

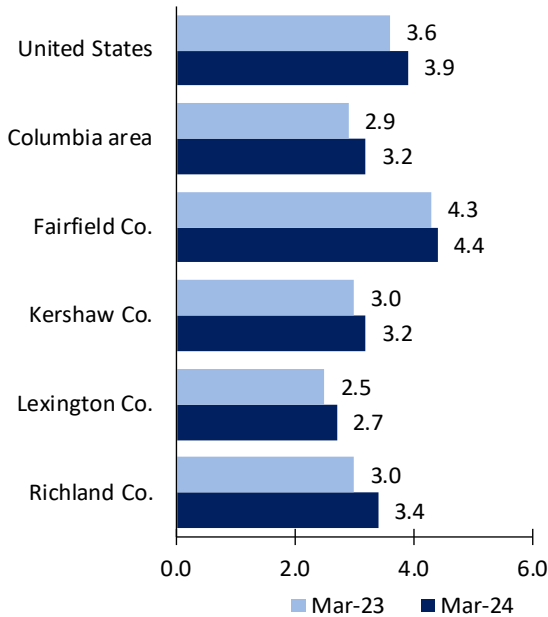
# Columbia, SC, Area Economic Summary

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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

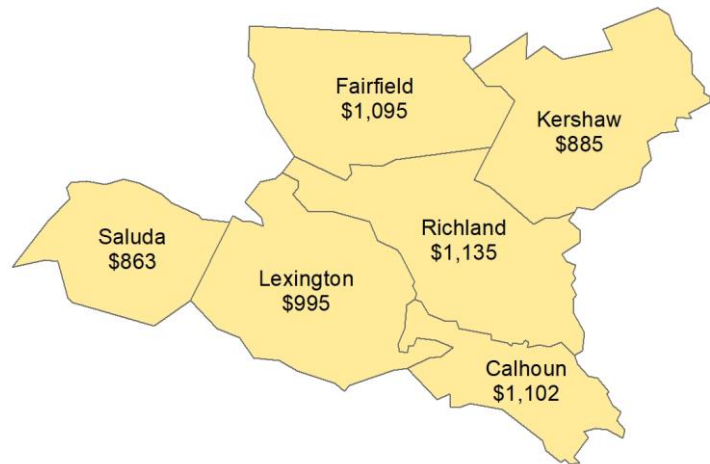


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Columbia area, third quarter 2023

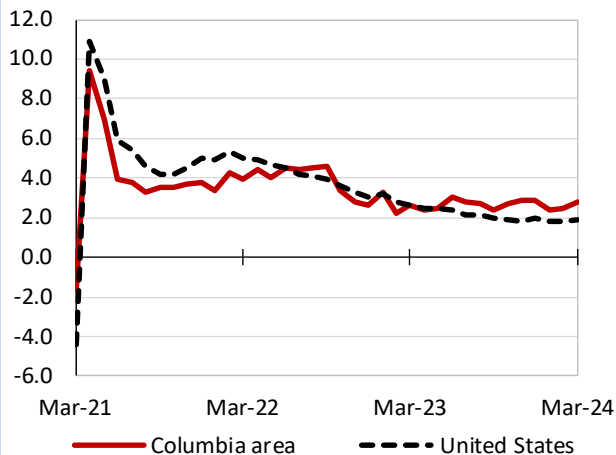
(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,072)



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.

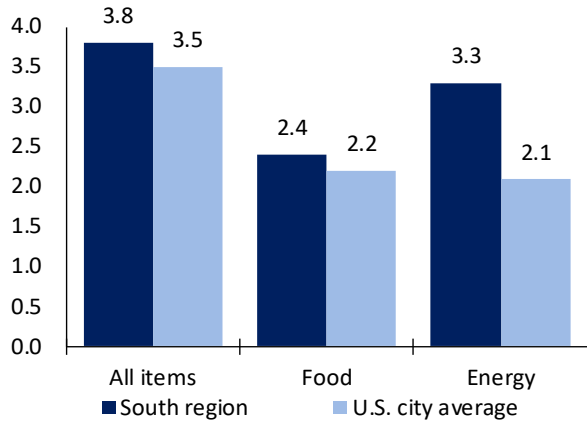
Columbia area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2024	Change from Mar. 2023 to Mar. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	432.7	11.9	2.8
Mining, logging, and construction	18.0	0.8	4.7
Manufacturing	32.7	1.0	3.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	78.7	0.6	0.8
Information	4.9	-0.1	-2.0
Financial activities	37.8	1.4	3.8
Professional and business services	56.4	0.3	0.5
Education and health services	58.8	3.7	6.7
Leisure and hospitality	42.2	2.1	5.2
Other services	18.3	0.5	2.8
Government	84.9	1.6	1.9

