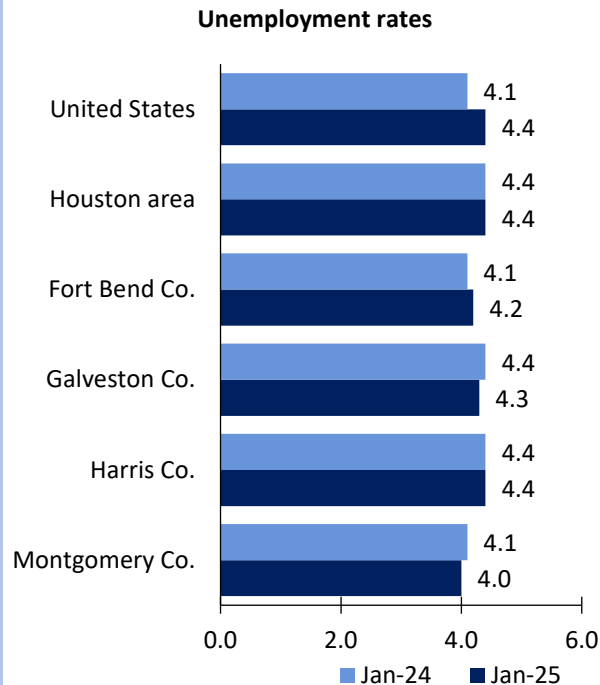


# Houston Area Economic Summary

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

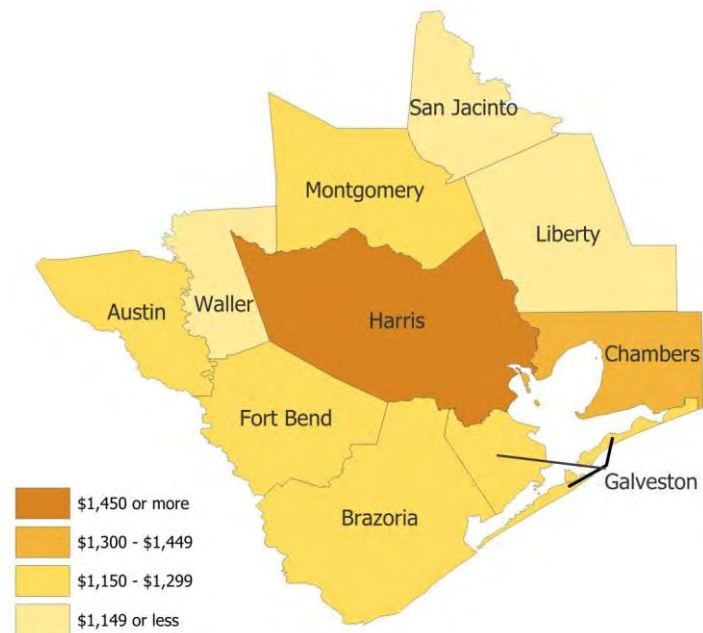
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

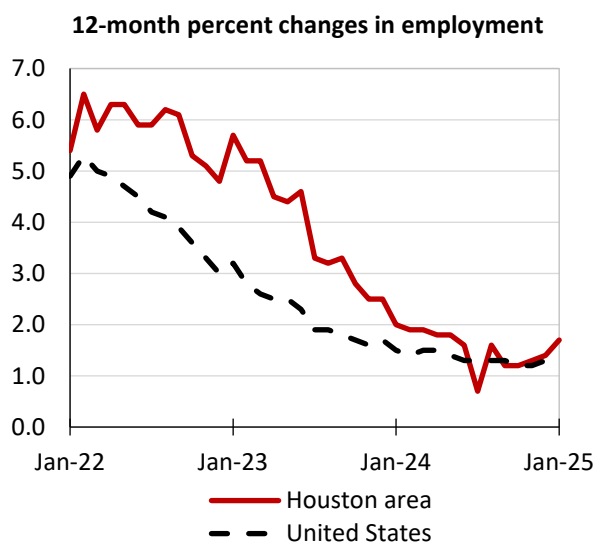
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Houston area, third quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,511)



