

Little Rock Area Economic Summary

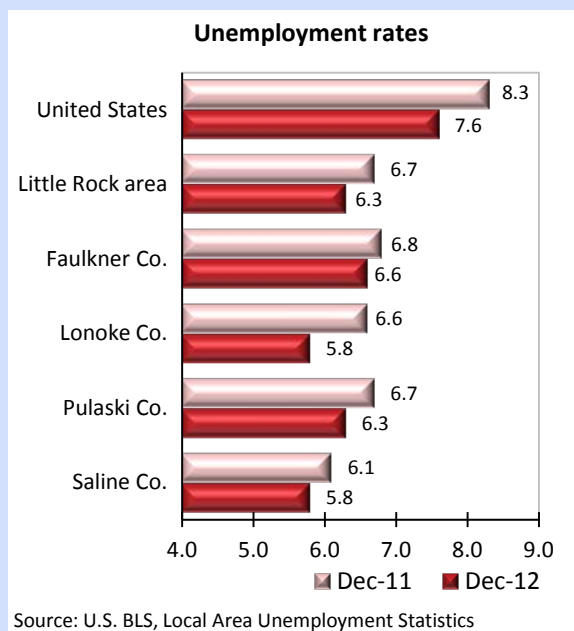


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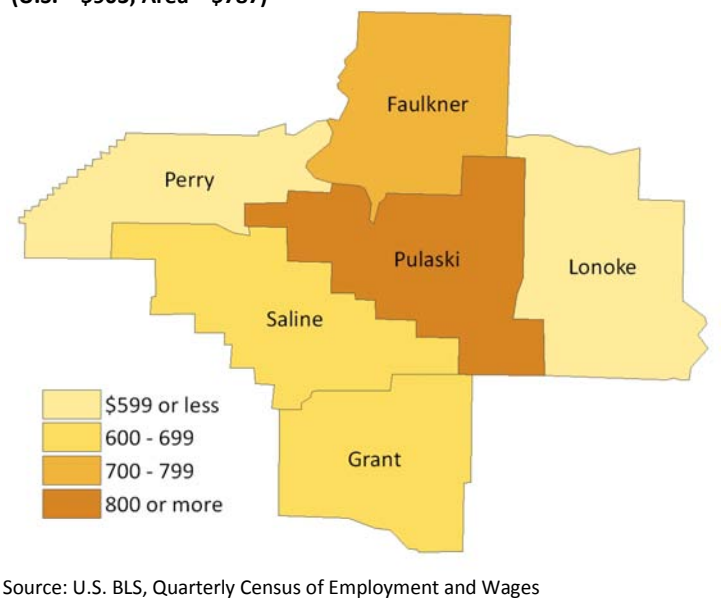
This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, & benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions see www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm.

Unemployment rates for the Little Rock area, selected area counties, and the nation

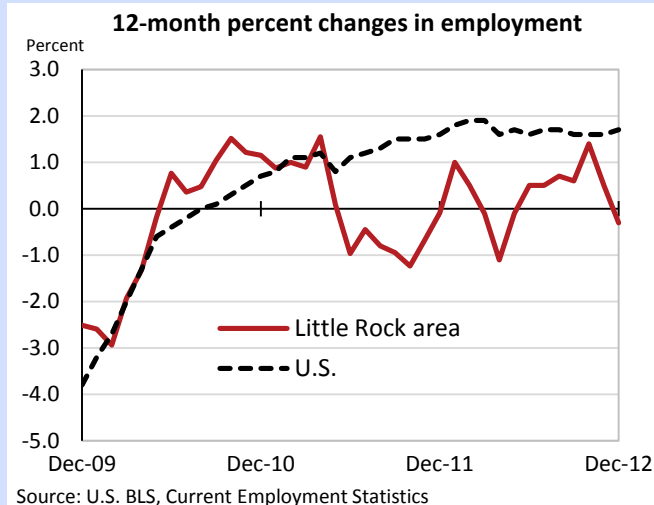


Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Little Rock area, 2nd quarter 2012
(U.S. = \$903; Area = \$787)



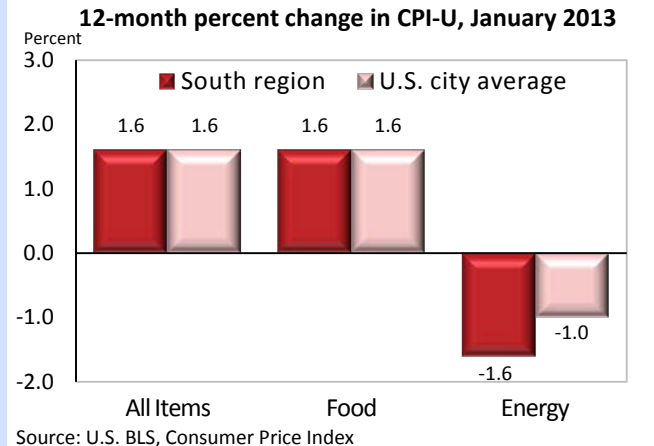
Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



