

Great Falls Area Economic Summary

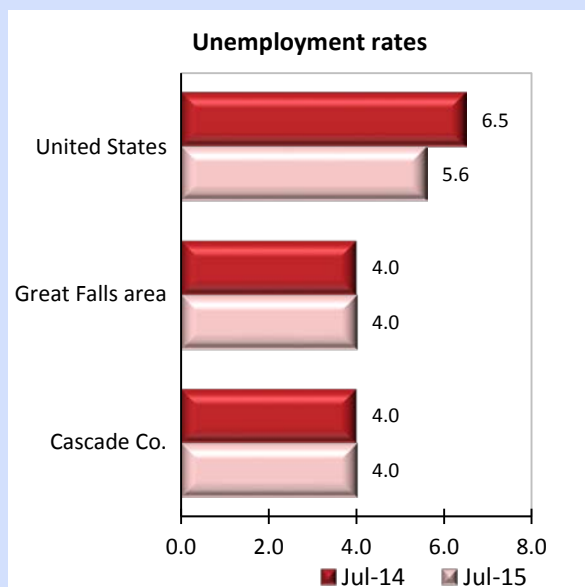


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted 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.

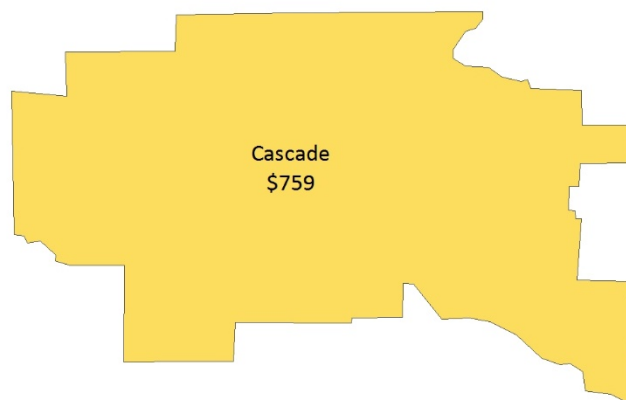
Unemployment rates for the Great Falls area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

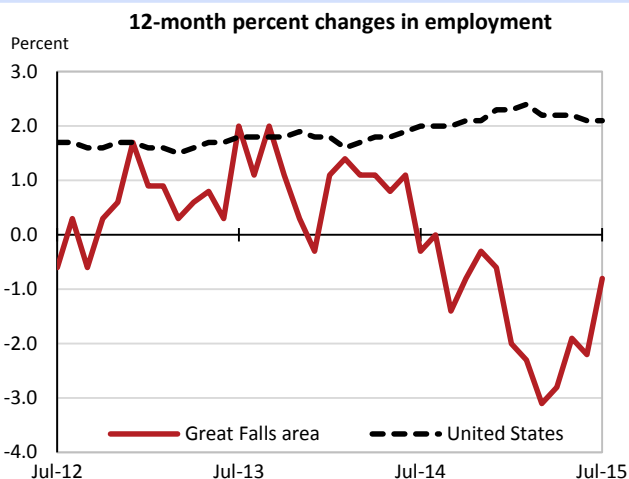
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Great Falls area, 4th quarter 2014
(U.S. = \$1,035; Area = \$759)



