

Houston Area Economic Summary

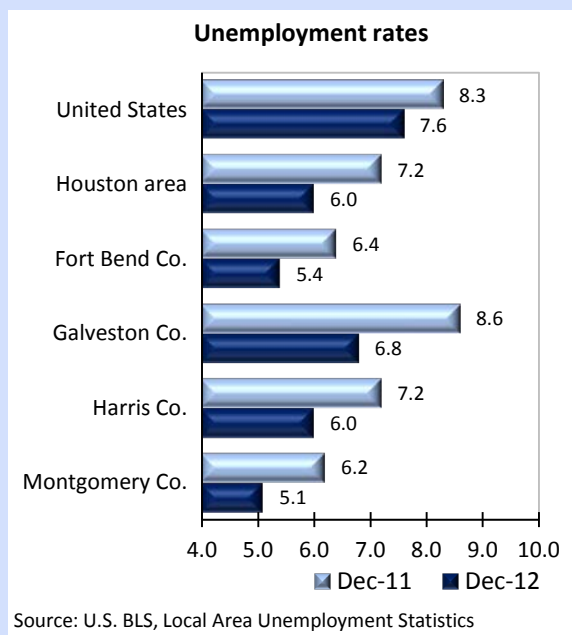


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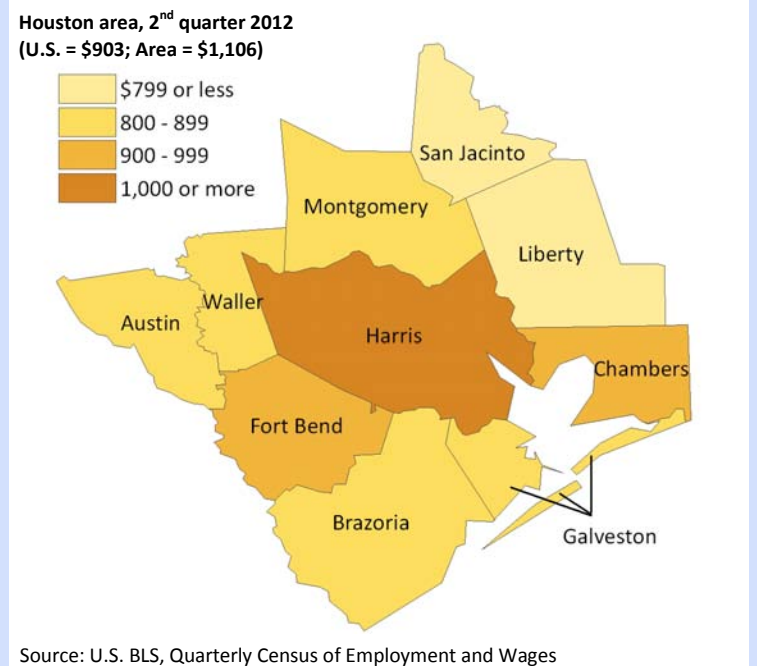
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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, & benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions see www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm.

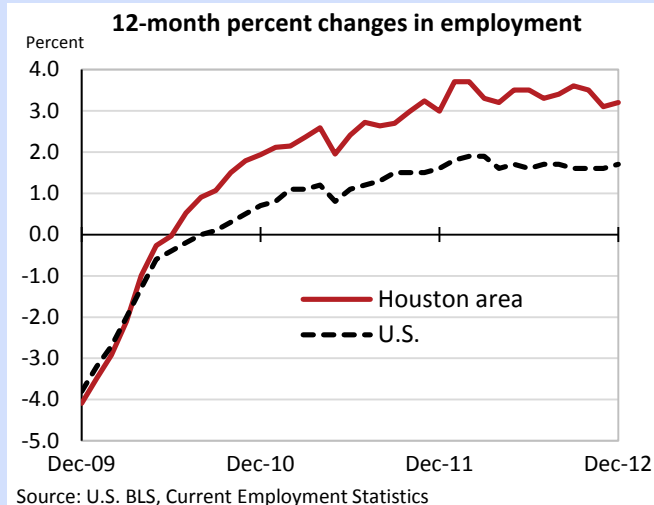
Unemployment rates for the Houston area, selected area counties, and the nation



