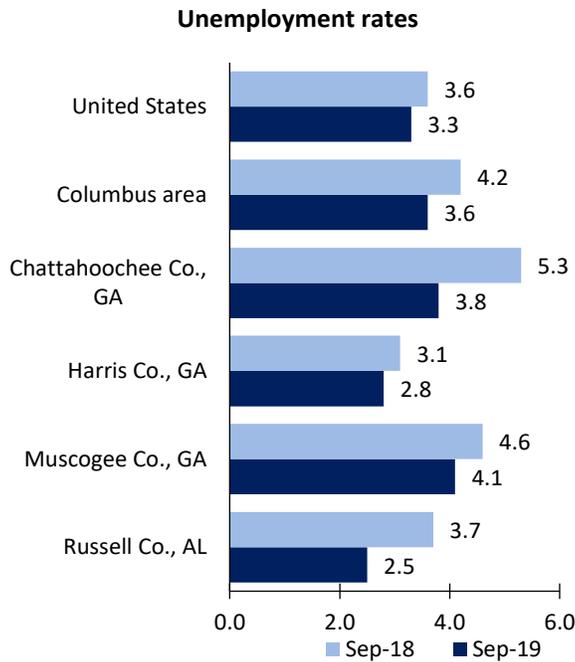


Columbus, GA-AL, Area Economic Summary

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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 Columbus, GA-AL, Area, selected area counties, and the nation

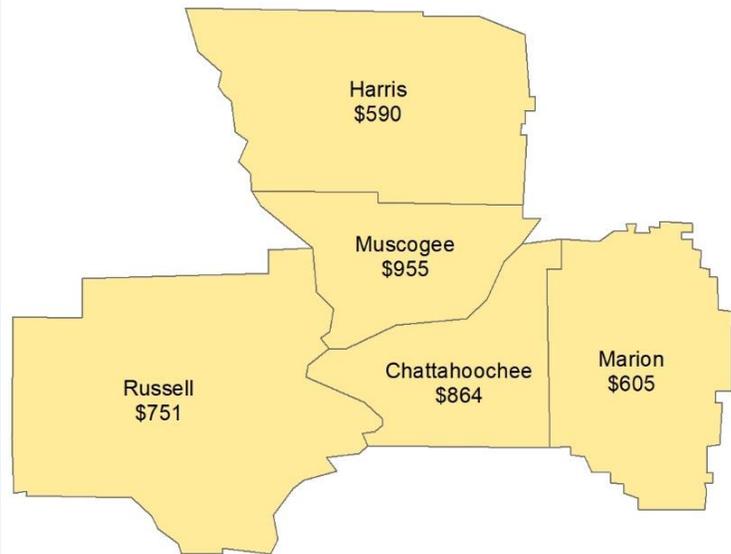


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

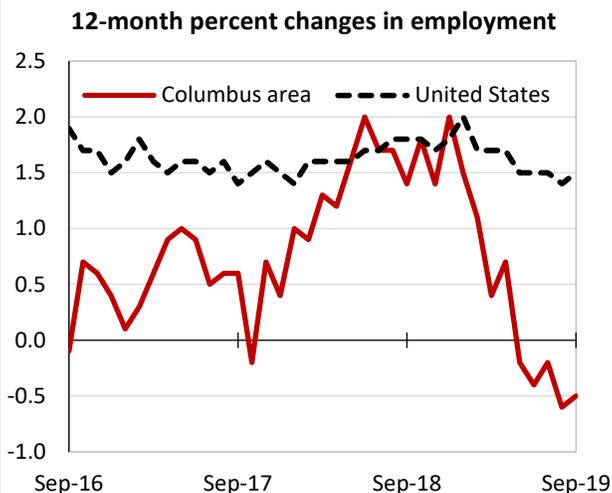
Columbus area, first quarter 2019

(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$908)



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.

