

# Denver Area Selected Economic Data

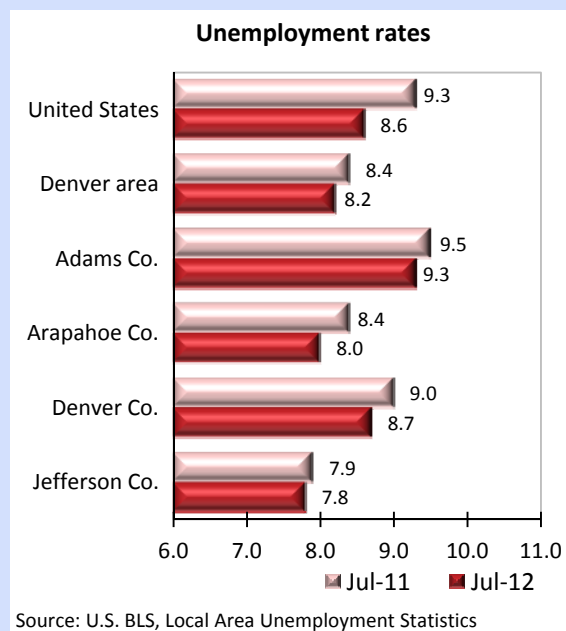


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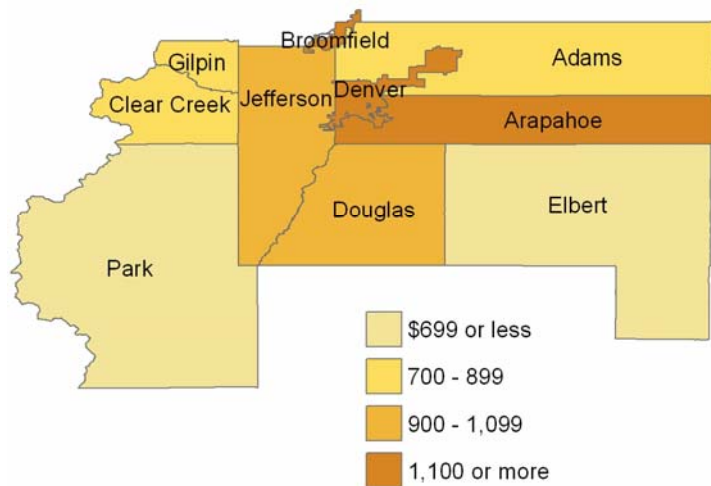
This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Denver** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions 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 Denver area, selected area counties, and the nation

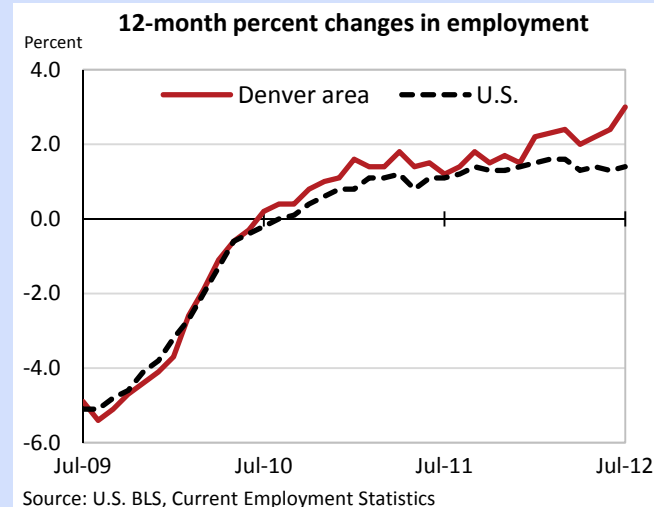


## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Denver area, 4th quarter 2011  
(U.S. = \$955; Area = \$1,067)



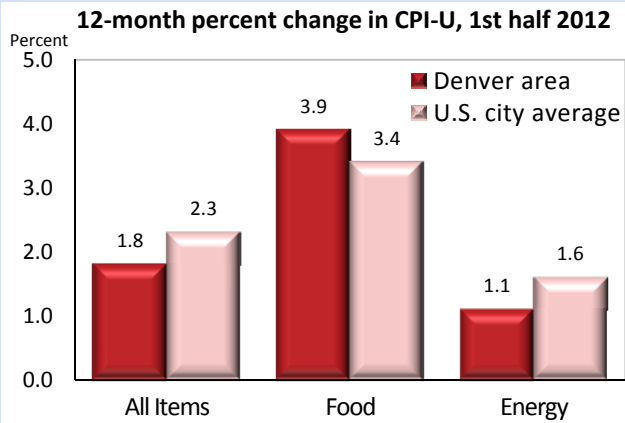
## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Denver area employment (numbers in thousands)	July 2012	Change from July 2011 to July 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,253.8	36.6	3.0
Mining, logging, and construction	75.1	4.6	6.5
Manufacturing	63.4	0.4	0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	239.1	8.1	3.5
Information	43.3	-1.5	-3.3
Financial activities	93.3	3.0	3.3
Professional and business services	220.8	7.0	3.3
Education and health services	153.2	6.3	4.3
Leisure and hospitality	143.2	5.9	4.3
Other services	50.2	1.2	2.4
Government	172.2	1.6	0.9

