

New Orleans Area Economic Summary

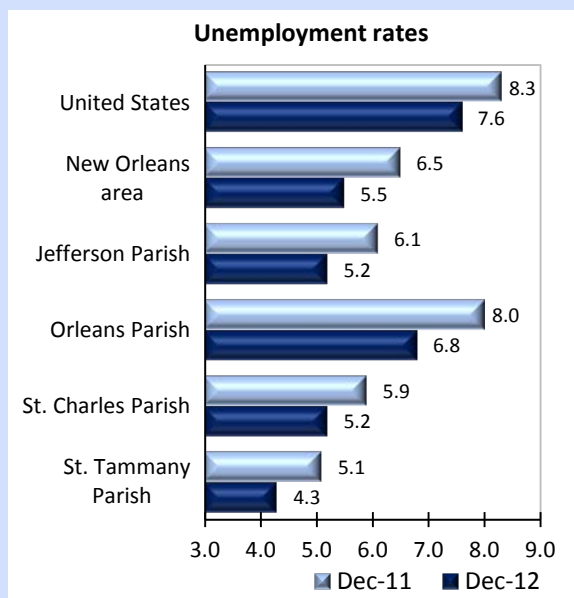


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, & benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted 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.

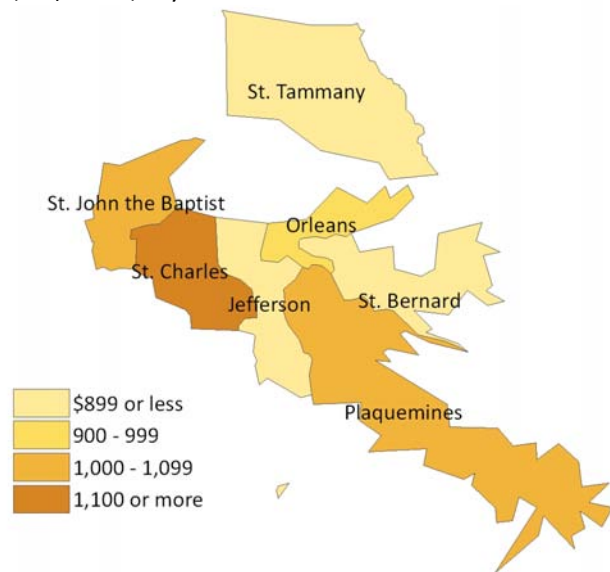
Unemployment rates for the New Orleans area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

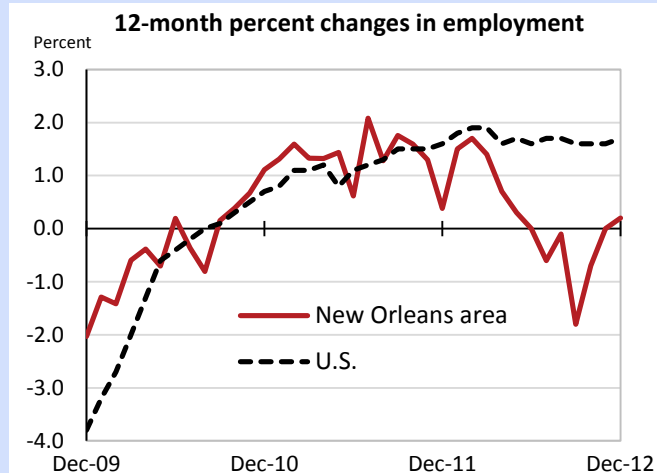
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

New Orleans area, 2nd quarter 2012
(U.S. = \$903; Area = \$866)



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

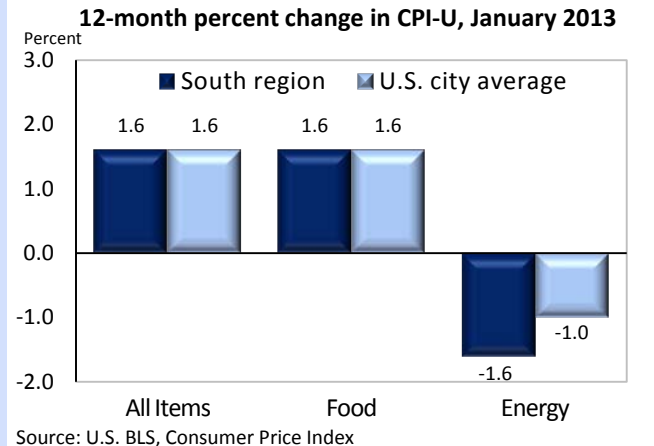


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

New Orleans area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2012	Change from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	530.4	1.1	0.2
Mining and logging	7.2	0.4	5.9
Construction	26.5	-1.5	-5.4
Manufacturing	29.5	-2.0	-6.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	105.9	-2.0	-1.9
Information	7.6	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	25.1	0.1	0.4
Professional and business services	70.9	1.3	1.9
Education and health services	80.1	1.3	1.6
Leisure and hospitality	78.0	5.0	6.8
Other services	18.4	0.0	0.0
Government	81.2	-1.5	-1.8

