

# Austin Area Economic Summary

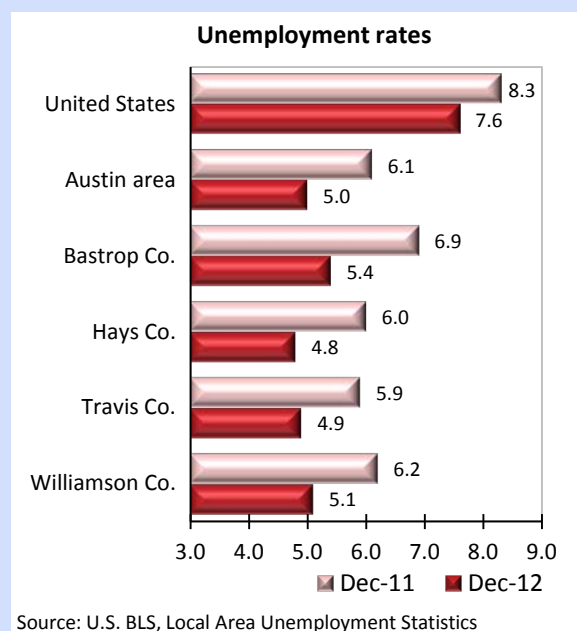


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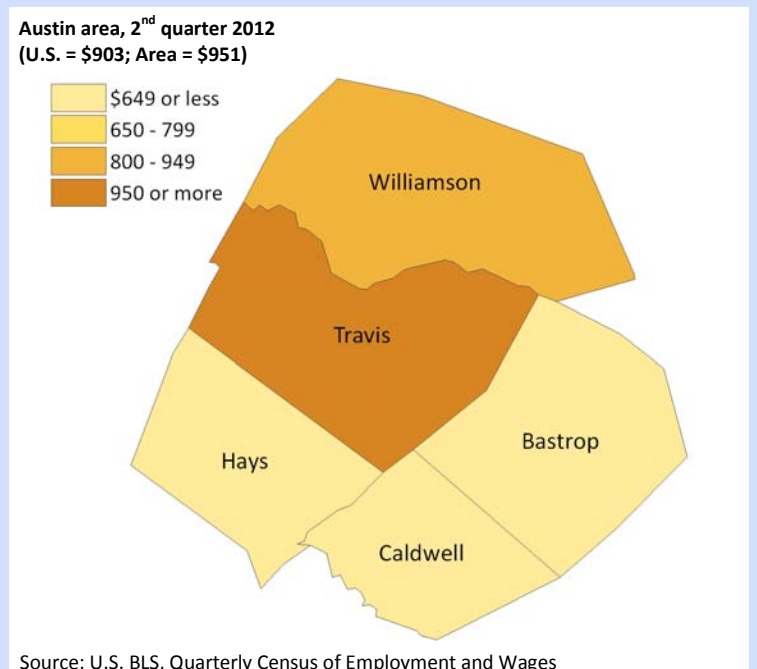
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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, & benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

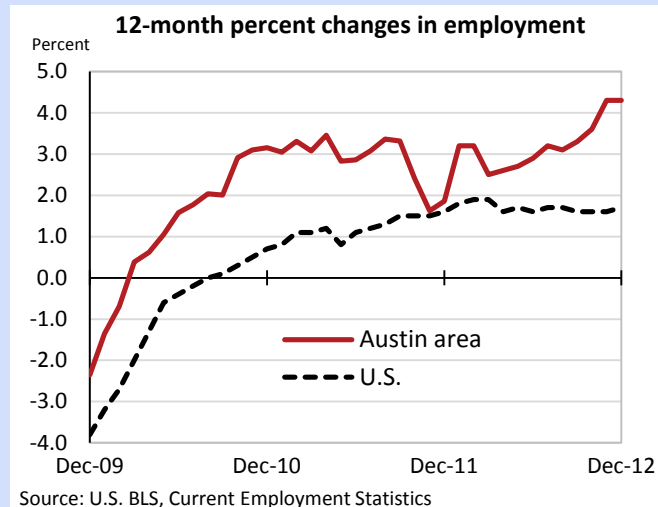
## Unemployment rates for the Austin area, selected area counties, and the nation



