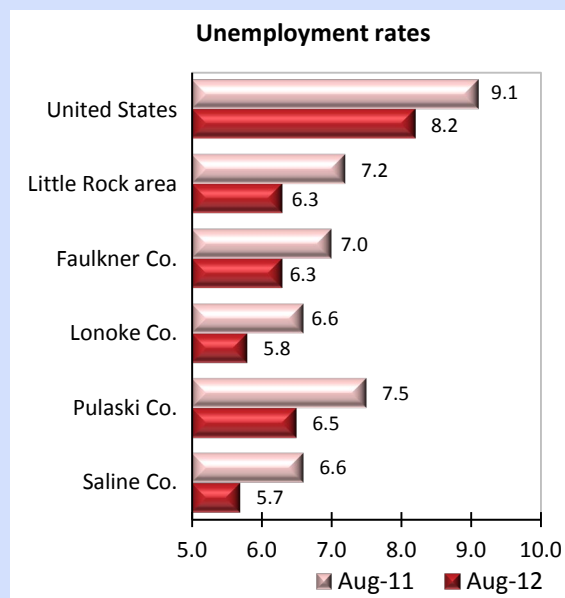


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Little Rock** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

Unemployment rates for the Little Rock area, selected area counties, and the nation

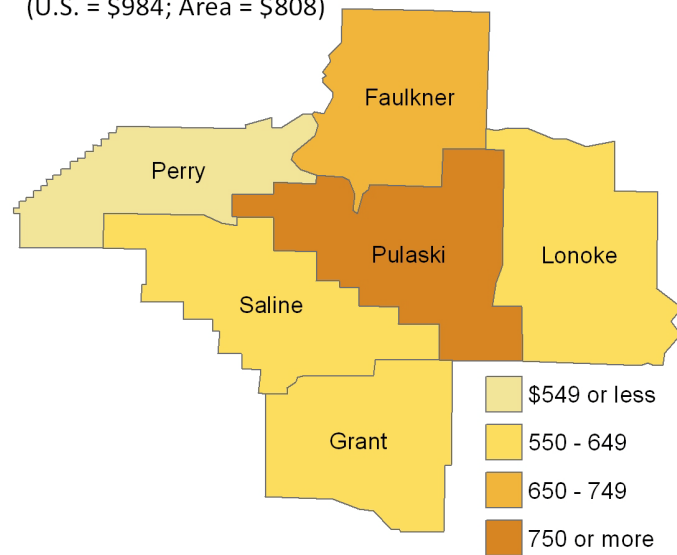


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

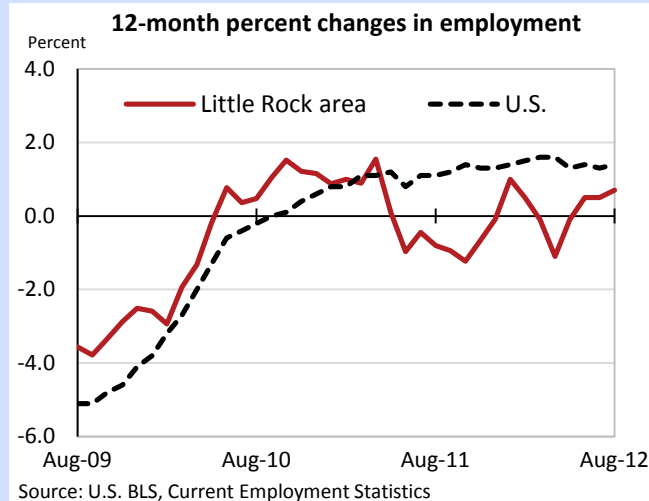
Little Rock area, 1st quarter 2012

(U.S. = \$984; Area = \$808)



