

# Duluth Area Economic Summary

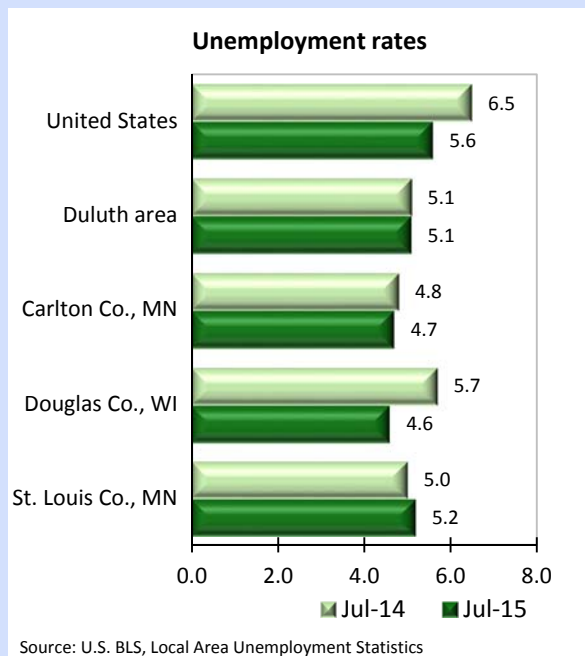


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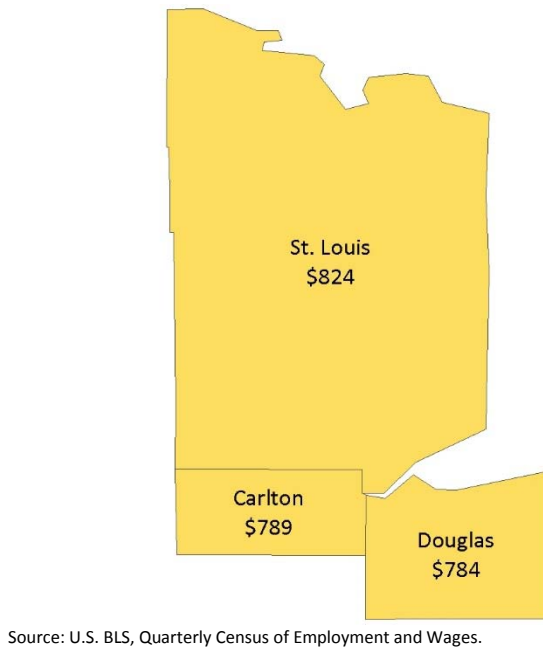
This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions 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 Duluth area, selected area counties, and the nation

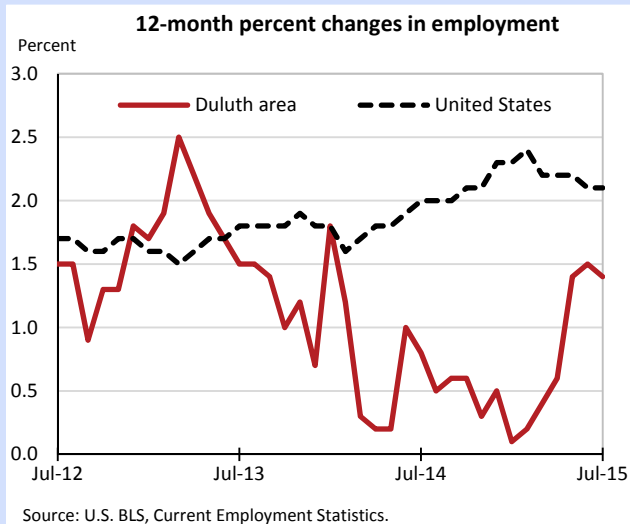


## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Duluth area, 4th quarter 2014  
(U.S. = \$1,035; Area = \$816)



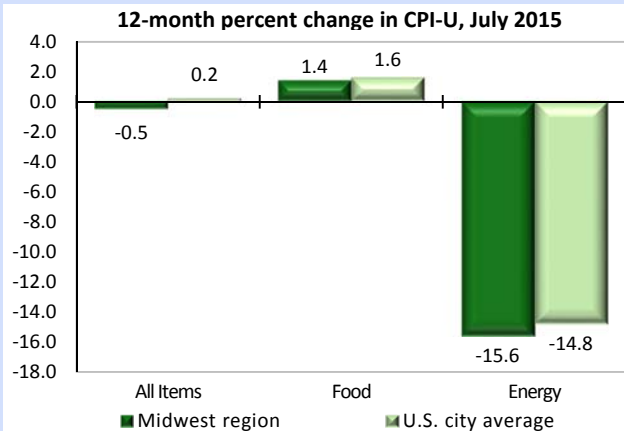
## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Duluth area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2015	Change from Jul. 2014 to Jul. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	136.1	1.9	1.4
Mining, logging, and construction	9.4	-0.7	-6.9
Manufacturing	7.4	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	25.7	0.4	1.6
Information	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	5.5	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	8.8	0.2	2.3
Education and health services	31.5	1.2	4.0
Leisure and hospitality	15.8	0.6	3.9
Other services	6.4	0.3	4.9
Government	24.2	-0.1	-0.4

