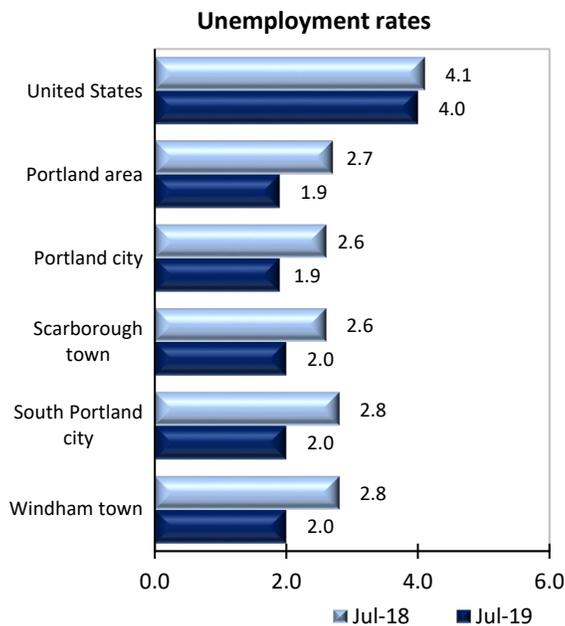


# Portland, ME, Area Economic Summary

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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).

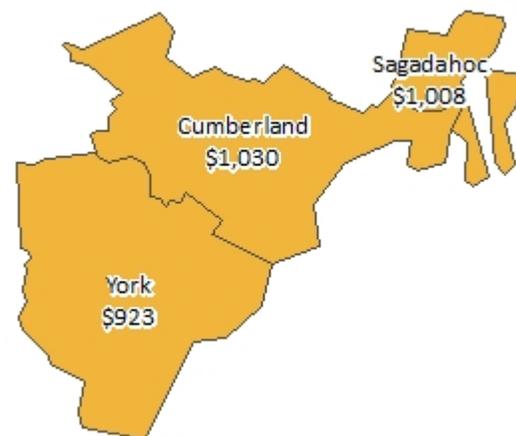
## Unemployment rates for the Portland area, selected area cities, towns and the nation



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

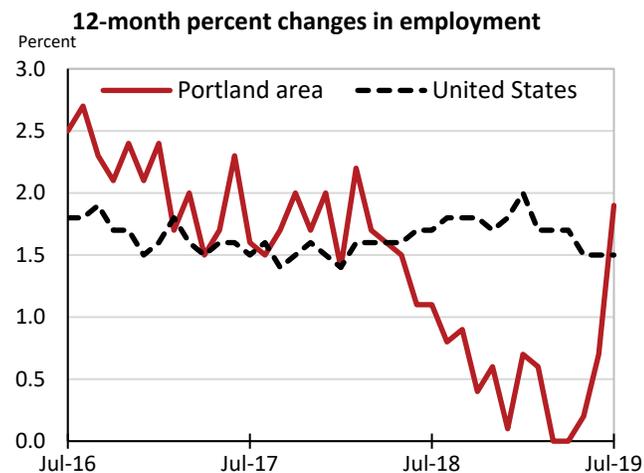
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Portland area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,001)



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



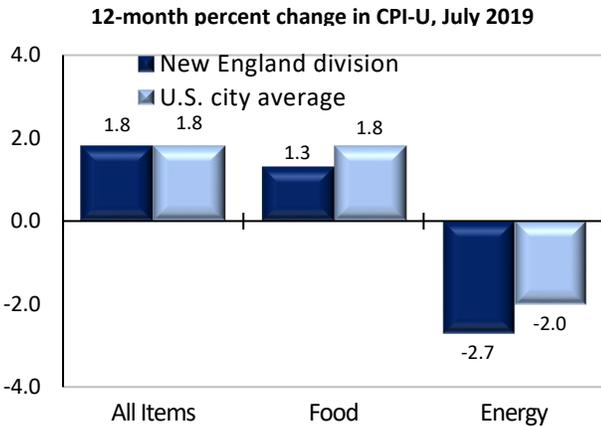
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Portland area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	219.6	4.2	1.9
Mining, logging, and construction	11.0	0.5	4.8
Manufacturing	15.0	0.8	5.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	39.4	-0.6	-1.5
Information	3.3	-0.1	-2.9
Financial activities	16.9	0.3	1.8
Professional and business services	29.8	0.2	0.7
Education and health services	42.1	0.6	1.4
Leisure and hospitality	32.3	2.0	6.6
Other services	8.6	0.3	3.6
Government	21.2	0.2	1.0

