

# Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Area Economic Summary

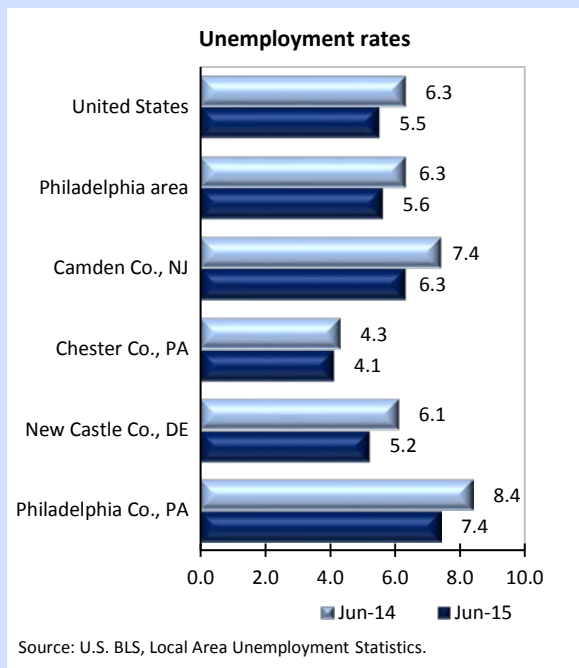


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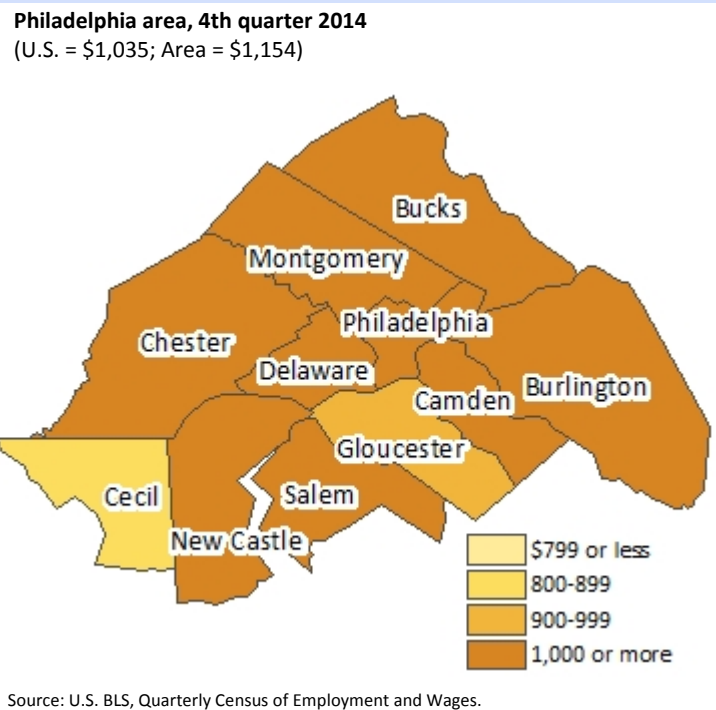
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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

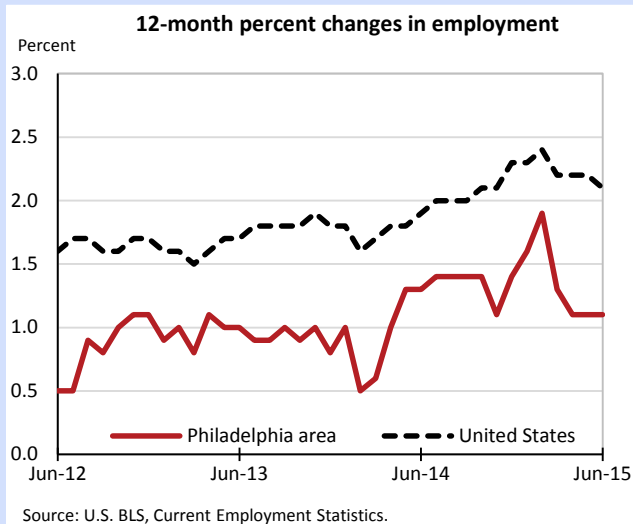
## Unemployment rates for the Philadelphia area, selected area counties, and the nation