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

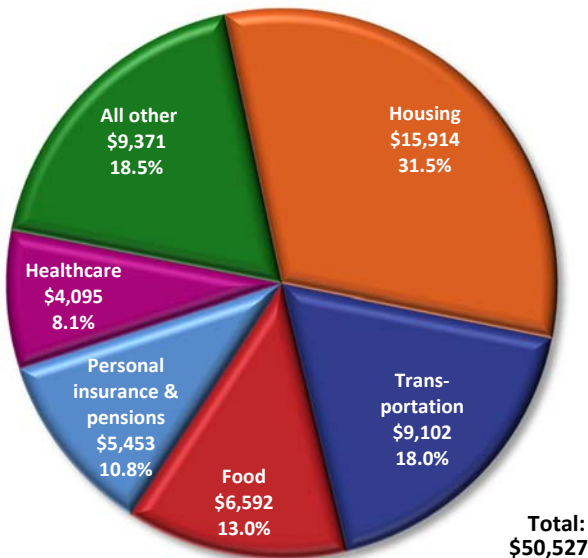
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

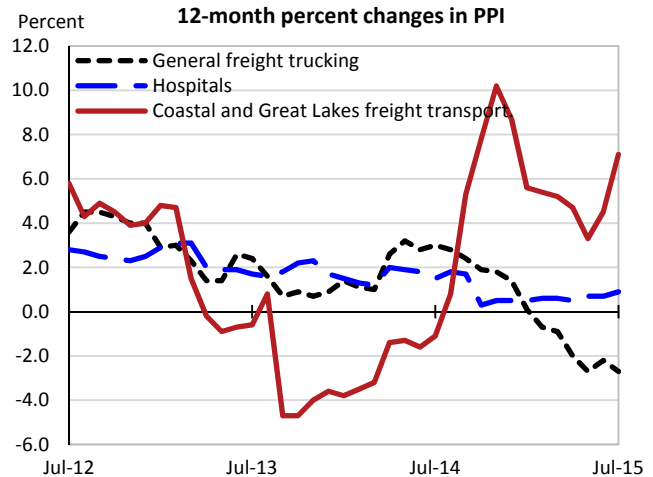
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2013



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	Duluth area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$19.91	\$22.71
Accountants and auditors	34.91	35.42
Registered nurses	32.10	33.55
Industrial machinery mechanics	29.98	24.25
Electricians	29.19	26.21
Construction laborers	17.54	17.19
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	16.15	18.30
Firefighters	15.58	23.44
Social and human service assistants	15.58	15.32
Tellers	11.41	12.81
Retail salespersons	11.02	12.38
Cooks, fast food	8.53	9.15

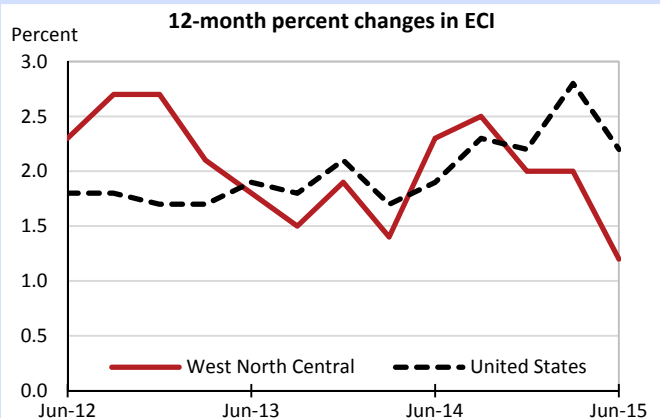
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2014.

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

Private industry, March 2015	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.29	\$31.65
Wages and salaries	19.81	21.94
Total benefits	8.49	9.71
Paid leave	1.97	2.18
Vacation	1.07	1.14
Supplemental pay	0.66	1.12
Insurance	2.52	2.58
Retirement and savings	1.10	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.24	2.51

(1) West North Central includes IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, and SD.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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