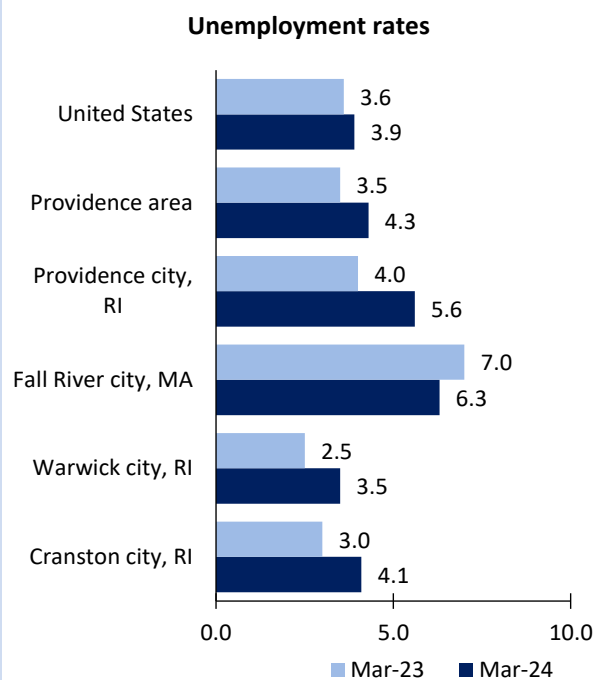


# Providence Area Economic Summary

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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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

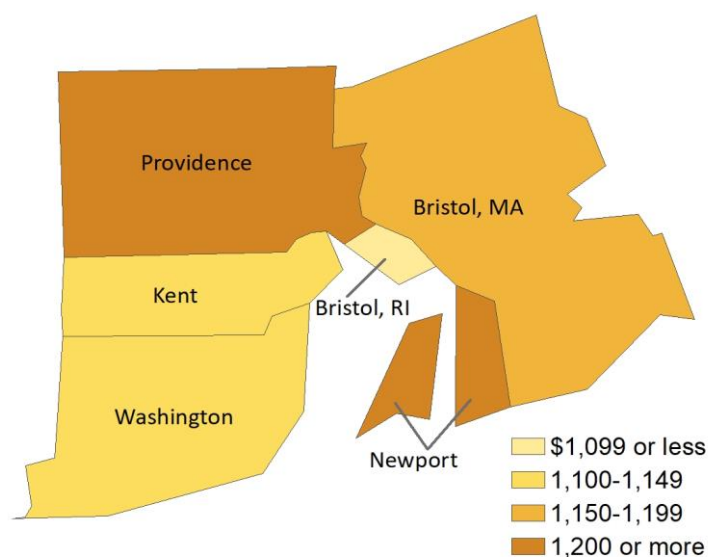


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

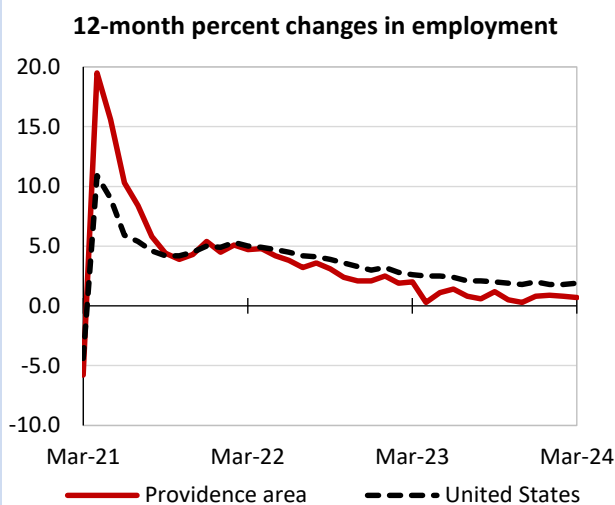
Providence area, third quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,194)