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

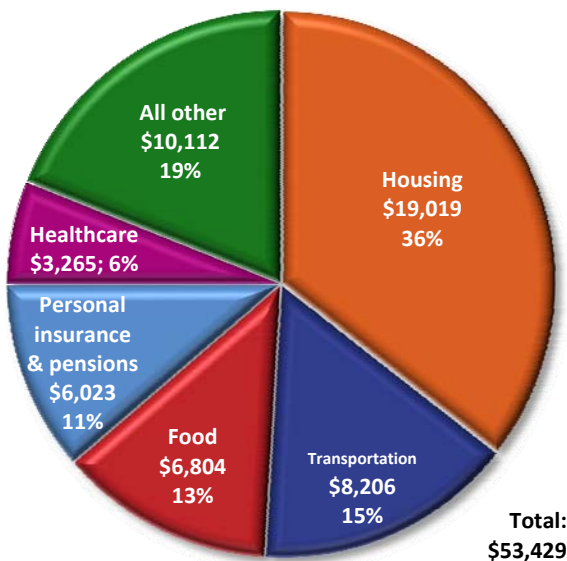
**Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

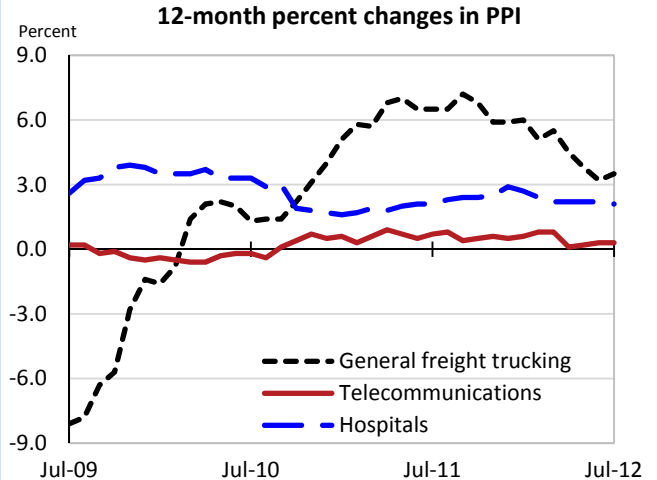
**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

**West region average annual expenditures 2010**



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	Denver area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.19	\$21.74
General dentists	66.03	77.76
Petroleum engineers	61.93	66.82
Human resources managers	59.98	52.21
Computer systems analysts	42.31	39.58
Accountants and auditors	36.14	33.72
Registered nurses	34.46	33.23
Machinists	19.61	19.48
Medical secretaries	17.19	15.59
Customer service representatives	17.05	15.92
Construction laborers	14.64	16.43
Retail salespersons	13.31	12.08
Fast food cooks	8.66	9.00

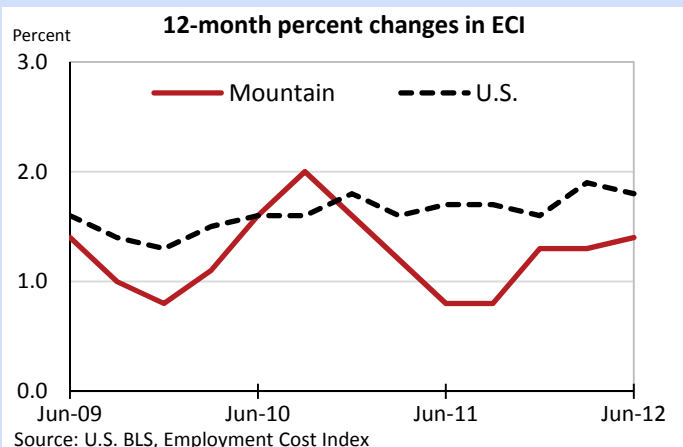
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2011

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

Private industry, March 2012	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.00	\$28.78
Wages and salaries	20.17	20.25
Total benefits	7.83	8.53
Paid leave	1.89	1.98
Vacation	1.03	1.02
Supplemental pay	0.74	0.83
Insurance	1.95	2.34
Retirement and savings	1.03	1.02
Legally required benefits	2.22	2.36

(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation

**Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries**



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index