

Reading Area Economic Summary

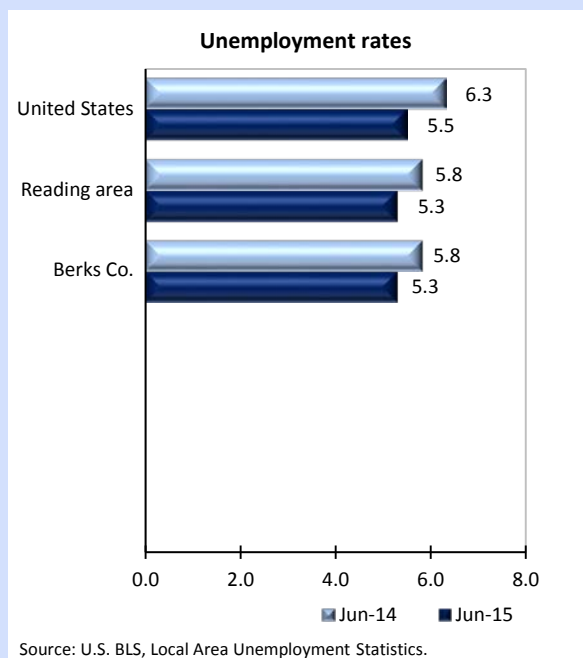


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted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

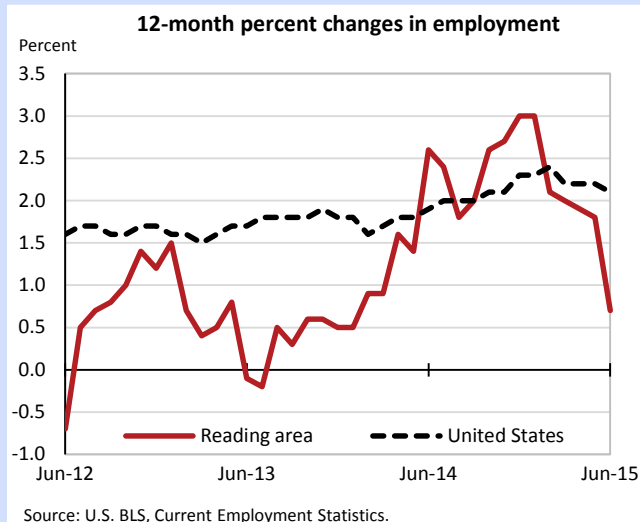


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Reading area, 4th quarter 2014
(U.S. = \$1,035; Area = \$913)



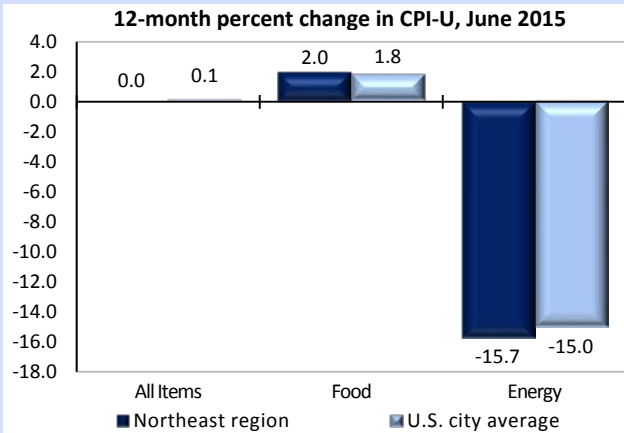
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Reading area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jun. 2015	Change from Jun. 2014 to Jun. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	174.8	1.3	0.7
Mining, logging, and construction	8.6	0.9	11.7
Manufacturing	30.8	0.6	2.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	34.2	1.0	3.0
Information	1.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	5.8	-0.2	-3.3
Professional and business services	23.6	0.7	3.1
Education and health services	28.3	-0.4	-1.4
Leisure and hospitality	14.7	-0.1	-0.7
Other services	7.8	-0.1	-1.3
Government	19.7	-1.1	-5.3

