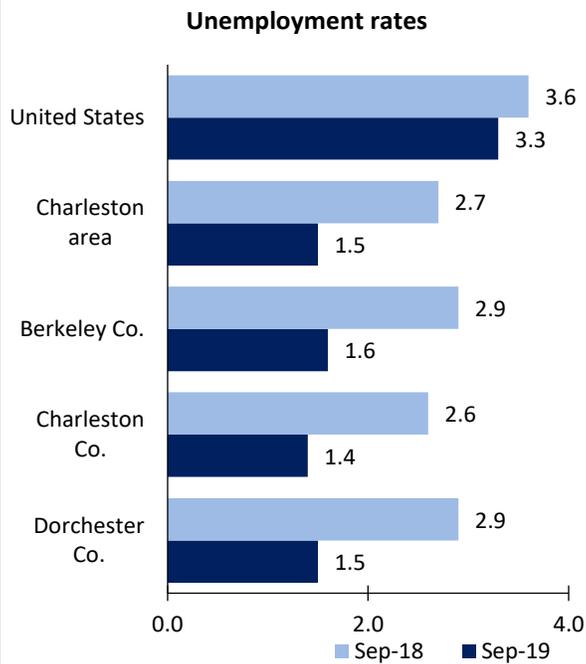


Charleston, SC, Area Economic Summary

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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.

Unemployment rates for the Charleston, SC, Area, selected area counties, and the nation

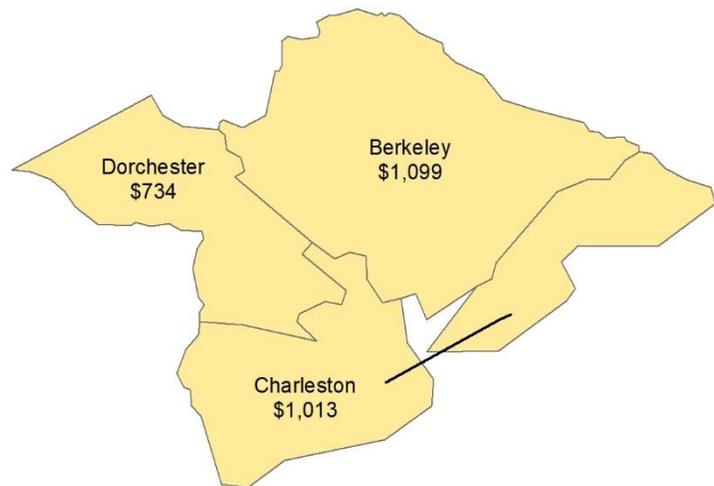


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

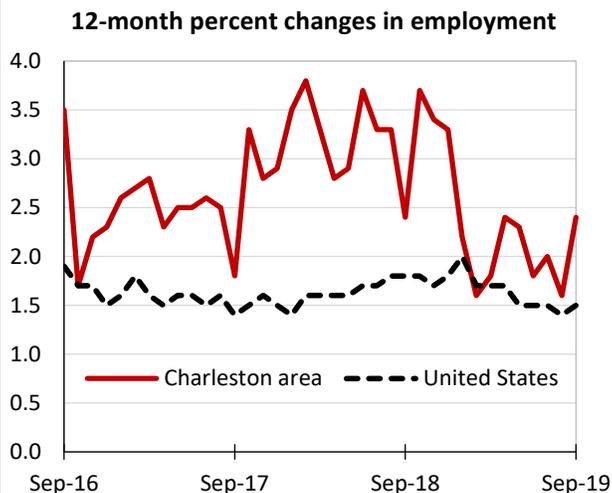
Charleston area, first quarter 2019

(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$997)



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.

