

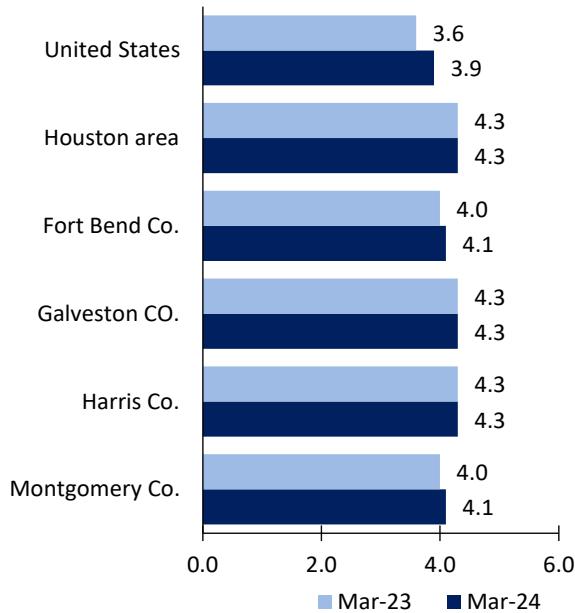
# Houston Area Economic Summary

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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

### Unemployment rates

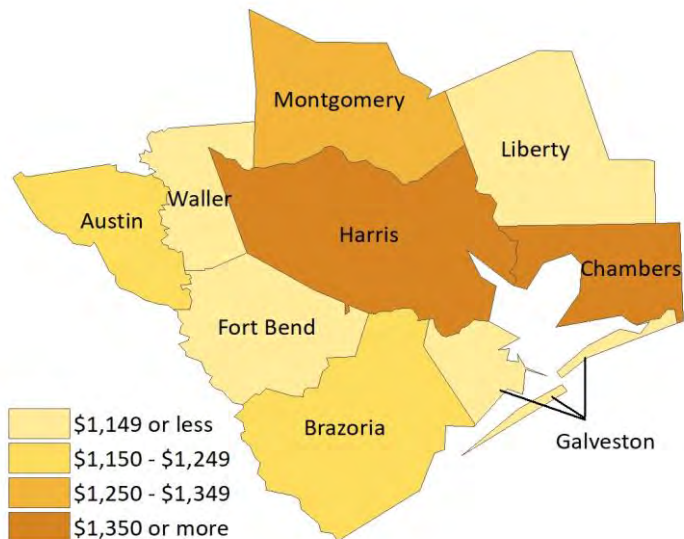


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Houston area, third quarter 2023

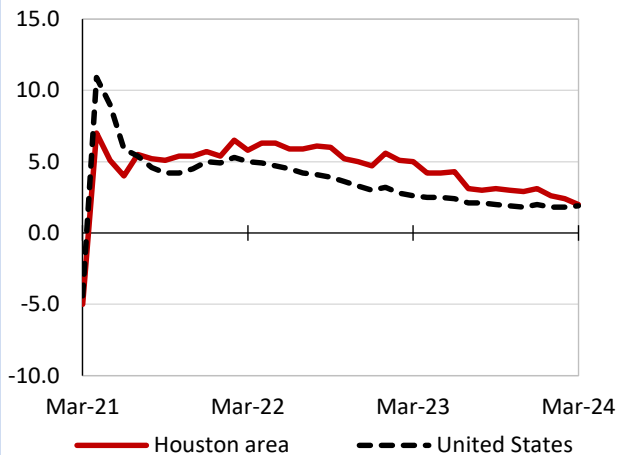
(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,443)



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

### 12-month percent changes in employment



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

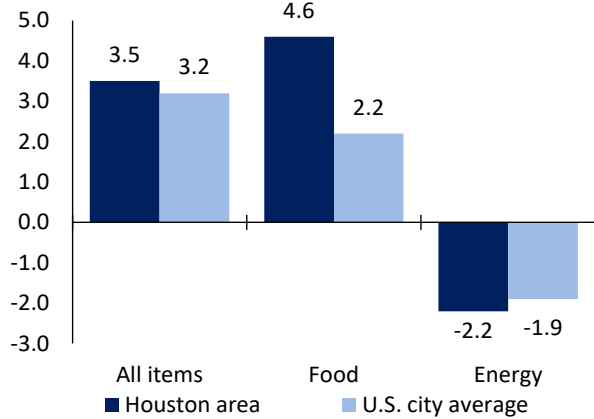
Houston area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2024	Change from Mar. 2023 to Mar. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	3,418.7	67.8	2.0
Mining and logging	72.2	0.7	1.0
Construction	235.2	2.5	1.1
Manufacturing	236.3	5.3	2.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	684.9	4.2	0.6
Information	32.2	-1.0	-3.0
Financial activities	185.7	-0.6	-0.3
Professional and business services	558.8	6.3	1.1
Education and health services	465.8	24.0	5.4
Leisure and hospitality	354.1	1.1	0.3
Other services	130.4	5.8	4.7
Government	463.1	19.5	4.4