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



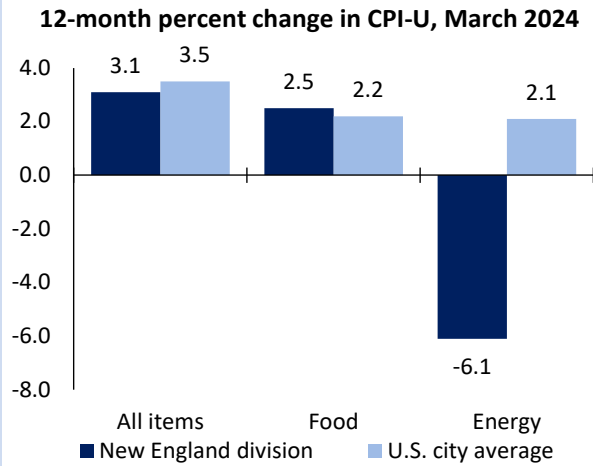
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Providence area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2024	Change from Mar. 2023 to Mar. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	597.4	4.0	0.7
Mining and logging	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.6	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	52.0	0.8	1.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	100.9	-0.6	-0.6
Information	6.7	-0.4	-5.6
Financial activities	36.7	-0.9	-2.4
Professional and business services	77.3	2.7	3.6
Education and health services	131.6	3.2	2.5
Leisure and hospitality	63.1	-1.0	-1.6
Other services	25.3	-0.4	-1.6
Government	78.0	0.6	0.8

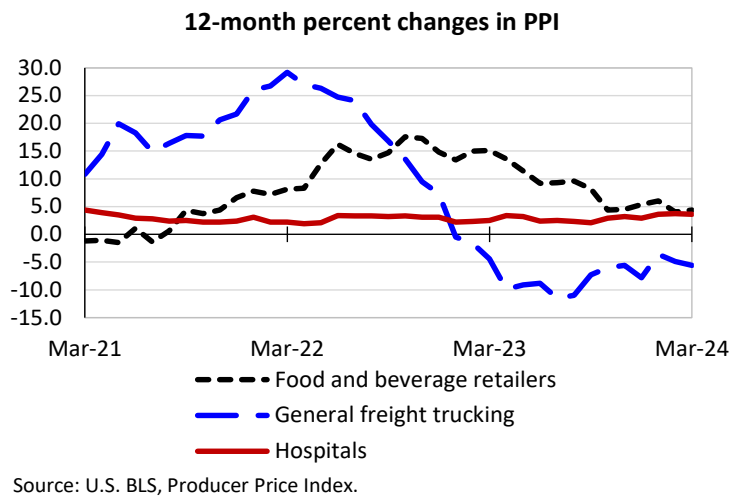
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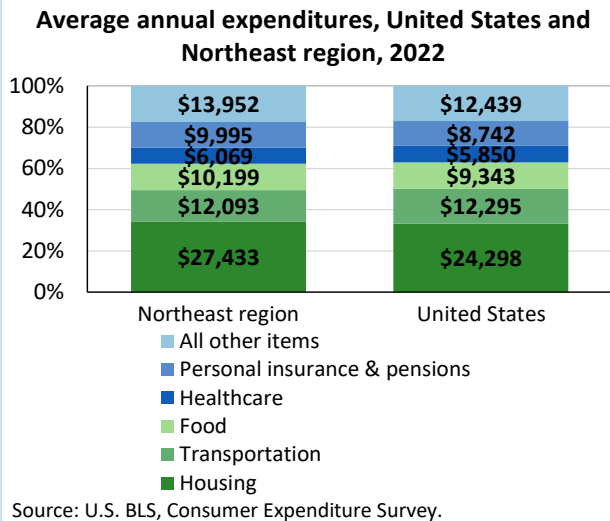
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Providence area	United States
All occupations	\$31.23	\$31.48
Customer service representatives	21.61	20.92
Social and human service assistants	21.53	21.27
Nursing assistants	20.75	19.04
Waiters and waitresses	20.02	17.56
Cooks, restaurant	18.97	17.34
Stockers and order fillers	18.60	18.27

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023.

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

Private industry, December 2023	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$51.73	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	35.15	30.33
Total benefits	16.58	12.77
Paid leave	4.24	3.26
Vacation	2.18	1.67
Supplemental pay	2.71	1.71
Insurance	4.04	3.14
Retirement and savings	1.96	1.50
Legally required benefits	3.64	3.17

(1) The states that compose the New England census division are: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

