

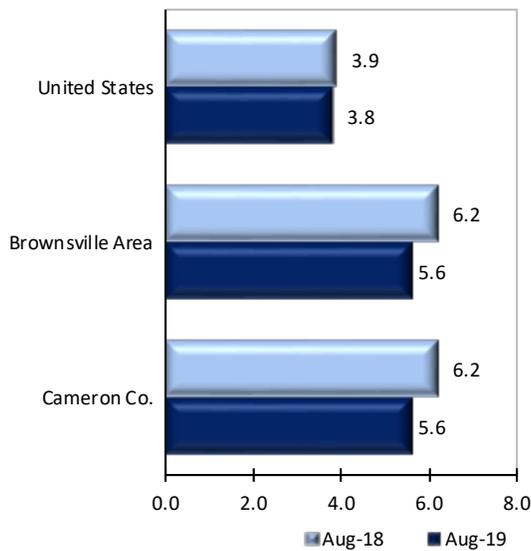
# Brownsville Area Economic Summary

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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 Brownsville area, selected area counties, and the nation

Unemployment rates

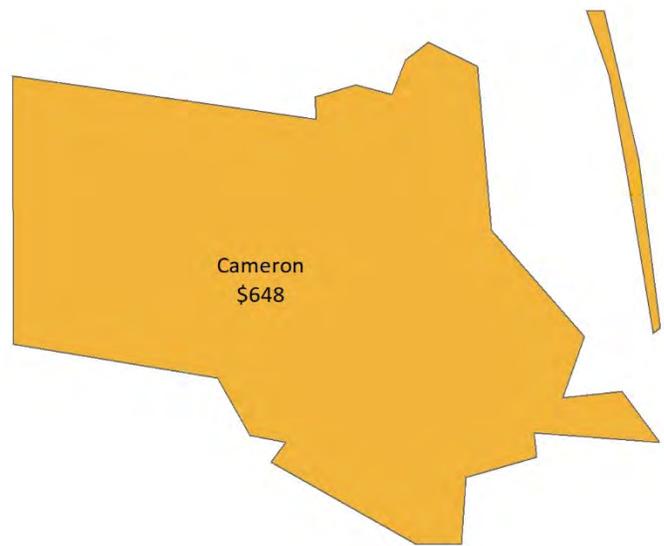


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Brownsville area, 1st quarter 2019

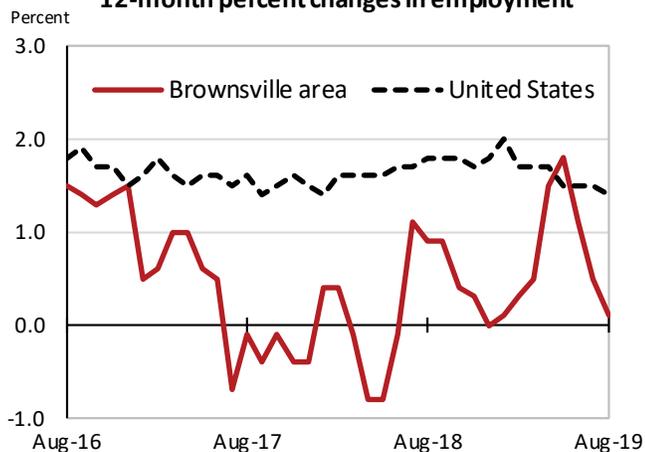
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$648)



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

12-month percent changes in employment



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

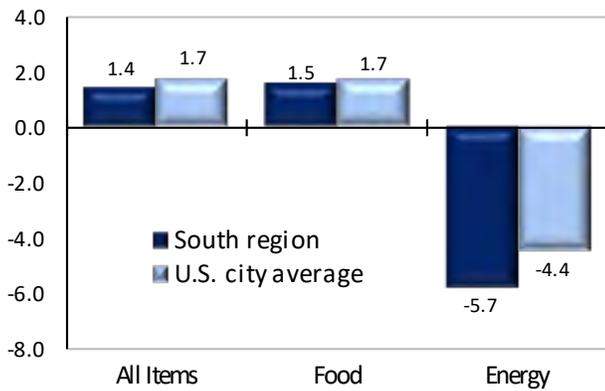
| Brownsville area employment (numbers in thousands) | Aug. 2019 | Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019 |         |
|--|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
|  |           | Number                             | Percent |
| Total nonfarm                                      | 141.7     | 0.1                                | 0.1     |
| Mining, logging, and construction                  | 2.7       | -0.2                               | -6.9    |
| Manufacturing                                      | 5.6       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities               | 25.4      | -0.3                               | -1.2    |
| Information  | 0.7       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Financial activities                               | 5.3       | -0.1                               | -1.9    |
| Professional and business services                 | 12.2      | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Education and health services                      | 40.3      | 0.2                                | 0.5     |
| Leisure and hospitality                            | 16.8      | 0.2                                | 1.2     |
| Other services                                     | 3.1       | 0.1                                | 3.3     |
| Government   | 29.6      | 0.2                                | 0.7     |

