

# New Orleans Area Selected Economic Data

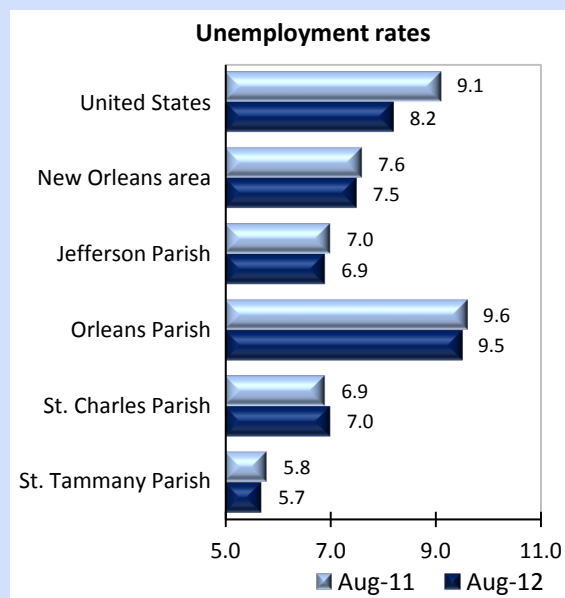


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **New Orleans** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

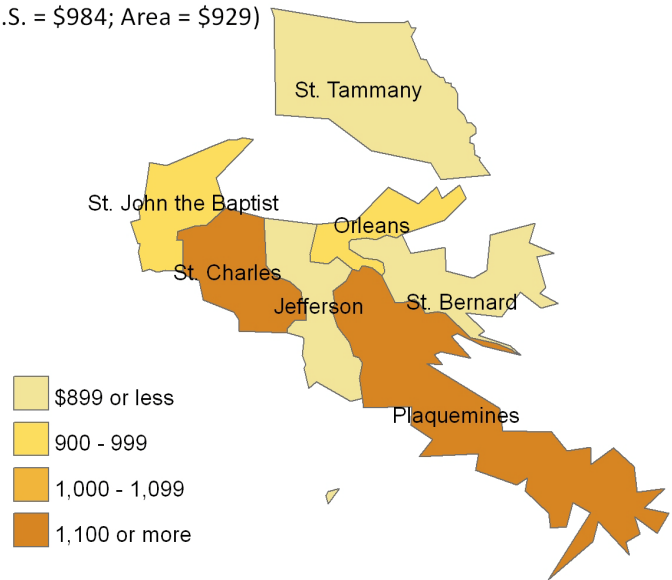


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

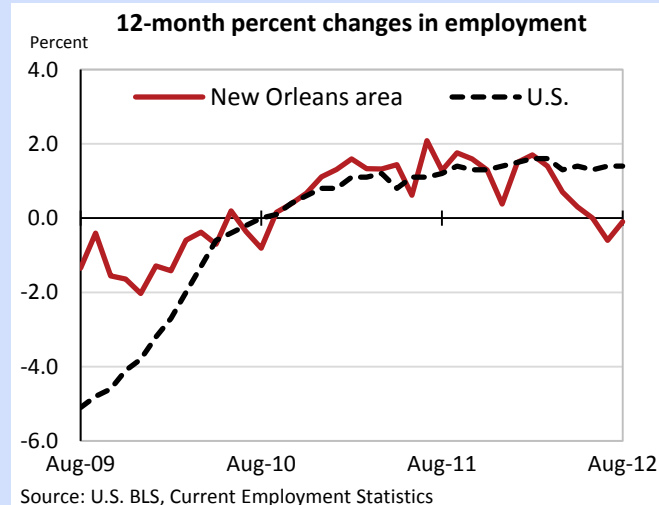
### New Orleans area, 1st quarter 2012

(U.S. = \$984; Area = \$929)