Little Rock area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2012	Change from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	340.5	-1.1	-0.3
Mining, logging, and construction	16.1	-0.6	-3.6
Manufacturing	18.9	-0.4	-2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	70.0	1.2	1.7
Information	7.2	-0.2	-2.7
Financial activities	18.7	-0.3	-1.6
Professional and business services	42.6	-0.5	-1.2
Education and health services	50.4	0.2	0.4
Leisure and hospitality	30.0	0.2	0.7
Other services	15.2	0.2	1.3
Government	71.4	-0.9	-1.2

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

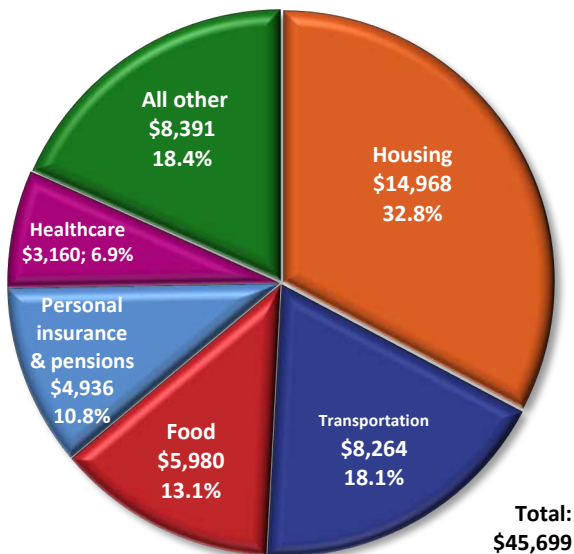
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

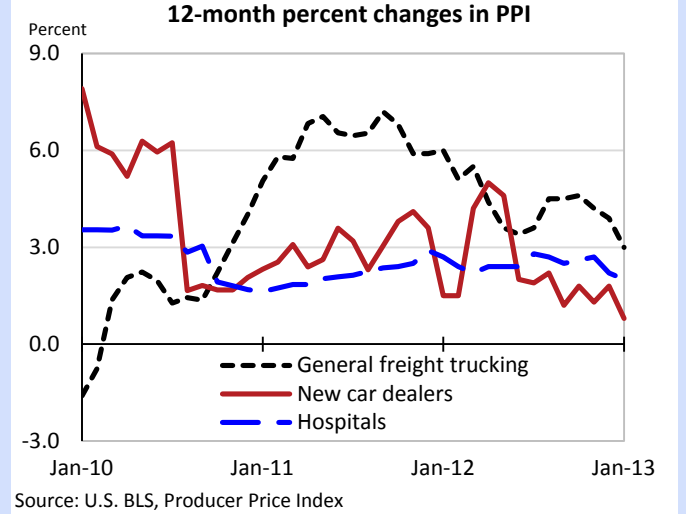
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South region average annual expenditures 2011



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey

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



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Little Rock area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$19.15	\$21.74
General dentists	85.45	77.76
Human resources managers	41.71	52.21
Computer systems analysts	32.57	39.58
Accountants and auditors	28.75	33.72
Registered nurses	28.46	33.23
Machinists	18.57	19.48
Customer service representatives	14.98	15.92
Medical secretaries	13.98	15.59
Construction laborers	11.85	16.43
Retail salespersons	10.87	12.08
Fast food cooks	8.28	9.00

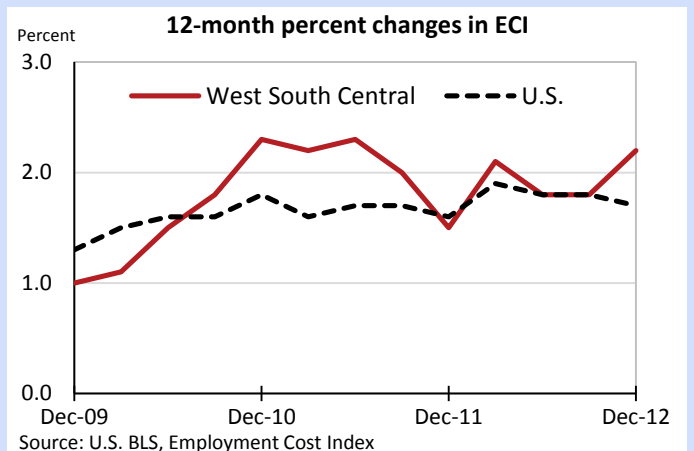
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2011

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

Private industry, September 2012	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$26.78	\$28.95
Wages and salaries	19.06	20.36
Total benefits	7.71	8.58
Paid leave	1.73	1.98
Vacation	0.86	1.02
Supplemental pay	1.00	0.82
Insurance	2.01	2.37
Retirement and savings	0.90	1.03
Legally required benefits	2.09	2.38

(1) West South Central includes AR, LA, OK, and TX.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index