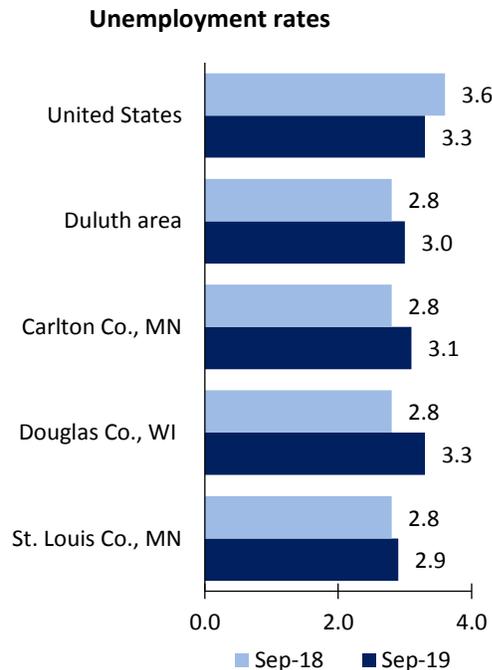


# Duluth Area Economic Summary

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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, and 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/economic-summaries.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

Unemployment rates for the Duluth Area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

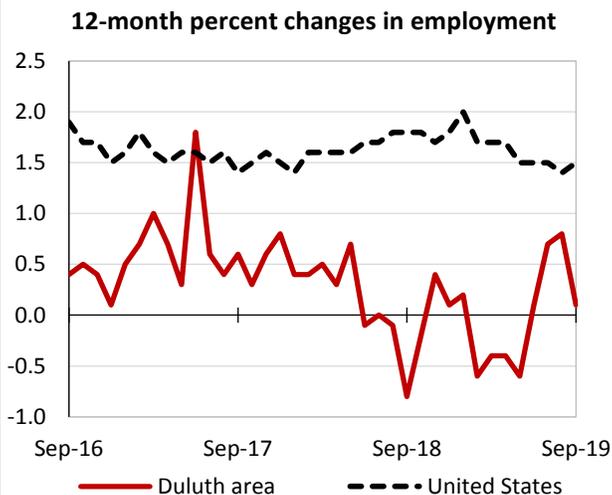
Duluth area, first quarter 2019

(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$899)



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



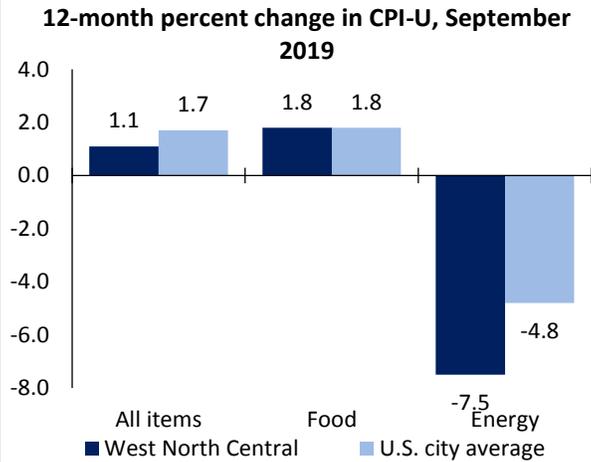
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Duluth area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2019	Change from Sep. 2018 to Sep. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	137.7	0.1	0.1
Mining, logging, and construction	10.6	0.4	3.9
Manufacturing	7.9	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	24.5	0.0	0.0
Information	1.2	-0.1	-7.7
Financial activities	5.5	-0.1	-1.8
Professional and business services	8.2	0.3	3.8
Education and health services	31.7	-0.5	-1.6
Leisure and hospitality	15.4	0.2	1.3
Other services	6.6	0.0	0.0
Government	26.1	-0.1	-0.4

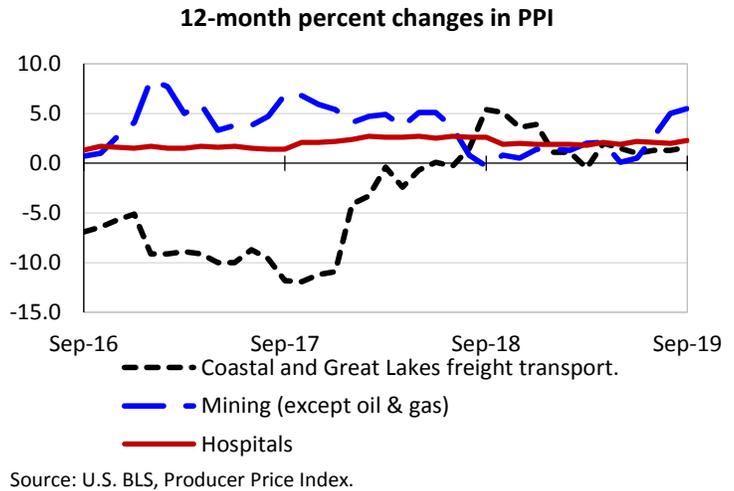
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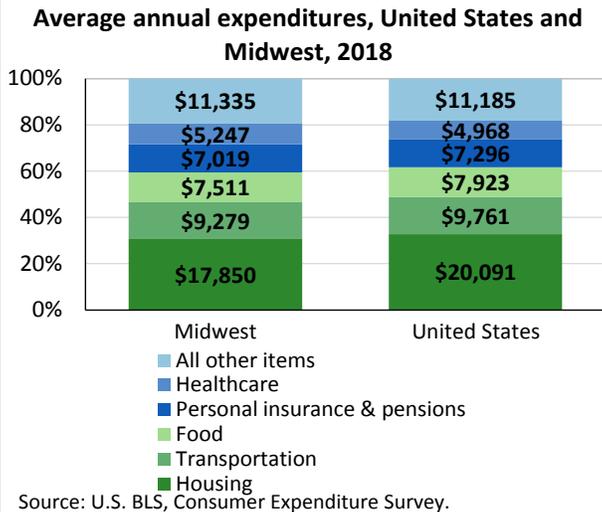
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Duluth area	United States
All occupations	\$22.63	\$24.98
Occupational health and safety specialists	36.62	36.03
Vocational education teachers, postsecondary	27.20	28.14
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	22.60	21.91
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks	17.18	20.26
Cooks, restaurant	12.95	13.26
Personal care aides	12.01	12.06

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, June 2019	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	\$31.37	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	21.90	24.14
Total benefits	9.47	10.30
Paid leave	2.17	2.47
Vacation	1.16	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.11
Insurance	2.71	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.11	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.47	2.66

(1) The states that compose the West North Central census division are: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