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



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

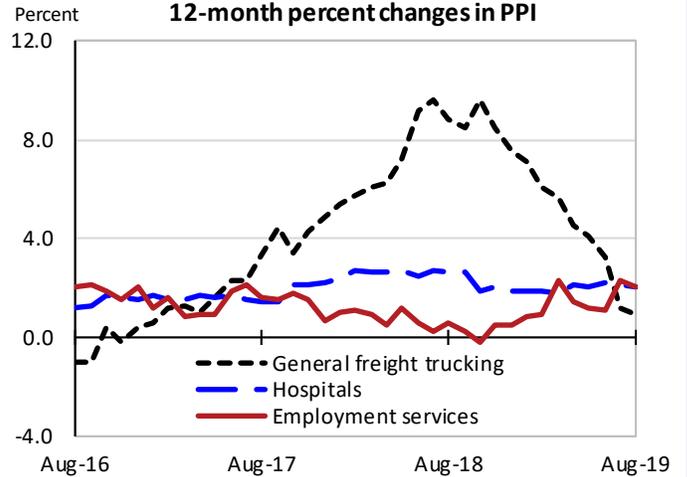
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2019



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

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

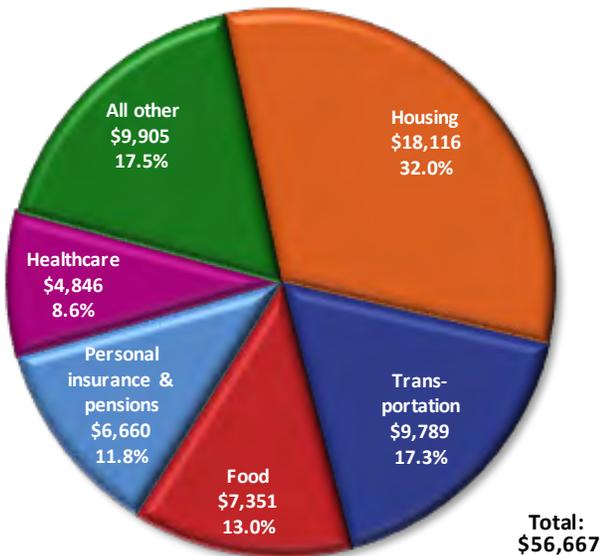
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2018



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

| Occupation                              | Brownsville area | United States |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| Total, all occupations                  | \$16.94          | \$24.98       |
| General and operations managers         | 43.36            | 59.56         |
| Registered nurses                       | 35.24            | 36.30         |
| Accountants and auditors                | 31.11            | 37.89         |
| Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers | 21.88            | 21.91         |
| Retail salespersons                     | 13.89            | 13.61         |
| Medical secretaries                     | 13.47            | 17.83         |
| Office clerks, general                  | 13.26            | 16.92         |
| Construction laborers                   | 13.02            | 19.40         |
| Stock clerks and order fillers          | 12.06            | 13.71         |
| Customer service representatives        | 11.02            | 17.53         |
| Personal care aides                     | 9.87             | 12.06         |
| Cooks, fast food                        | 9.67             | 10.89         |

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

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

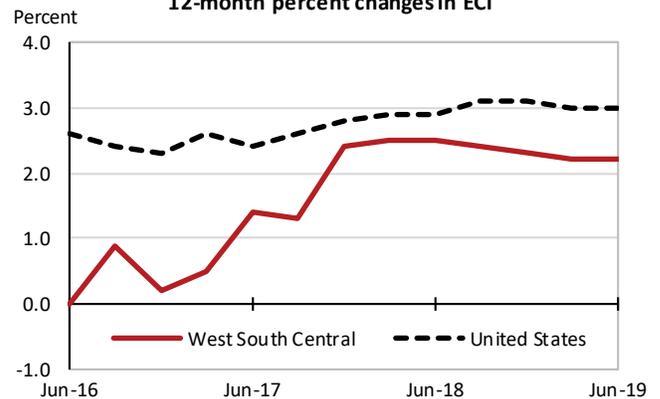
| Private industry, June 2019 | West South Central (1) | United States |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Total compensation          | \$32.21                | \$34.44       |
| Wages and salaries          | 23.24                  | 24.14         |
| Total benefits              | 8.97                   | 10.30         |
| Paid leave                  | 2.18                   | 2.47          |
| Vacation                    | 1.09                   | 1.27          |
| Supplemental pay            | 1.23                   | 1.11          |
| Insurance                   | 2.12                   | 2.76          |
| Retirement and savings      | 1.04                   | 1.31          |
| Legally required benefits   | 2.40                   | 2.66          |

(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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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