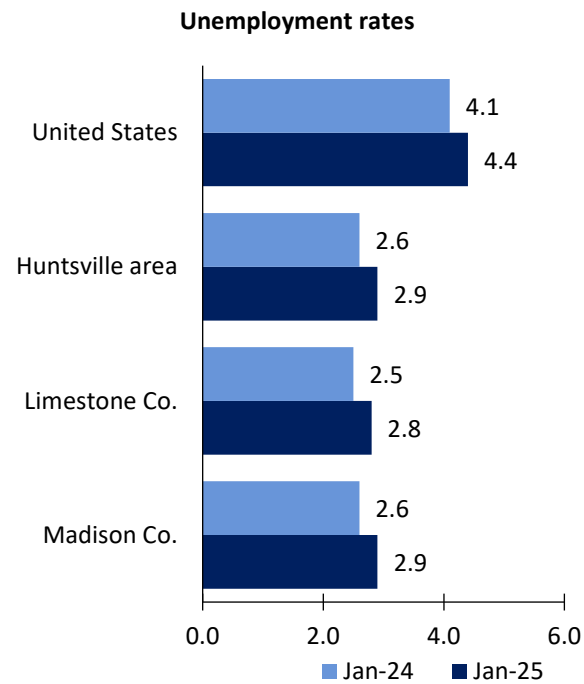


# Huntsville, AL, Area Economic Summary

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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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

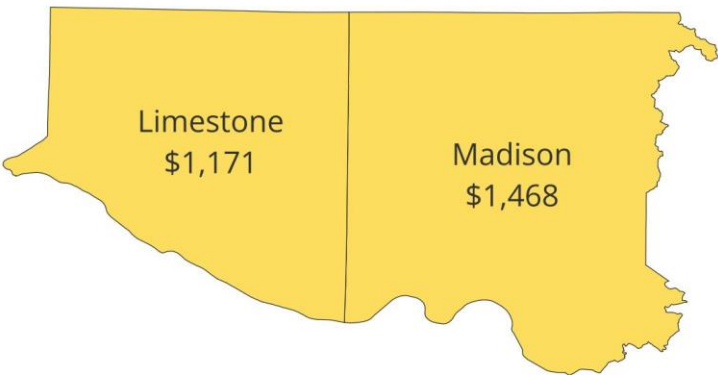
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

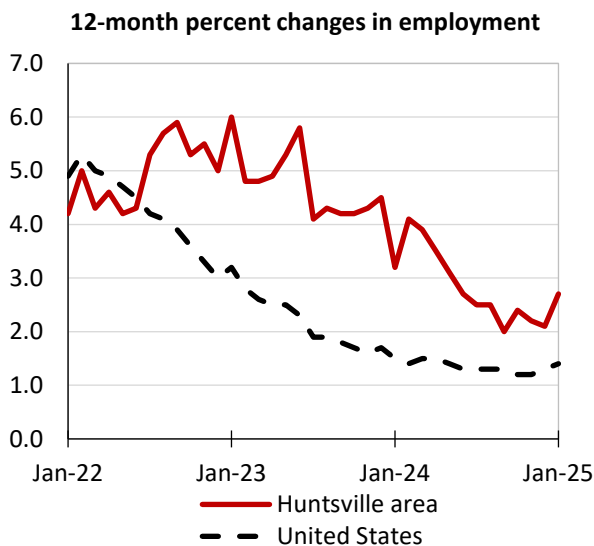
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Huntsville area, third quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,430)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



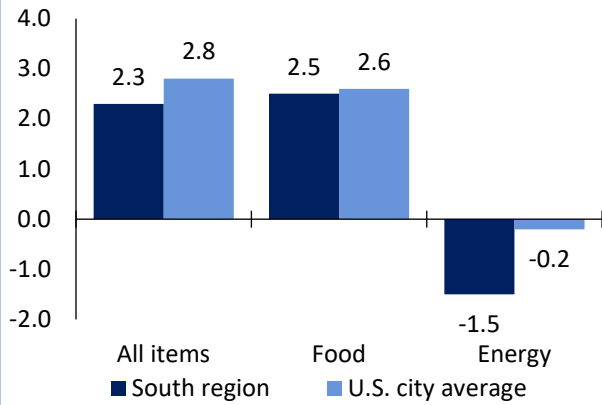
Huntsville area employment (number in thousands)	Jan. 2025	Change from Jan. 2024 to Jan. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	287.4	7.6	2.7
Mining, logging, and construction	11.4	0.5	4.6
Manufacturing	35.9	0.8	2.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	41.0	1.1	2.8
Information	2.7	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	9.0	0.4	4.7
Professional and business services	68.0	0.1	0.1
Education and health services	26.0	1.7	7.0
Leisure and hospitality	24.1	1.2	5.2
Other services	9.5	0.5	5.6
Government	59.8	1.3	2.2