Average weekly wages for all industries by county



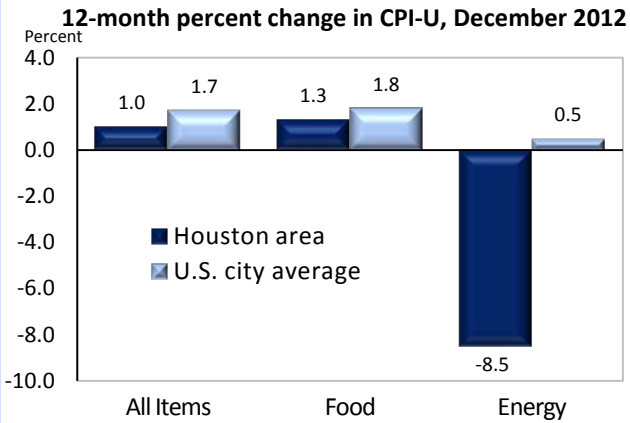
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Houston area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2012	Change from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,731.0	84.5	3.2
Mining and logging	97.3	4.5	4.8
Construction	186.5	17.6	10.4
Manufacturing	238.5	7.7	3.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	561.9	18.4	3.4
Information	31.3	-0.2	-0.6
Financial activities	139.2	-1.1	-0.8
Professional and business services	387.3	-2.9	-0.7
Education and health services	349.8	18.8	5.7
Leisure and hospitality	264.4	18.5	7.5
Other services	100.9	5.2	5.4
Government	373.9	-2.0	-0.5

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

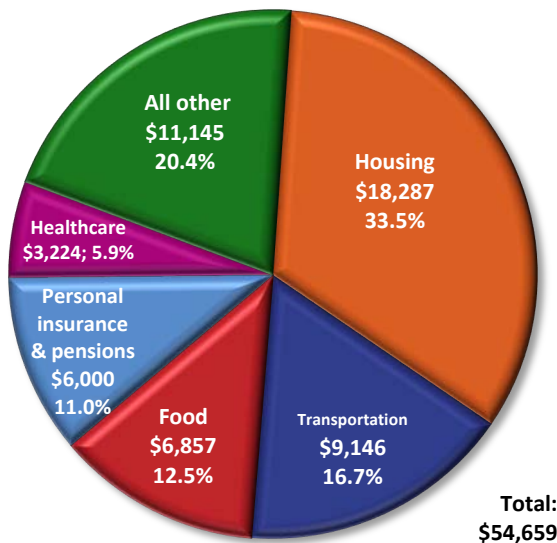
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

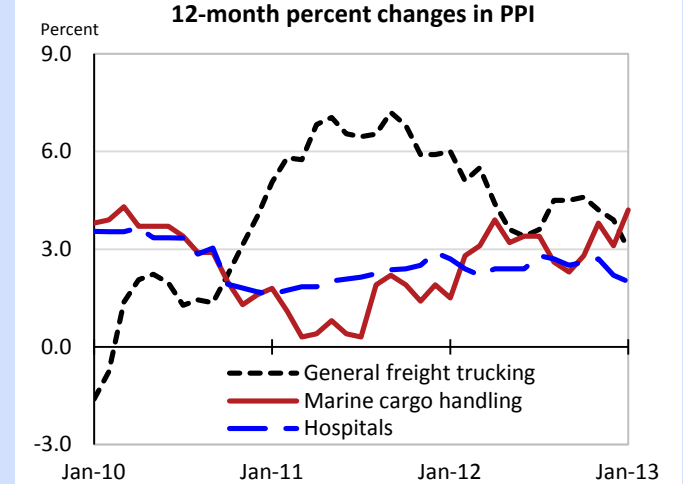
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Houston area average annual expenditures 2010-11



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	Houston area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.83	\$21.74
General dentists	70.87	77.76
Petroleum engineers	70.00	66.82
Human resources managers	56.71	52.21
Computer systems analysts	43.60	39.58
Accountants and auditors	35.72	33.72
Registered nurses	35.63	33.23
Machinists	19.49	19.48
Medical secretaries	15.09	15.59
Customer service representatives	14.85	15.92
Construction laborers	12.55	16.43
Retail salespersons	11.33	12.08
Fast food cooks	9.05	9.00

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

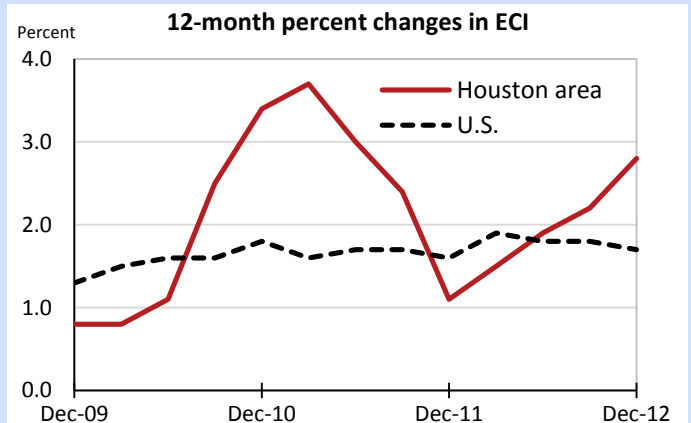
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2012	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$26.78	\$28.95
Wages and salaries	19.06	20.36
Total benefits	7.71	8.58
Paid leave	1.73	1.98
Vacation	0.86	1.02
Supplemental pay	1.00	0.82
Insurance	2.01	2.37
Retirement and savings	0.90	1.03
Legally required benefits	2.09	2.38

(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