

Columbus, GA-AL, Area Economic Summary

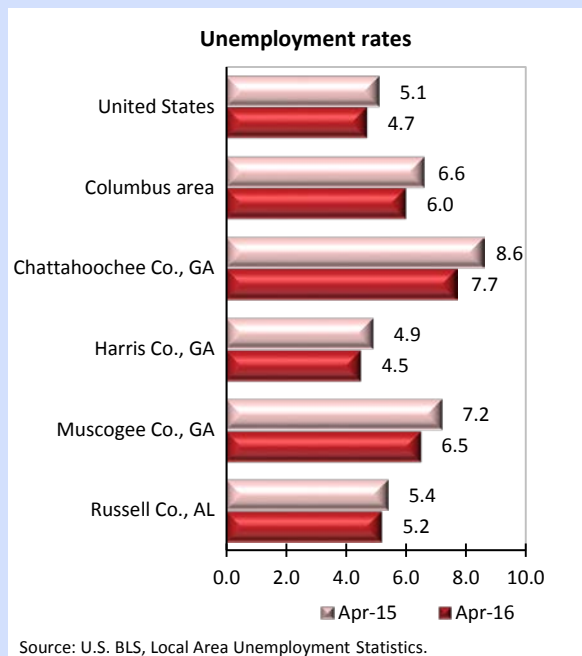


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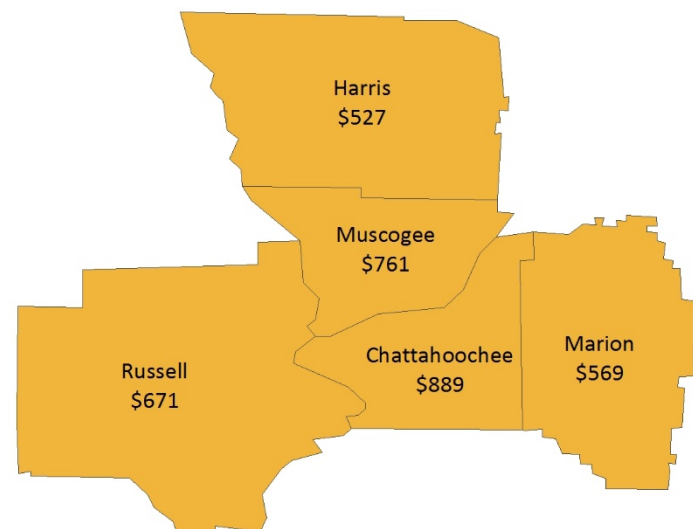
This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the Columbus area, selected area counties, and the nation

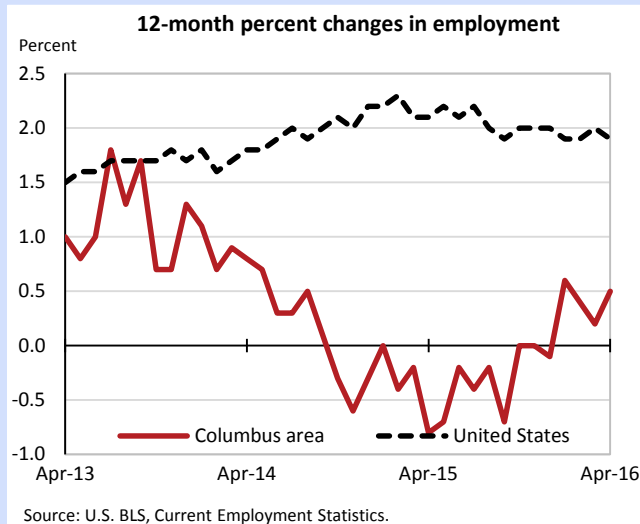


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Columbus area, 3rd quarter 2015
(U.S. = \$974; Area = \$742)



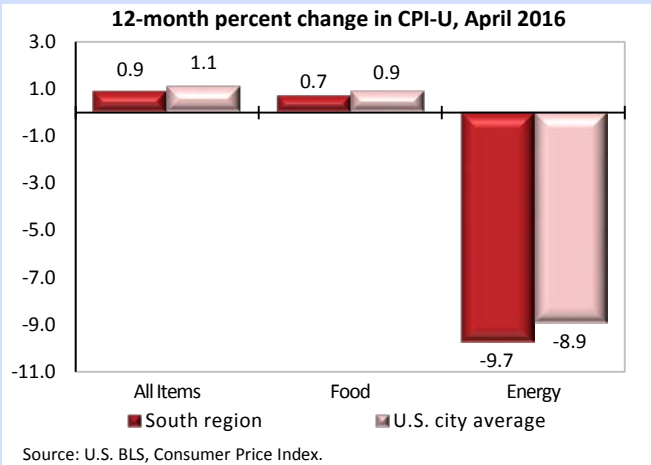
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