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

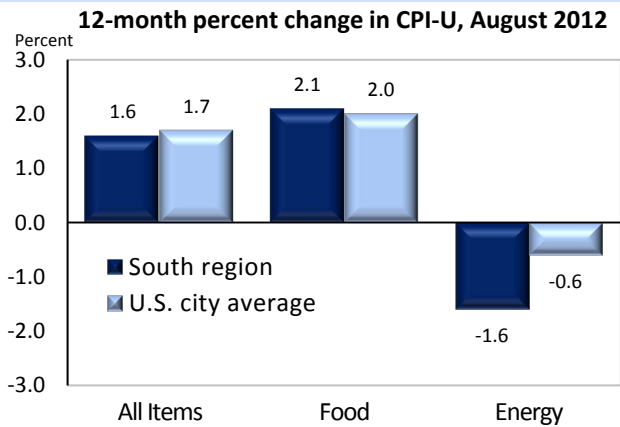


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

New Orleans area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2012	Change from Aug. 2011 to Aug. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	521.3	-0.3	-0.1
Mining and logging	7.1	0.3	4.4
Construction	27.2	-3.7	-12.0
Manufacturing	29.4	-1.4	-4.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	103.8	-1.5	-1.4
Information	8.0	0.4	5.3
Financial activities	25.7	0.5	2.0
Professional and business services	67.2	0.3	0.4
Education and health services	78.4	2.8	3.7
Leisure and hospitality	76.3	4.3	6.0
Other services	18.5	0.3	1.6
Government	79.7	-2.6	-3.2

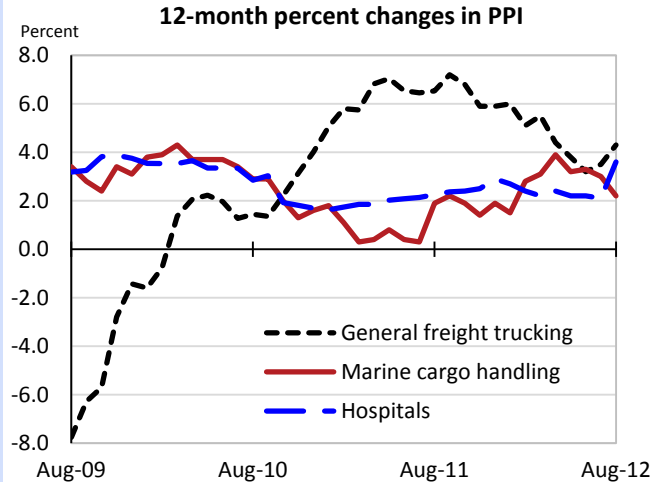
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

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



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

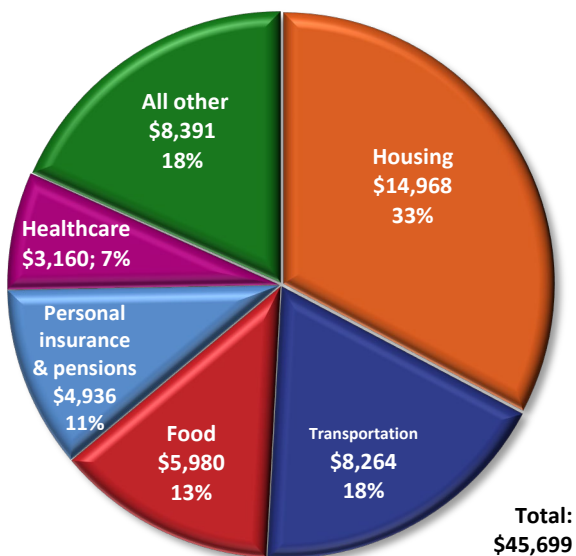
**Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide**



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index

**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

South region average annual expenditures 2011



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey

**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

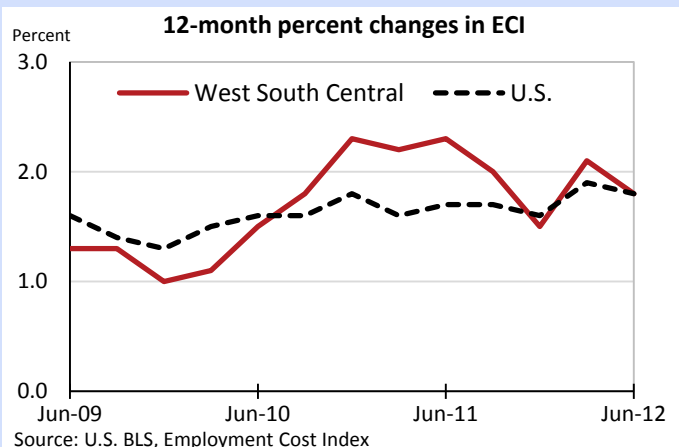
**Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division**

Private industry, 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**



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index