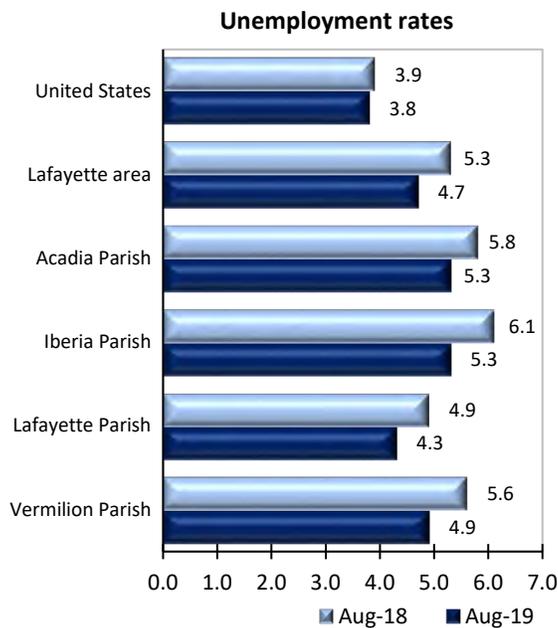


# Lafayette, LA, Area Economic Summary

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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).

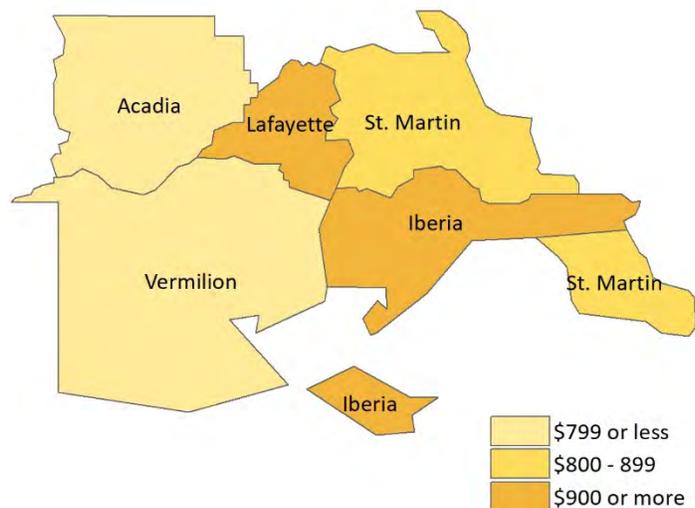
## Unemployment rates for the Lafayette area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

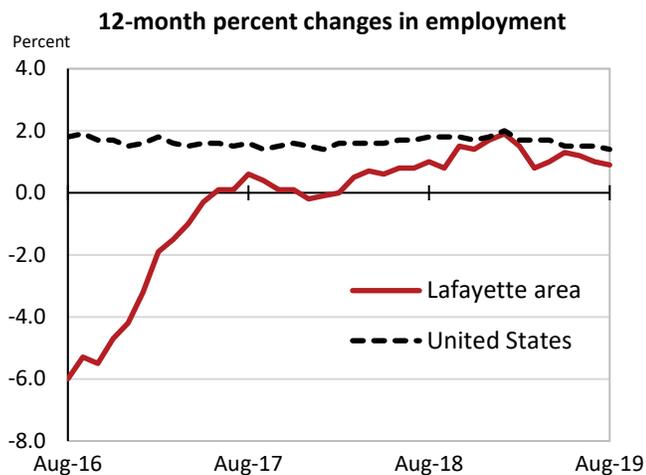
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Lafayette area, 1st quarter 2019  
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$882)



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



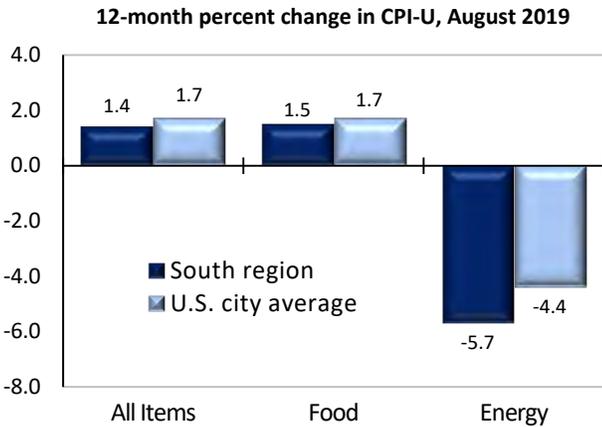
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Lafayette area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2019	Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	205.3	1.9	0.9
Mining and logging	12.8	-0.4	-3.0
Construction	9.7	-0.3	-3.0
Manufacturing	16.1	0.5	3.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	42.4	0.6	1.4
Information	2.3	-0.1	-4.2
Financial activities	10.9	-0.1	-0.9
Professional and business services	21.8	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	32.9	0.6	1.9
Leisure and hospitality	22.2	0.6	2.8
Other services	7.3	0.1	1.4
Government	26.9	0.4	1.5