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

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

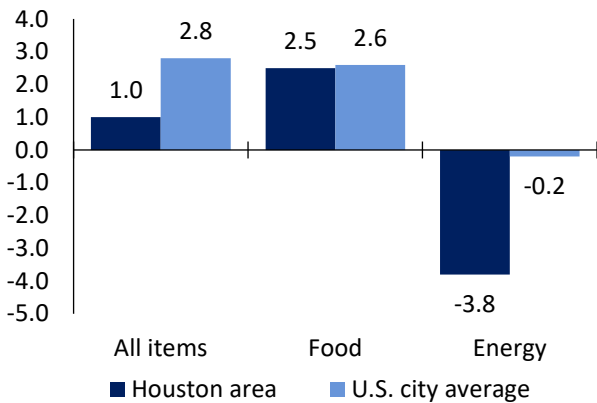


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Houston area employment (number in thousands)	Jan. 2025	Change from Jan. 2024 to Jan. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	3,438.5	56.5	1.7
Mining and logging	80.1	3.2	4.2
Construction	229.9	4.0	1.8
Manufacturing	239.8	3.2	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	700.5	7.1	1.0
Information	29.3	-1.5	-4.9
Financial activities	181.3	-0.4	-0.2
Professional and business services	562.9	10.8	2.0
Education and health services	462.6	9.5	2.1
Leisure and hospitality	356.2	5.3	1.5
Other services	135.0	8.3	6.6
Government	460.9	7.0	1.5

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

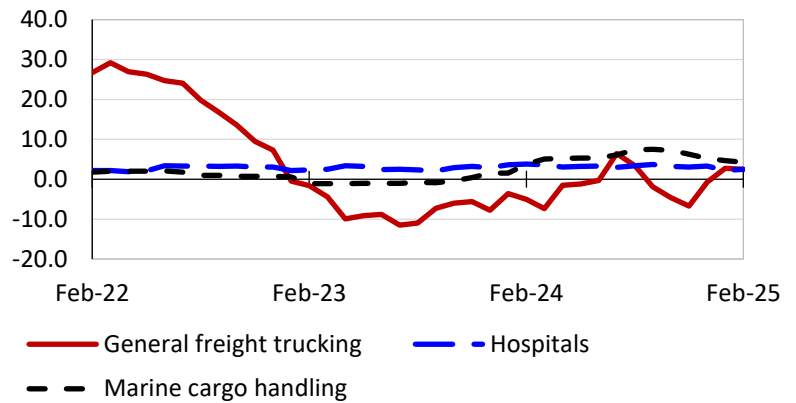
12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2025



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

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

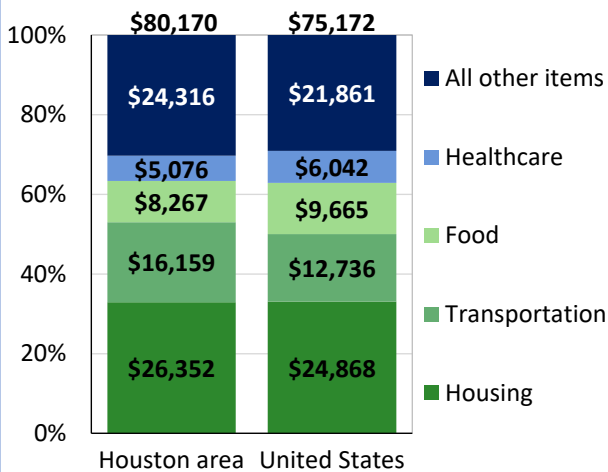
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2022-2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

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.

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

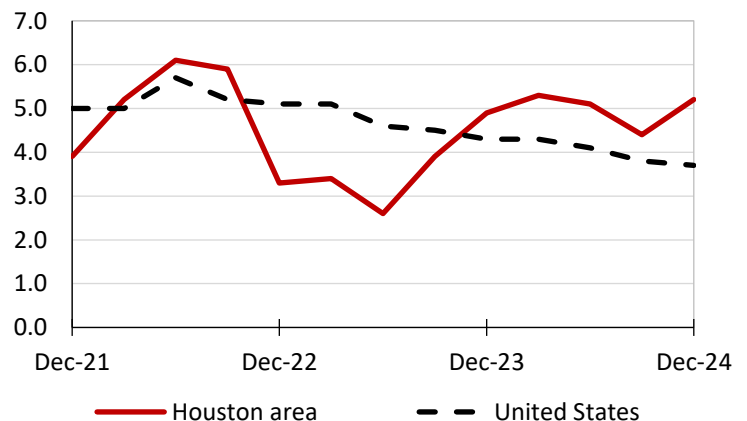
Private industry, December 2024	West South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$38.98	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	27.98	31.47
Total benefits	11.00	13.20
Paid leave	2.77	3.38
Vacation	1.40	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.63	1.84
Insurance	2.68	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.18	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.74	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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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