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

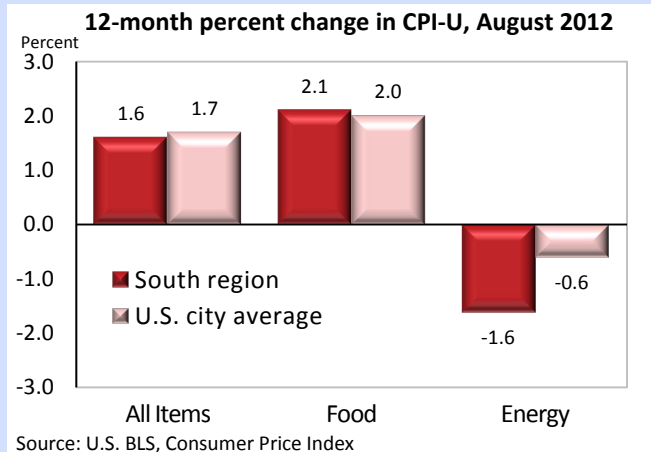


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

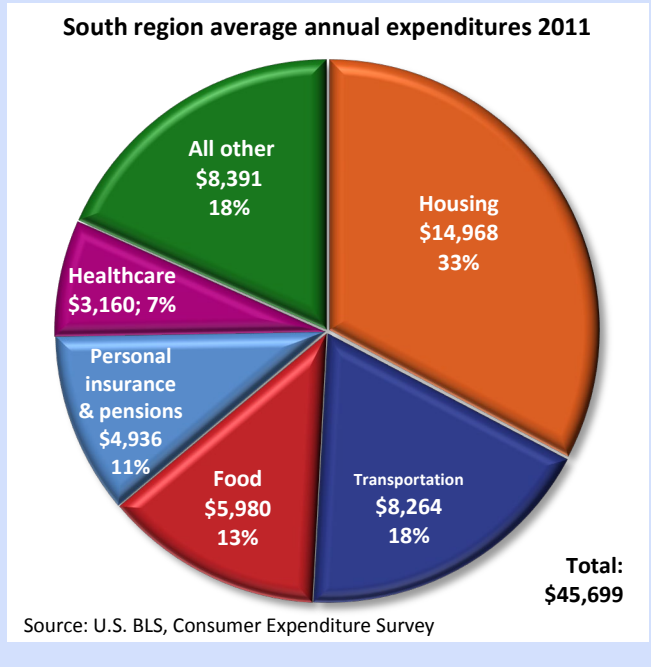
Little Rock area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2012	Change from Aug. 2011 to Aug. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	336.8	2.4	0.7
Mining, logging, and construction	16.3	-0.5	-3.0
Manufacturing	19.0	-0.7	-3.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	65.7	0.6	0.9
Information	7.3	-0.3	-3.9
Financial activities	18.8	-0.2	-1.1
Professional and business services	43.4	-0.2	-0.5
Education and health services	51.2	1.9	3.9
Leisure and hospitality	30.9	1.6	5.5
Other services	15.4	0.1	0.7
Government	68.8	0.1	0.1

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

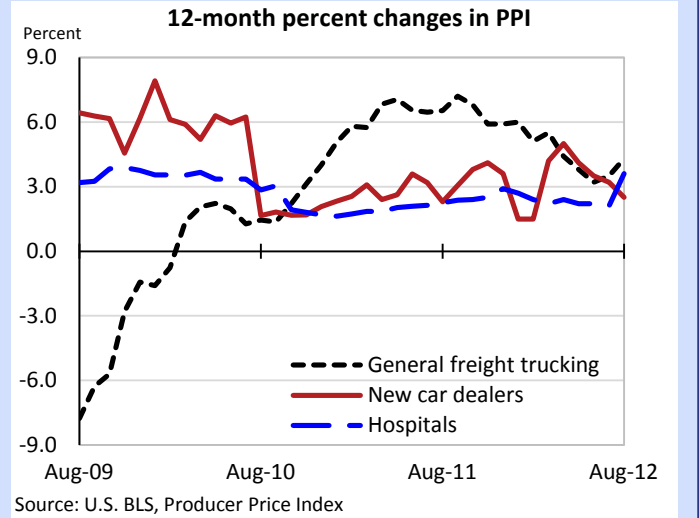
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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



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, June 2012	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$26.45	\$28.80
Wages and salaries	18.78	20.27
Total benefits	7.67	8.52
Paid leave	1.71	1.97
Vacation	0.86	1.02
Supplemental pay	1.04	0.82
Insurance	1.96	2.34
Retirement and savings	0.90	1.02
Legally required benefits	2.06	2.37

(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