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



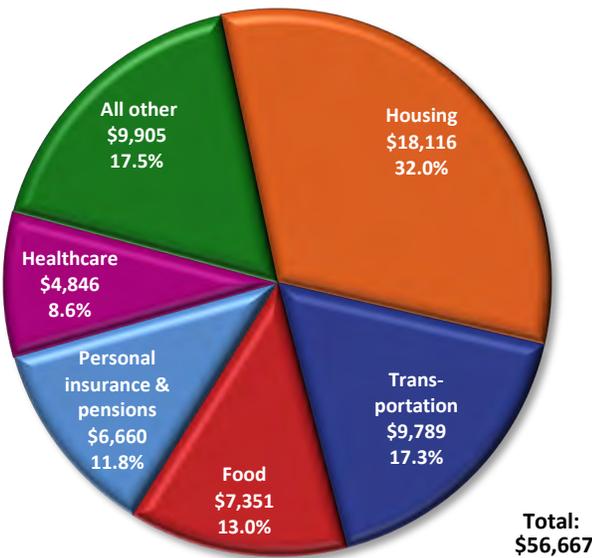
**Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories**



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

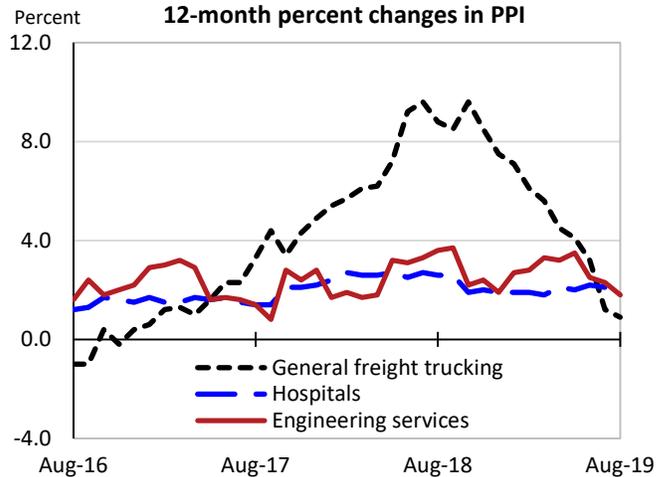
**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

**South Region average annual expenditures 2018**



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	Lafayette area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$19.49	\$24.98
Human resources managers	36.62	60.91
Accountants and auditors	31.98	37.89
Registered nurses	30.26	36.30
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	22.38	21.33
Riggers	22.20	24.68
Machinists	21.87	21.75
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	18.96	21.91
Roustabouts, oil and gas	18.89	19.34
Construction laborers	16.53	19.40
Customer service representatives	15.65	17.53
Retail salespersons	12.72	13.61
Cooks, fast food	9.60	10.89

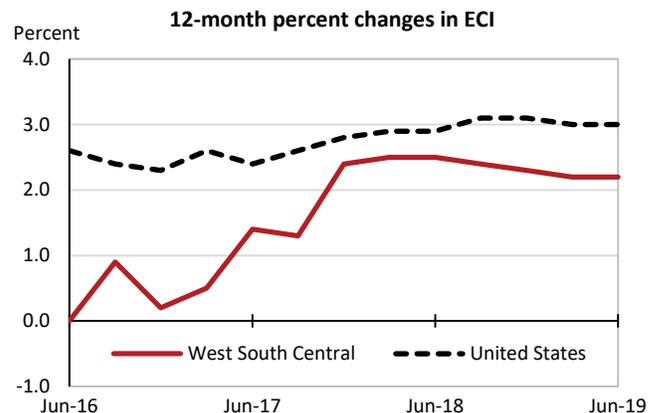
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

**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**



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