## Average weekly wages for all industries by county



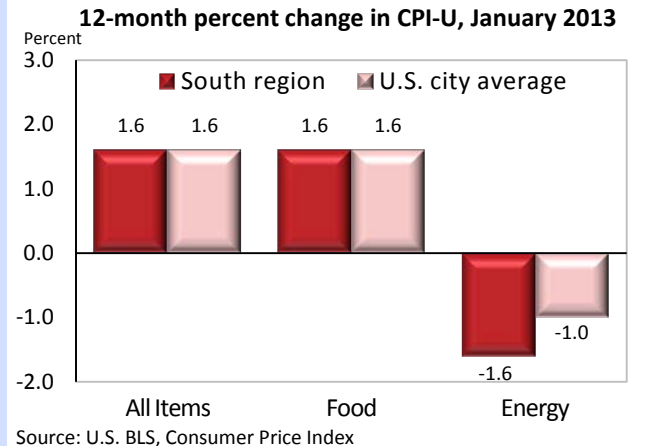
## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



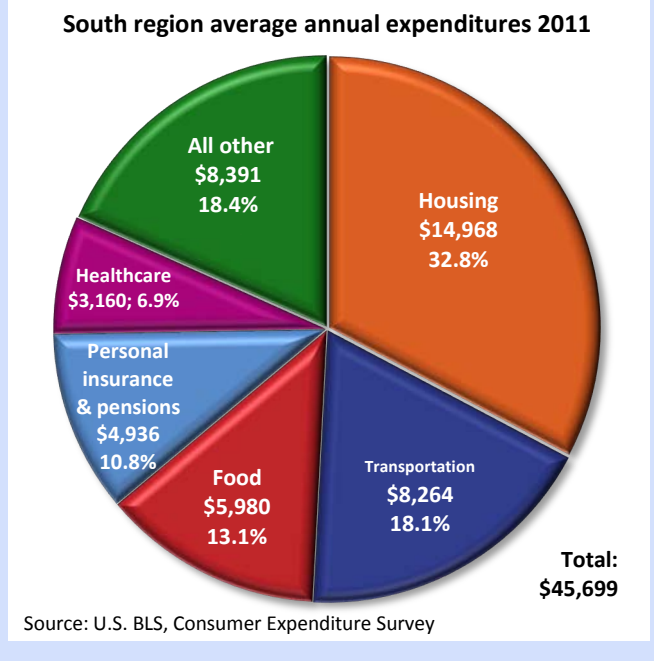
Austin area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2012	Change from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	833.9	34.6	4.3
Mining, logging, and construction	40.9	2.3	6.0
Manufacturing	51.4	0.5	1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	147.2	4.6	3.2
Information	20.4	0.1	0.5
Financial activities	46.3	1.0	2.2
Professional and business services	128.2	11.7	10.0
Education and health services	94.9	2.5	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	96.9	5.3	5.8
Other services	34.6	0.9	2.7
Government	173.1	5.7	3.4

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

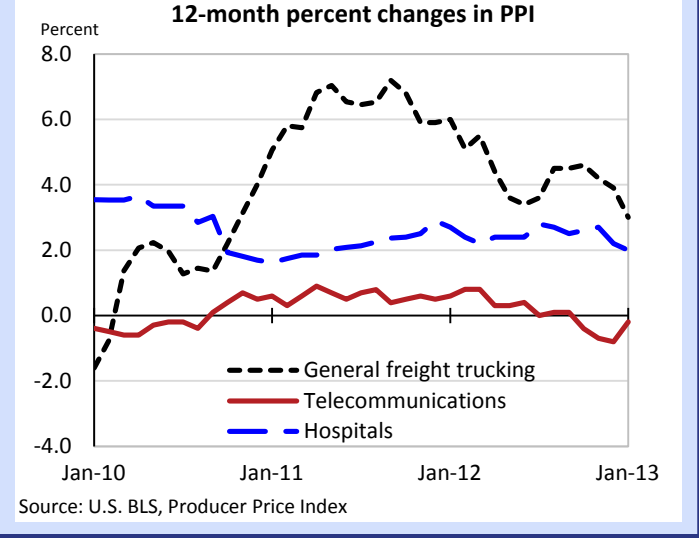
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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	Austin area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.76	\$21.74
General dentists	90.89	77.76
Human resources managers	57.41	52.21
Computer hardware engineers	47.03	48.73
Computer systems analysts	40.99	39.58
Accountants and auditors	33.31	33.72
Registered nurses	33.09	33.23
Librarians	26.93	27.41
Customer service representatives	15.86	15.92
Team assemblers	12.38	14.30
Retail salespersons	12.19	12.08
Construction laborers	11.71	16.43
Fast food cooks	8.66	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

