

Altoona Area Economic Summary

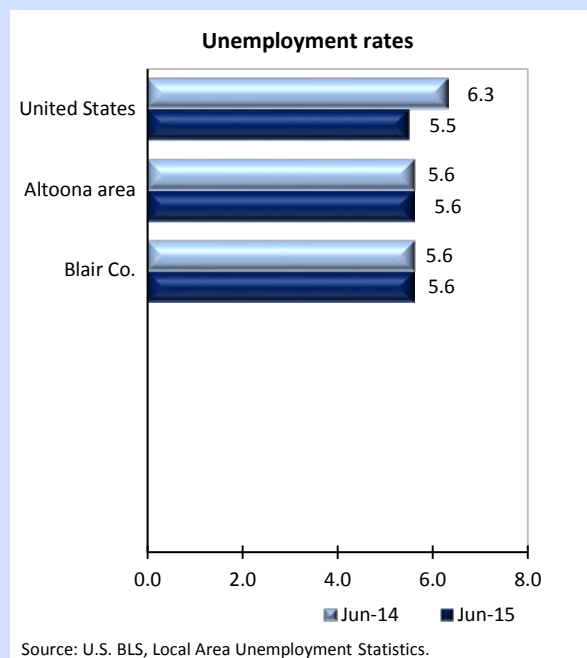


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

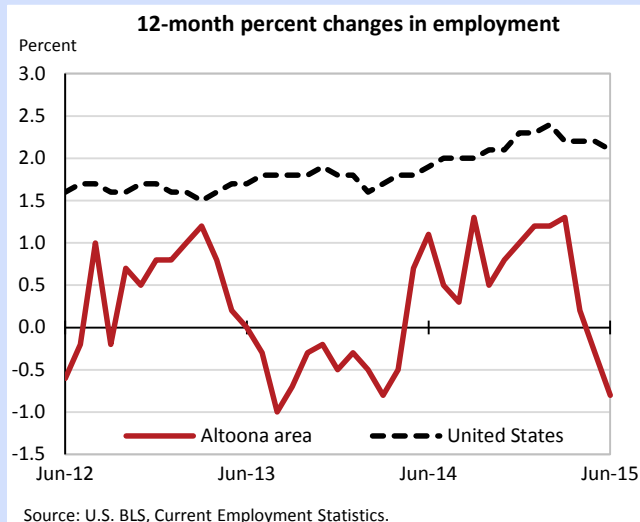


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Altoona area, 4th quarter 2014
(U.S. = \$1,035; Area = \$762)



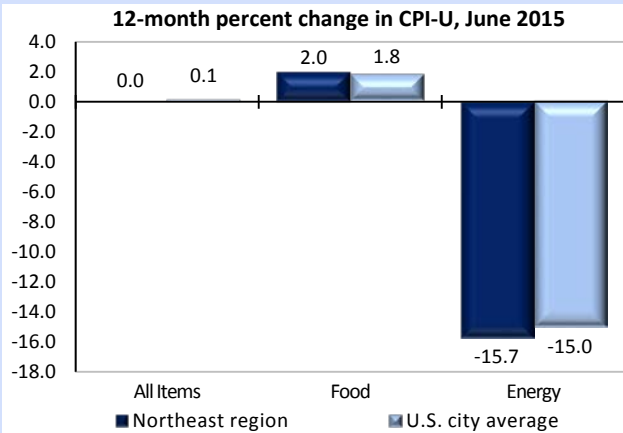
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Altoona area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jun. 2015	Change from Jun. 2014 to Jun. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	61.5	-0.5	-0.8
Mining, logging, and construction	2.8	-0.1	-3.4
Manufacturing	7.5	-0.2	-2.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	14.4	0.0	0.0
Information	0.9	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	1.5	-0.1	-6.3
Professional and business services	5.7	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	12.7	0.5	4.1
Leisure and hospitality	5.6	-0.3	-5.1
Other services	2.6	-0.2	-7.1
Government	7.8	-0.1	-1.3