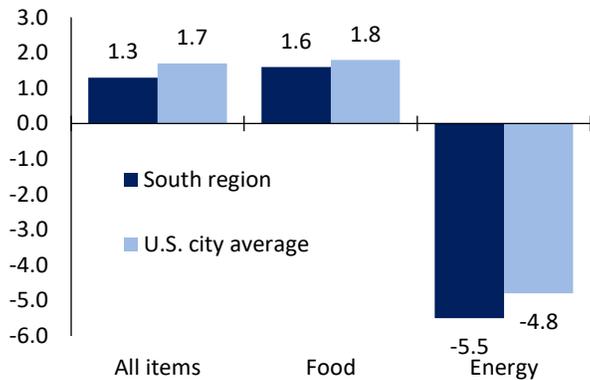
| Columbus area employment (number in thousands) | Sep. 2019 | Change from Sep. 2018 to Sep. 2019 | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Number | Percent |
| Total nonfarm | 122.0 | -0.6 | -0.5 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 5.2 | 0.3 | 6.1 |
| Manufacturing | 10.9 | -0.2 | -1.8 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 18.8 | 0.6 | 3.3 |
| Information | 1.2 | -0.1 | -7.7 |
| Financial activities | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Professional and business services | 13.3 | -1.1 | -7.6 |
| Education and health services | 16.4 | 0.5 | 3.1 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 15.1 | 0.4 | 2.7 |
| Other services | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Government | 23.3 | -1.0 | -4.1 |

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



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

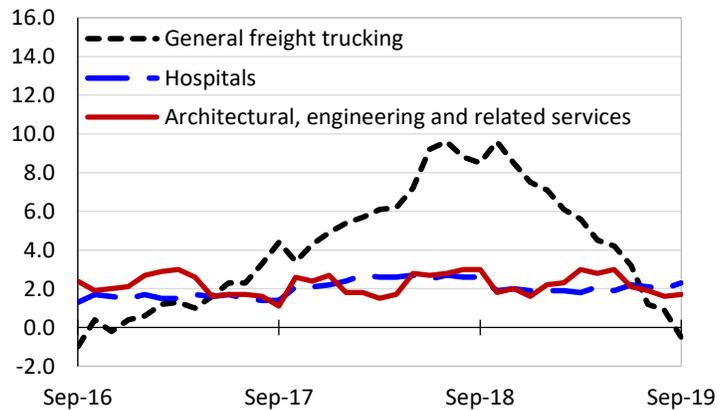
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September



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

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

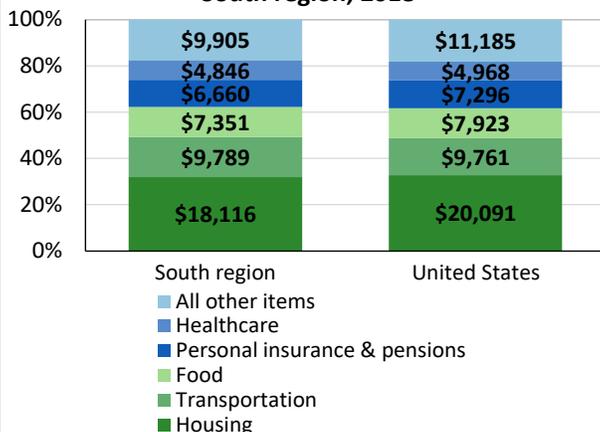
12-month percent changes in PPI



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 | Columbus area | United States |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| All occupations | \$20.18 | \$24.98 |
| Accountants and auditors | 37.03 | 37.89 |
| Registered nurses | 29.44 | 36.30 |
| Customer service representatives | 14.43 | 17.53 |
| Office clerks, general | 14.07 | 16.92 |
| Construction laborers | 13.71 | 19.40 |
| Retail salespersons | 11.81 | 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

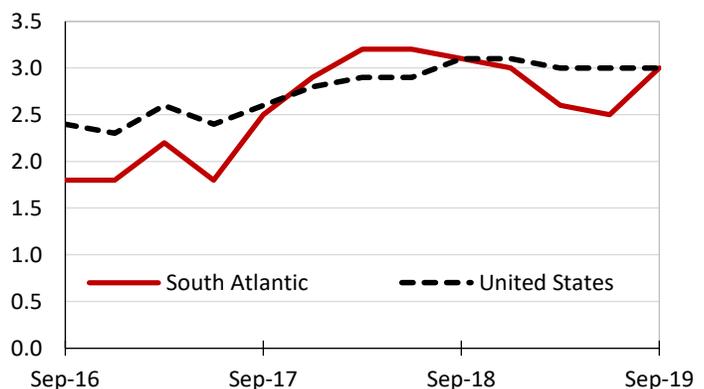
| Private industry, June 2019 | South Atlantic (1) | United States |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total compensation | \$31.64 | \$34.44 |
| Wages and salaries | 22.50 | 24.14 |
| Total benefits | 9.14 | 10.30 |
| Paid leave | 2.21 | 2.47 |
| Vacation | 1.14 | 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.