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

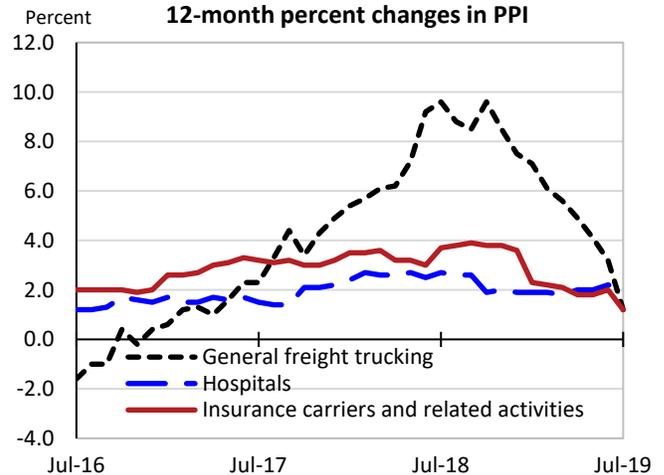


Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

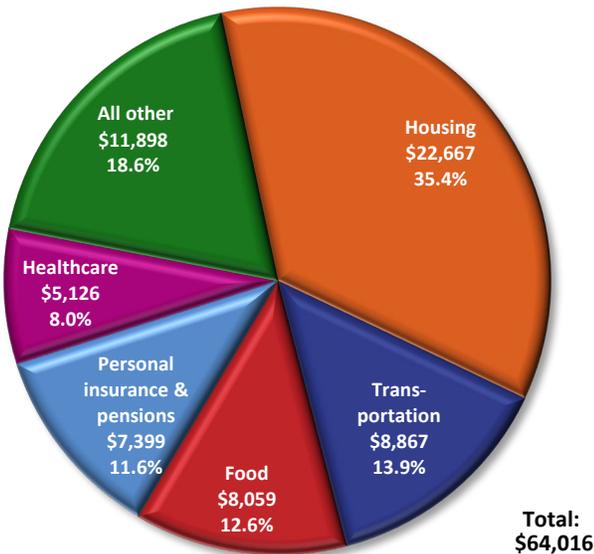
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2017



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Portland area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.65	\$24.98
General and operations managers	55.78	59.56
Accountants and auditors	37.74	37.89
Registered nurses	34.17	36.30
Office clerks, general	17.58	16.92
Construction laborers	16.82	19.40
Nursing assistants	14.81	14.22
Waiters and waitresses	13.95	12.42
Retail salespersons	13.37	13.61
Personal care aides	12.45	12.06
Cooks, fast food	12.43	10.89
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	12.34	12.30
Cashiers	11.85	11.17

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

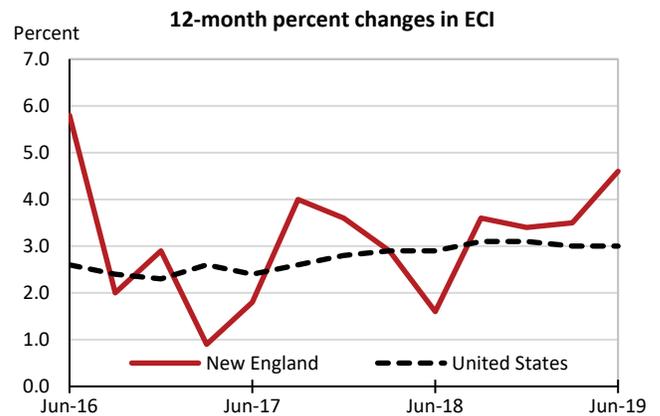
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2019	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$41.13	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	28.19	24.17
Total benefits	12.94	10.33
Paid leave	3.28	2.48
Vacation	1.71	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.31	1.10
Insurance	3.40	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.91	1.33
Legally required benefits	3.04	2.66

(1) New England includes CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.