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

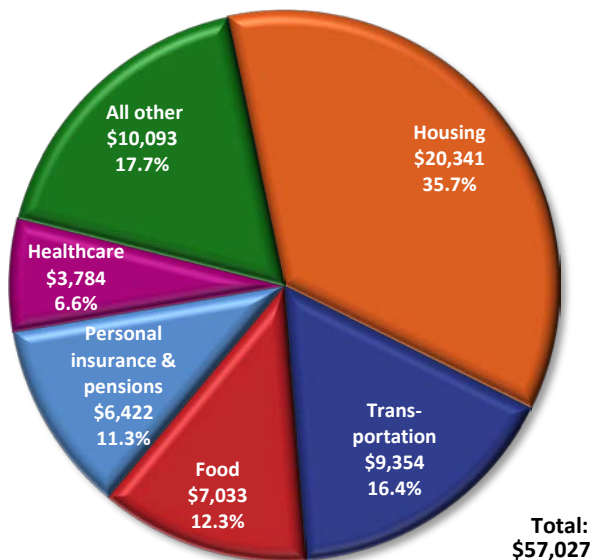
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

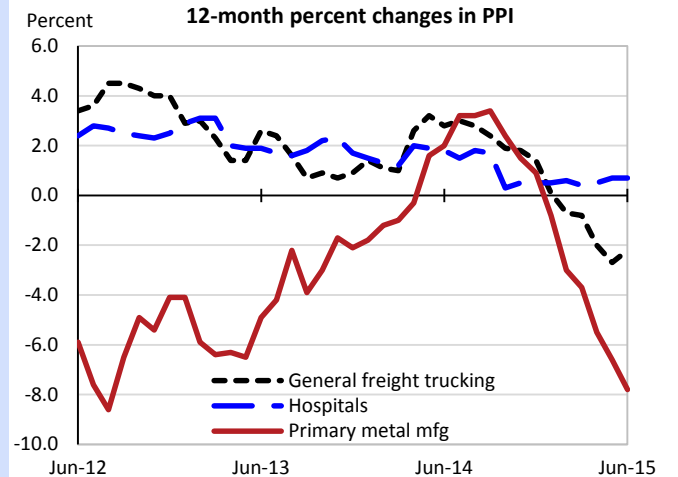
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

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	Reading area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$20.74	\$22.71
Accountants and auditors	31.76	35.42
Registered nurses	29.35	33.55
Electricians	27.17	26.21
Carpenters	20.58	21.92
Construction laborers	17.22	17.19
Customer service representatives	16.46	16.29
Packers and packagers, hand	14.20	11.08
Tellers	13.55	12.81
Retail salespersons	13.09	12.38
Waiters and waitresses	9.69	10.40
Cashiers	9.22	9.93
Cooks, fast food	9.19	9.15

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

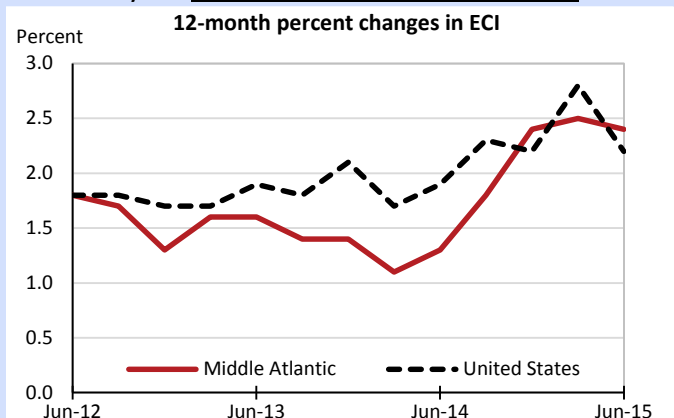
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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



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