

# Baton Rouge Area Economic Summary

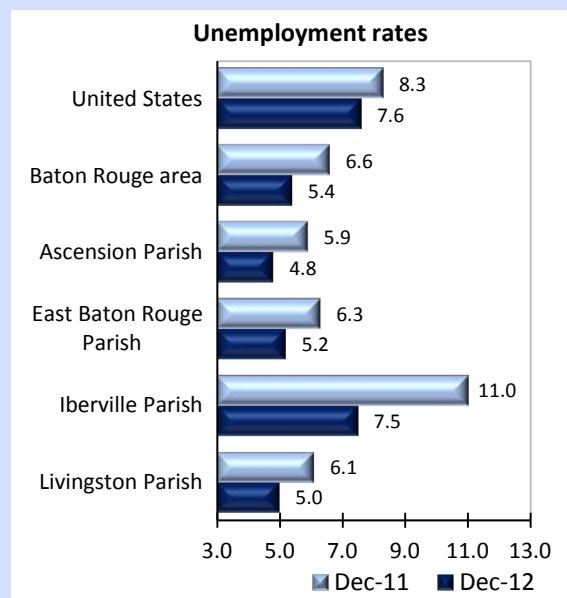


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, & benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted 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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm).

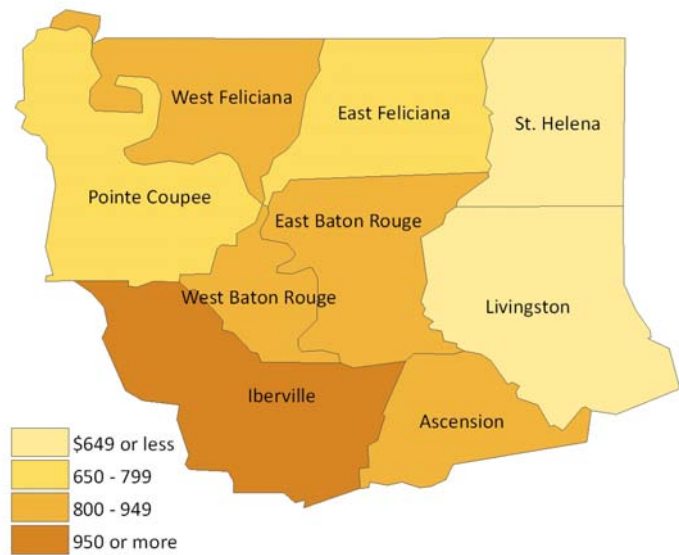
## Unemployment rates for the Baton Rouge area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

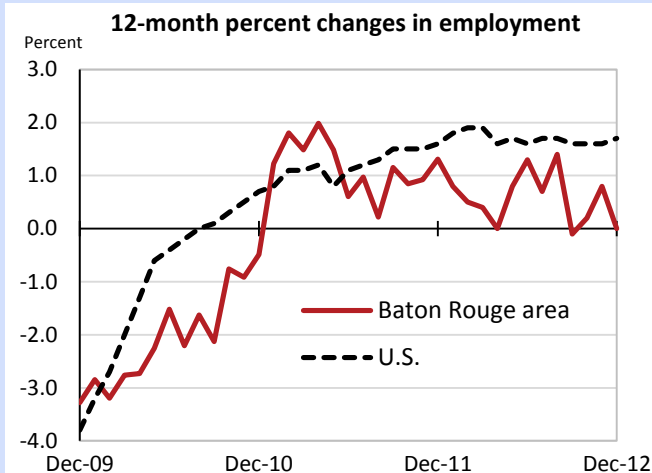
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Baton Rouge area, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2012  
(U.S. = \$903; Area = \$840)



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

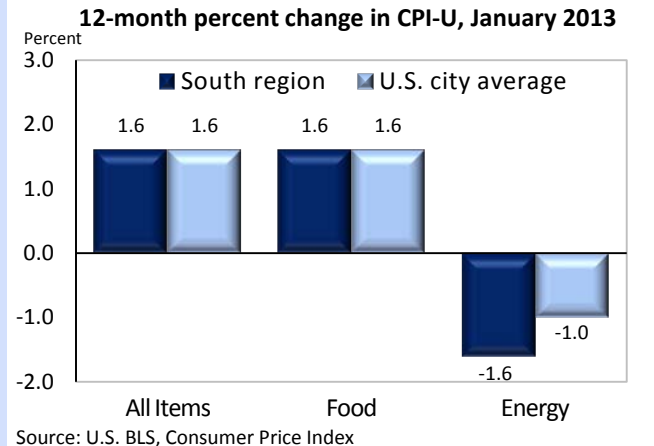


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

Baton Rouge area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2012	Change from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	371.4	0.0	0.0
Mining and logging	2.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	45.9	5.4	13.3
Manufacturing	25.2	-0.1	-0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	68.4	1.6	2.4
Information	4.5	0.2	4.7
Financial activities	16.7	-0.3	-1.8
Professional and business services	41.4	-0.7	-1.7
Education and health services	49.2	-1.8	-3.5
Leisure and hospitality	31.2	-1.5	-4.6
Other services	12.5	0.0	0.0
Government	74.4	-2.8	-3.6