## Average weekly wages for all industries by county



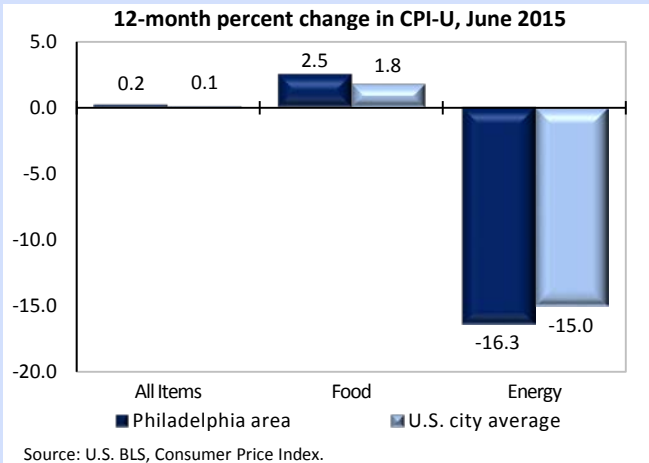
## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



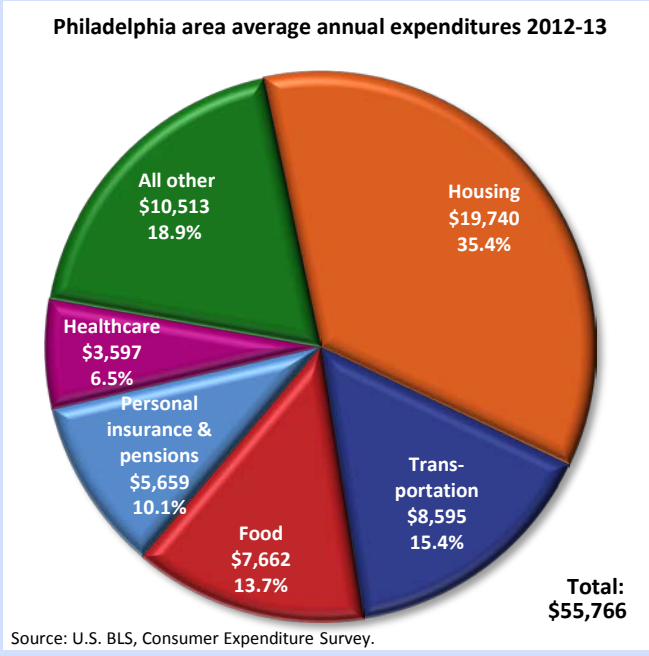
Philadelphia area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jun. 2015	Change from Jun. 2014 to Jun. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,836.1	32.2	1.1
Mining, logging, and construction	116.3	7.7	7.1
Manufacturing	178.9	-1.3	-0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	523.7	7.7	1.5
Information	45.8	-0.8	-1.7
Financial activities	206.3	1.0	0.5
Professional and business services	447.5	-4.3	-1.0
Education and health services	590.1	12.3	2.1
Leisure and hospitality	269.3	10.7	4.1
Other services	121.9	1.4	1.2
Government	336.3	-2.2	-0.6

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

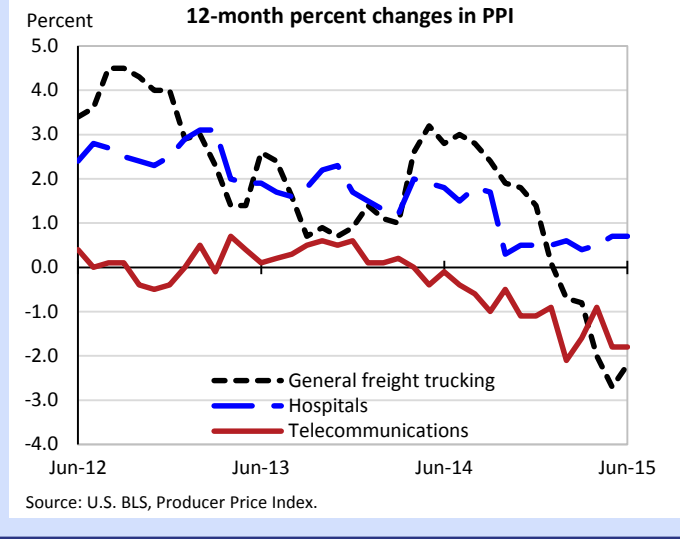
**Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories**



**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	Philadelphia area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.88	\$22.71
Lawyers	66.46	64.17
Chemists	43.35	38.05
Accountants and auditors	37.49	35.42
Registered nurses	35.68	33.55
Credit analysts	33.45	36.52
Carpenters	25.85	21.92
Brokerage clerks	24.01	24.10
Construction laborers	20.91	17.19
Retail salespersons	12.85	12.38
Home health aides	10.66	10.77
Cashiers	10.18	9.93
Cooks, fast food	9.58	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	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**