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

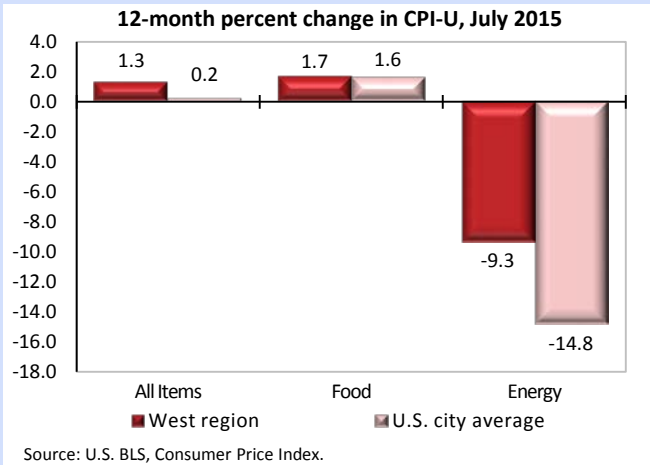


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

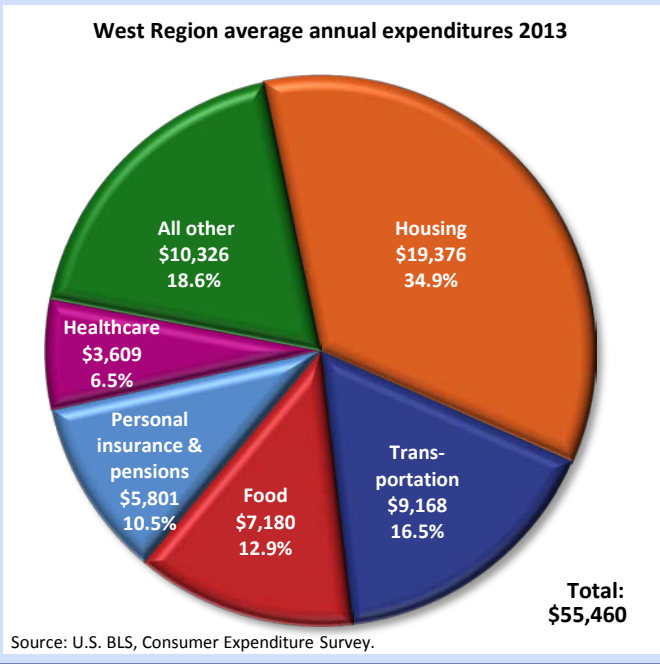
Great Falls area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2015	Change from Jul. 2014 to Jul. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	35.0	-0.3	-0.8
Mining, logging, and construction	-	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	-
Trade, transportation, and utilities	8.1	0.3	3.8
Information	-	-	-
Financial activities	-	-	-
Professional and business services	3.2	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	7.2	0.1	1.4
Leisure and hospitality	5.1	0.0	0.0
Other services	-	-	-
Government	4.5	0.1	2.3

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

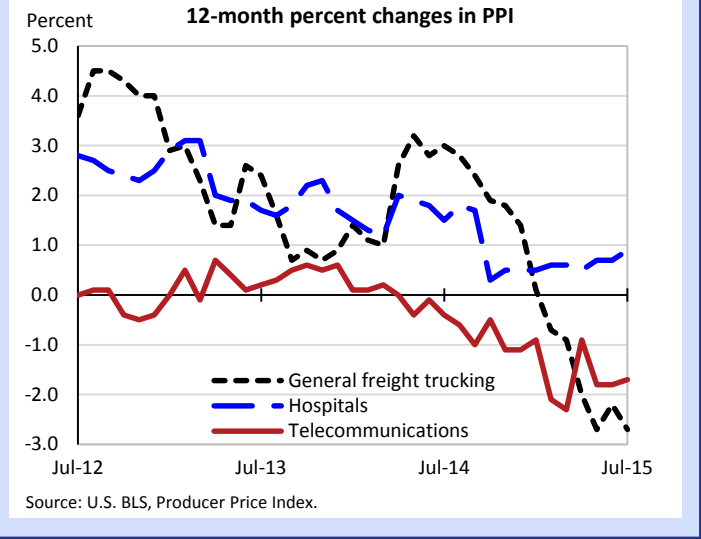
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Great Falls area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$17.97	\$22.71
General and operations managers	40.94	56.35
Registered nurses	29.18	33.55
Accountants and auditors	27.64	35.42
Carpenters	19.65	21.92
Construction laborers	18.80	17.19
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	18.47	20.16
Medical secretaries	15.22	16.12
Computer user support specialists	14.57	24.76
Customer service representatives	12.46	16.29
Retail salespersons	11.47	12.38
Tellers	11.04	12.81
Fast food cooks	8.74	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	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$27.91	\$31.65
Wages and salaries	20.05	21.94
Total benefits	7.87	9.71
Paid leave	1.72	2.18
Vacation	0.89	1.14
Supplemental pay	0.73	1.12
Insurance	2.20	2.58
Retirement and savings	0.97	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.25	2.51

(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, and WY.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