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



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

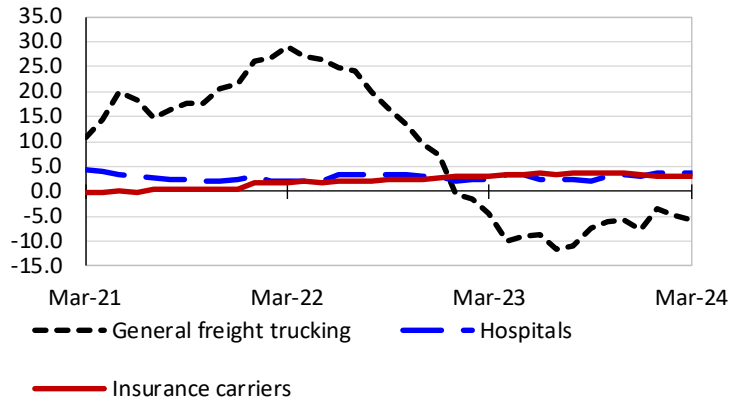
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2024



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

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

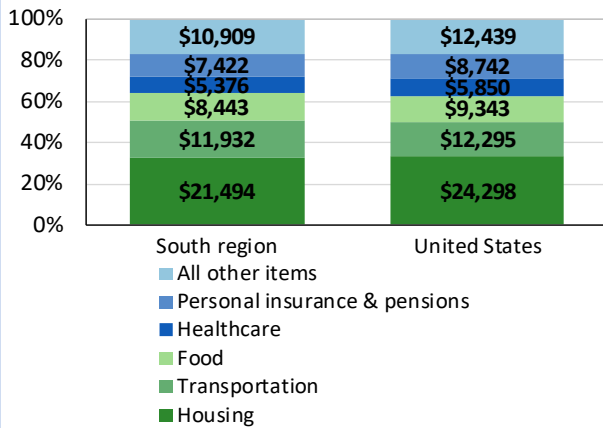
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2022



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Columbia area	United States
All occupations	\$26.22	\$31.48
Financial managers	63.29	84.05
Computer programmers	51.31	51.80
Registered nurses	38.84	45.42
Accountants and auditors	32.70	43.65
Construction laborers	19.45	23.69
Retail salespersons	15.16	17.64

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

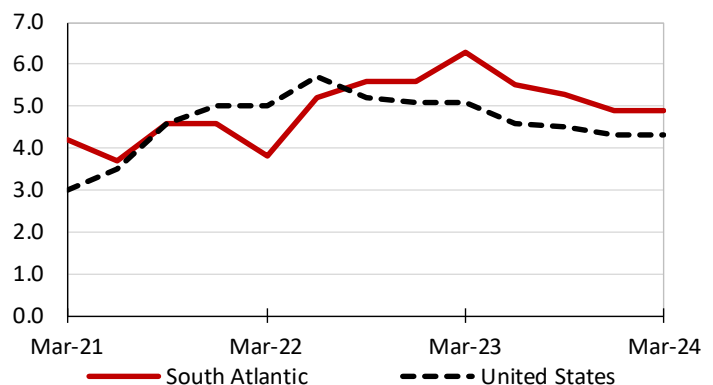
Private industry, December 2023	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$40.34	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	28.91	30.33
Total benefits	11.43	12.77
Paid leave	3.10	3.26
Vacation	1.61	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.43	1.71
Insurance	2.73	3.14
Retirement and savings	1.25	1.50
Legally required benefits	2.92	3.17

(1) The states that compose the South Atlantic census division are: DE, DC, 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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