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

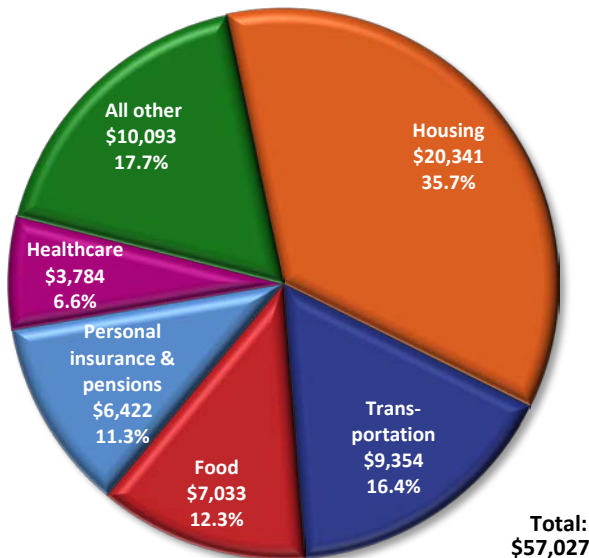
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

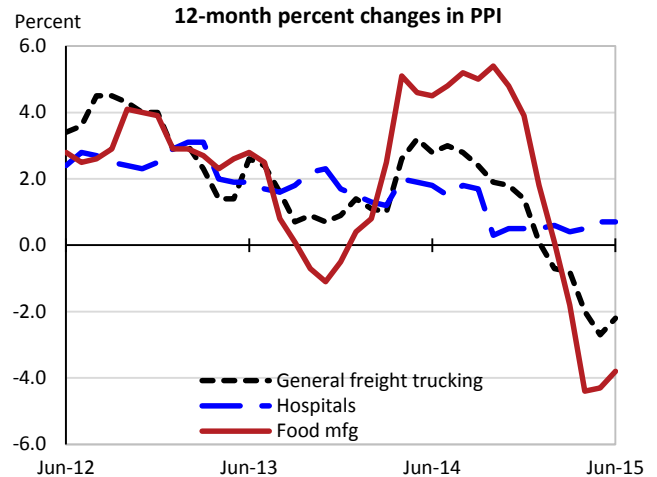
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast 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	Altoona area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$18.08	\$22.71
Accountants and auditors	29.85	35.42
Carpenters	18.85	21.92
Construction laborers	15.09	17.19
Team assemblers	12.79	14.78
Customer service representatives	12.74	16.29
Office clerks, general	12.67	14.82
Stock clerks and order fillers	11.82	12.20
Retail salespersons	11.66	12.38
Waiters and waitresses	9.50	10.40
Cashiers	8.88	9.93
Cooks, fast food	8.28	9.15
Registered nurses	-	33.55

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

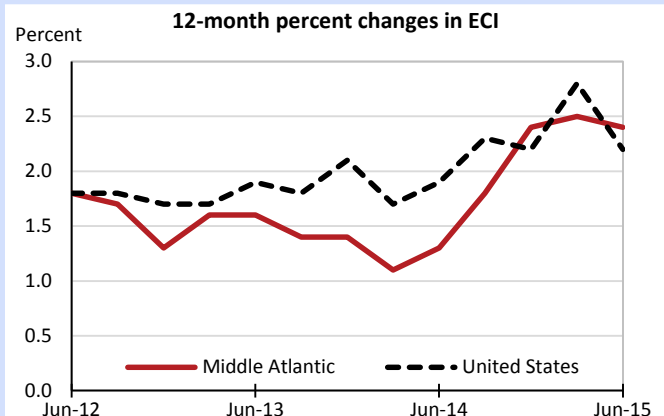
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2015	Middle Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$39.14	\$31.65
Wages and salaries	25.60	21.94
Total benefits	13.54	9.71
Paid leave	2.92	2.18
Vacation	1.47	1.14
Supplemental pay	2.61	1.12
Insurance	3.27	2.58
Retirement and savings	1.74	1.31
Legally required benefits	3.00	2.51

(1) Middle Atlantic includes NJ, NY, and PA.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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