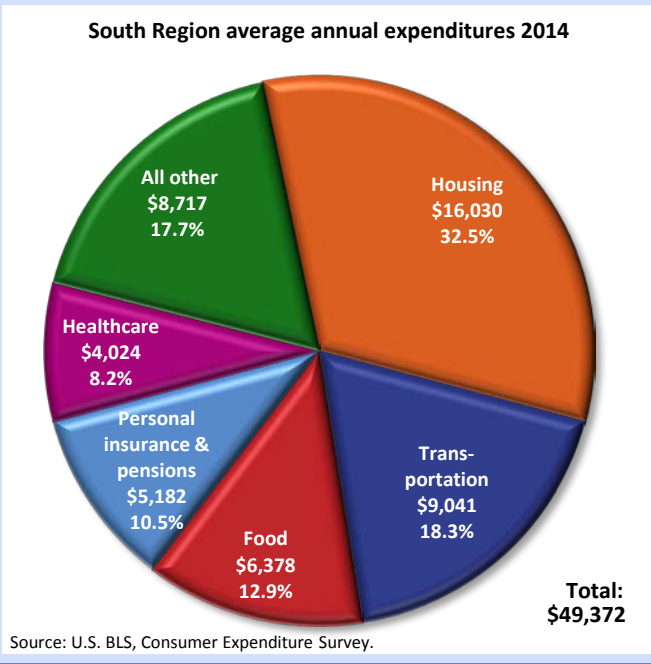
Columbus area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2016	Change from Apr. 2015 to Apr. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	122.2	0.6	0.5
Mining, logging, and construction	4.1	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	10.0	-0.5	-4.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18.9	0.3	1.6
Information	1.4	-0.1	-6.7
Financial activities	13.3	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	13.1	0.2	1.6
Education and health services	16.5	0.3	1.9
Leisure and hospitality	15.2	0.4	2.7
Other services	4.7	0.0	0.0
Government	25.0	0.0	0.0

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

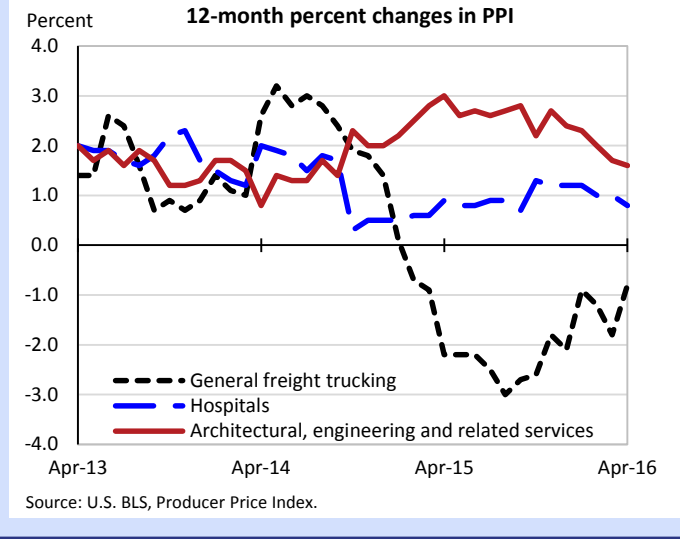
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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	Columbus area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$19.83	\$23.23
Accountants and auditors	33.66	36.19
Registered nurses	28.24	34.14
Maintenance and repair workers, general	16.38	18.73
Customer service representatives	14.76	16.62
Construction laborers	13.22	17.57
Office clerks, general	12.84	15.33
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	12.20	13.39
Retail salespersons	11.56	12.67
Cooks, fast food	9.03	9.43
Cashiers	8.97	10.09
Waiters and waitresses	8.64	11.07

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

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

Private industry, December 2015	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$30.30	\$31.70
Wages and salaries	21.37	22.14
Total benefits	8.94	9.57
Paid leave	2.16	2.18
Vacation	1.11	1.13
Supplemental pay	0.83	1.06
Insurance	2.36	2.54
Retirement and savings	1.28	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.31	2.53

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