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



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

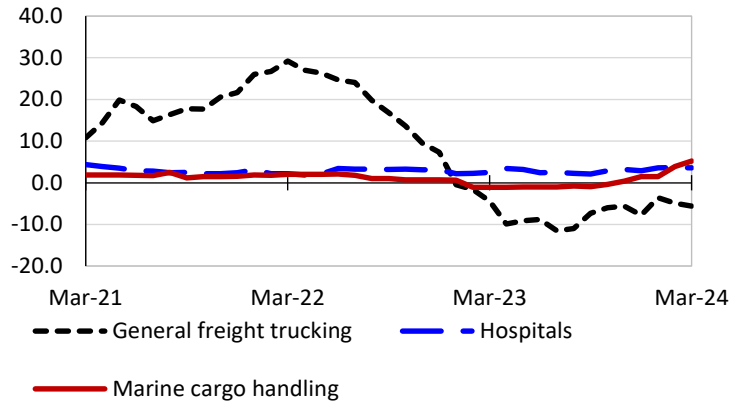
12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2024



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

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

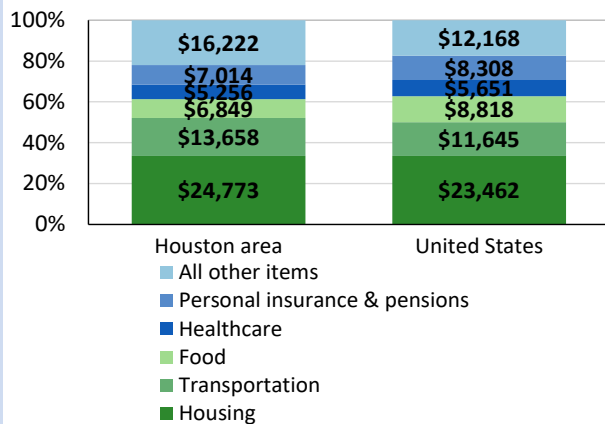
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Houston area, 2021-22



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Houston area	United States
All occupations	\$30.54	\$31.48
Human resources managers	72.24	74.39
Accountants and auditors	45.92	43.65
Registered nurses	45.38	45.42
Construction laborers	19.08	23.69
Retail salespersons	16.23	17.64
Cooks, fast food	11.16	14.31

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

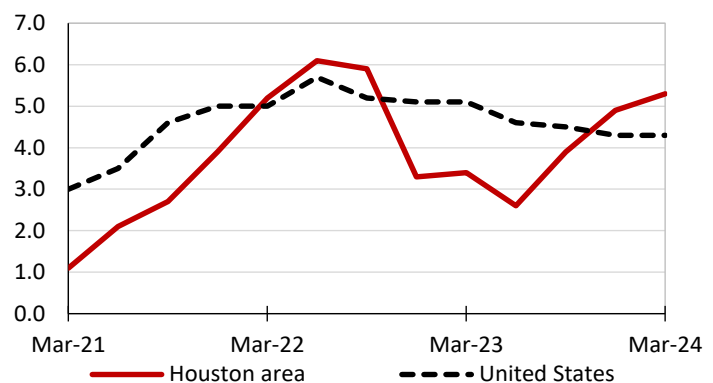
Private industry, December 2023	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$38.33	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	27.63	30.33
Total benefits	10.70	12.77
Paid leave	2.73	3.26
Vacation	1.41	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.59	1.71
Insurance	2.47	3.14
Retirement and savings	1.19	1.50
Legally required benefits	2.72	3.17

(1) The states that compose the West South Central census division are: AR, LA, OK, and TX.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