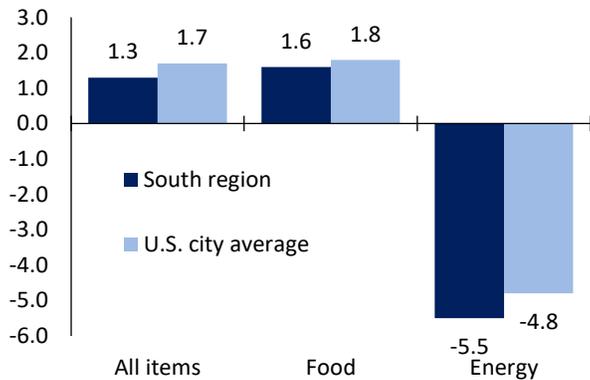
Charleston area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2019	Change from Sep. 2018 to Sep. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	370.8	8.8	2.4
Mining, logging, and construction	22.9	1.0	4.6
Manufacturing	28.0	0.6	2.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	69.5	2.7	4.0
Information	6.5	0.2	3.2
Financial activities	16.2	0.3	1.9
Professional and business services	55.9	-1.3	-2.3
Education and health services	41.8	-0.3	-0.7
Leisure and hospitality	47.9	4.0	9.1
Other services	14.6	0.2	1.4
Government	67.5	1.4	2.1

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



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

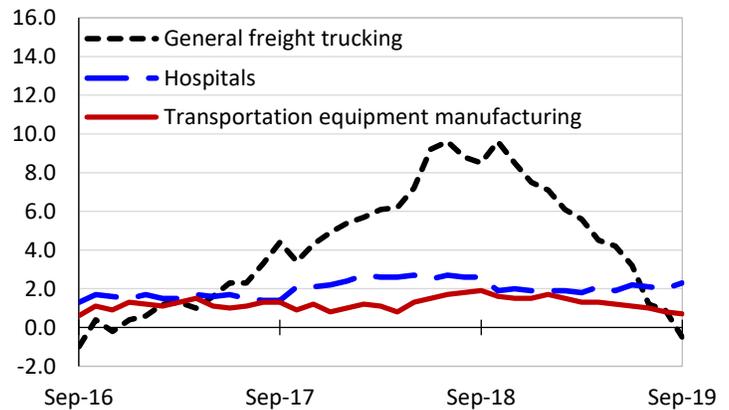
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September



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

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

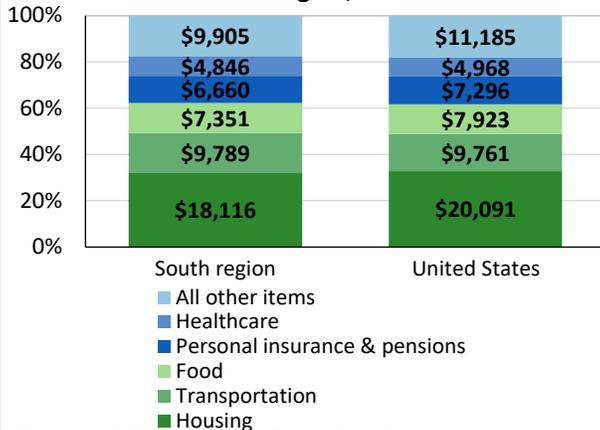
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2018



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Charleston area	United States
All occupations	\$22.21	\$24.98
General and operations managers	51.20	59.56
Registered nurses	36.43	36.30
Accountants and auditors	28.04	37.89
Medical assistants	16.70	16.61
Construction laborers	13.85	19.40
Retail salespersons	13.01	13.61

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

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

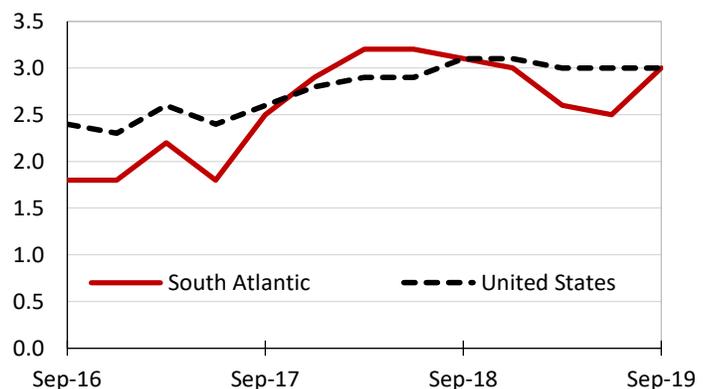
Private industry, June 2019	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.64	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	22.50	24.14
Total benefits	9.14	10.30
Paid leave	2.21	2.47
Vacation	1.14	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.11
Insurance	2.36	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.18	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.66

(1) The states that compose the South Atlantic census division are: DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