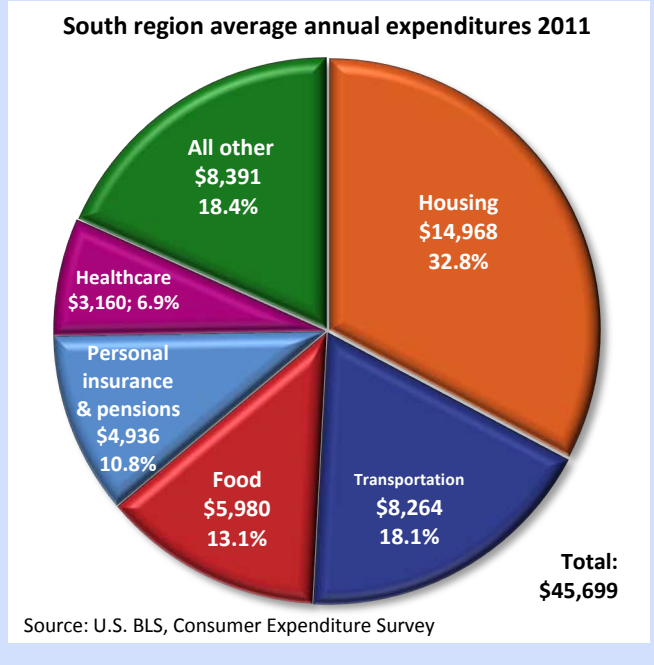
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

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



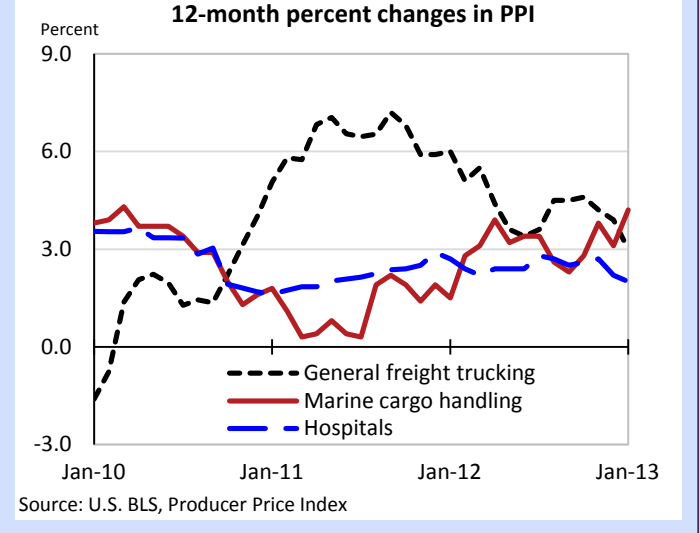
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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	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	17.82	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

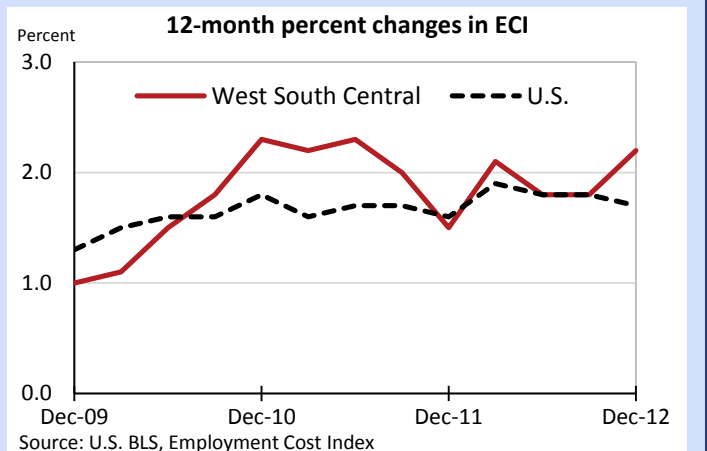
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, 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