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

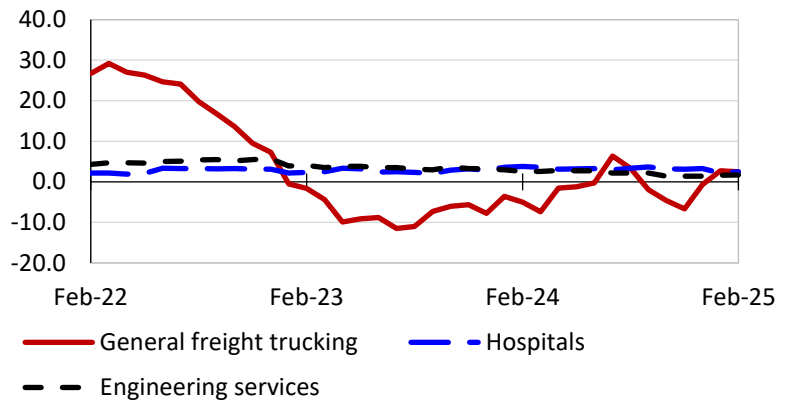
**12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2025**



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

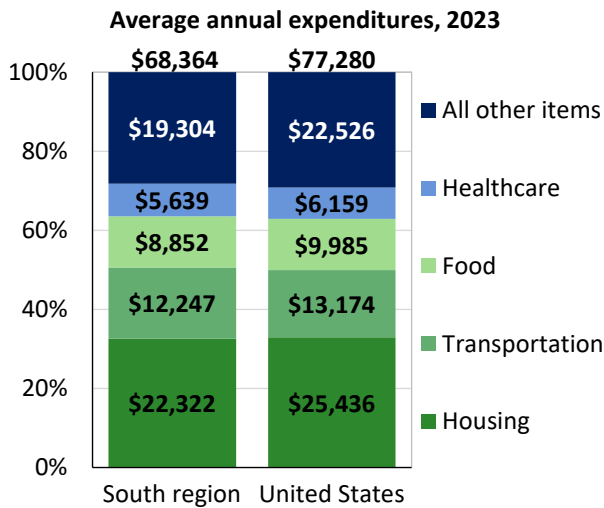
Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

**12-month percent changes in PPI**



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

Occupation	Huntsville area	United States
All occupations	\$32.27	\$31.48
Computer hardware engineers	64.67	71.04
Aerospace engineers	63.61	64.58
Software quality assurance analysts and testers	53.50	52.15
Logisticians	50.80	40.69
Accountants and auditors	39.02	43.65
Registered nurses	33.74	45.42

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

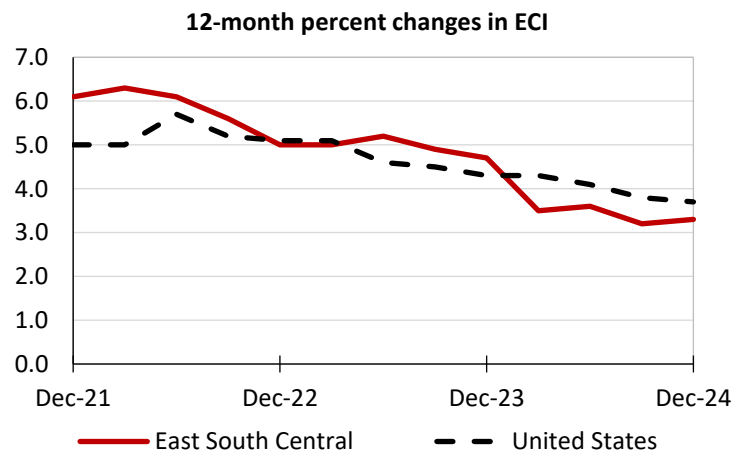
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2024	East South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$32.36	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	23.42	31.47
Total benefits	8.94	13.20
Paid leave	2.09	3.38
Vacation	1.02	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.26	1.84
Insurance	2.46	3.22
Retirement and savings	0.80	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.34	3.24

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year



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