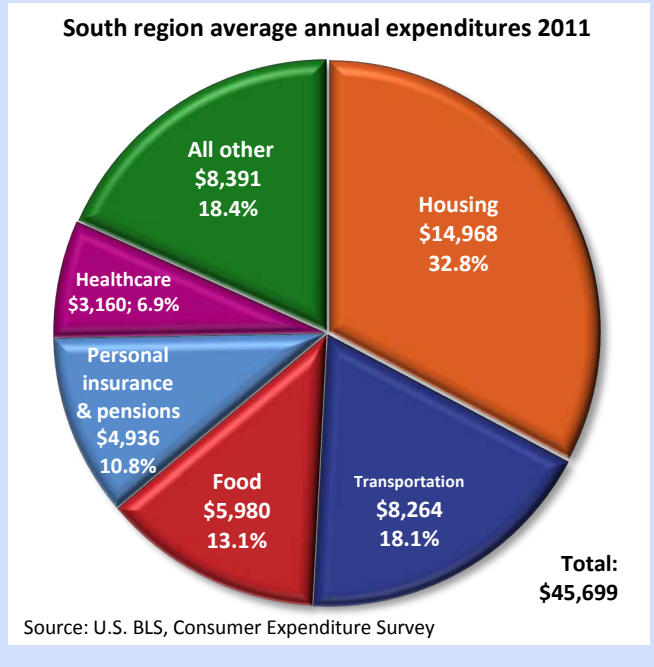
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

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



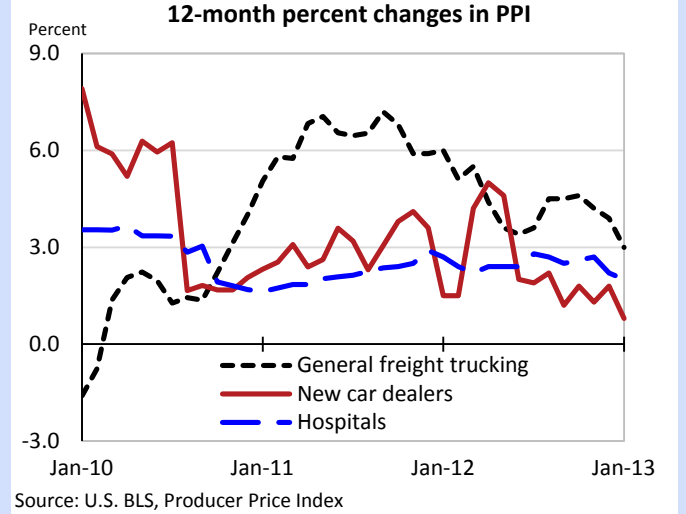
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

**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	Baton Rouge area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$19.14	\$21.74
General dentists	73.79	77.76
Lawyers	54.69	62.74
Computer systems analysts	30.87	39.58
Registered nurses	30.20	33.23
Accountants and auditors	28.90	33.72
Computer support specialists	23.27	24.91
Customer service representatives	14.04	15.92
Construction laborers	12.54	16.43
Medical secretaries	12.13	15.59
Laborers and material movers	11.55	12.62
Retail salespersons	11.04	12.08
Fast food cooks	8.39	9.00

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

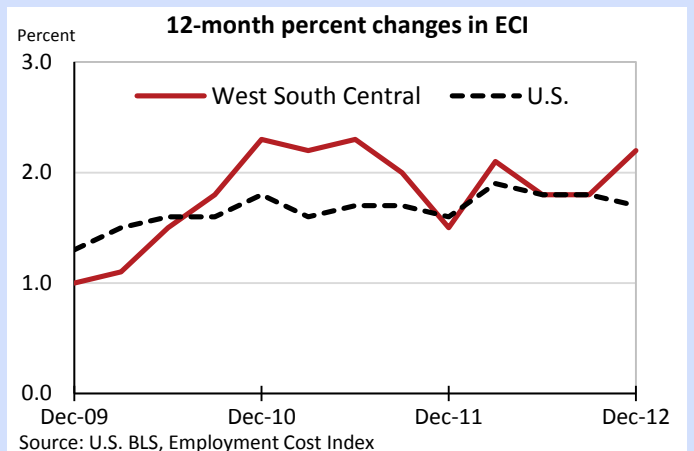
**Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division**

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