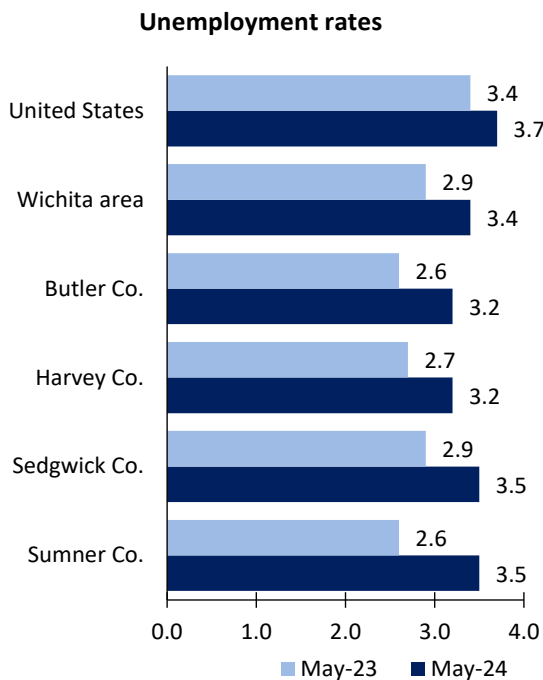


# Wichita Area Economic Summary

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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

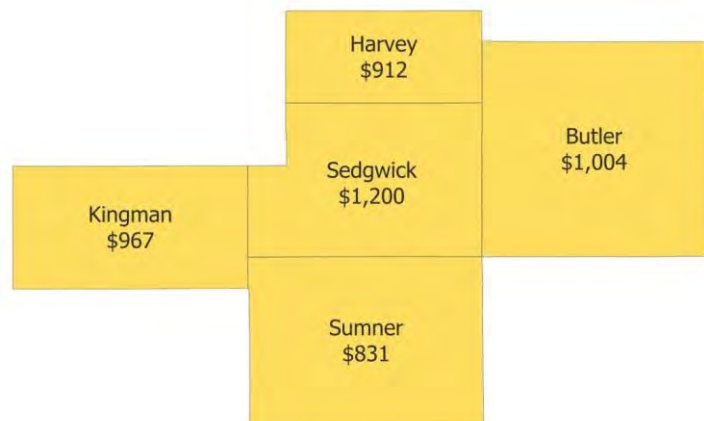


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

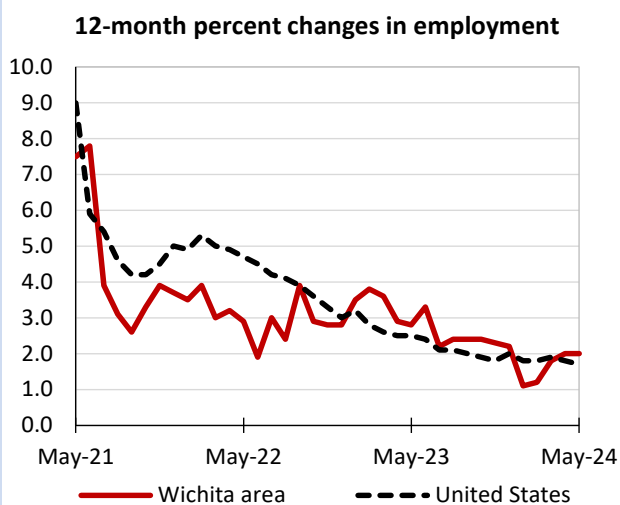
### Wichita area, fourth quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,435; Area = \$1,163)



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



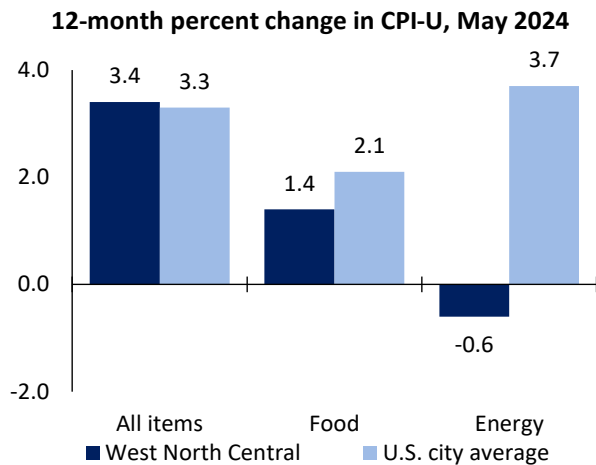
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Wichita area employment (number in thousands)	May 2024	Change from May 2023 to May 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	318.5	6.1	2.0
Mining, logging, and construction	18.3	0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	53.1	1.4	2.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	54.8	1.6	3.0
Information	3.5	-0.1	-2.8
Financial activities	12.8	0.1	0.8
Professional and business services	34.3	-0.7	-2.0
Education and health services	49.1	2.3	4.9
Leisure and hospitality	34.0	0.8	2.4
Other services	13.1	0.6	4.8
Government	45.5	0.0	0.0

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

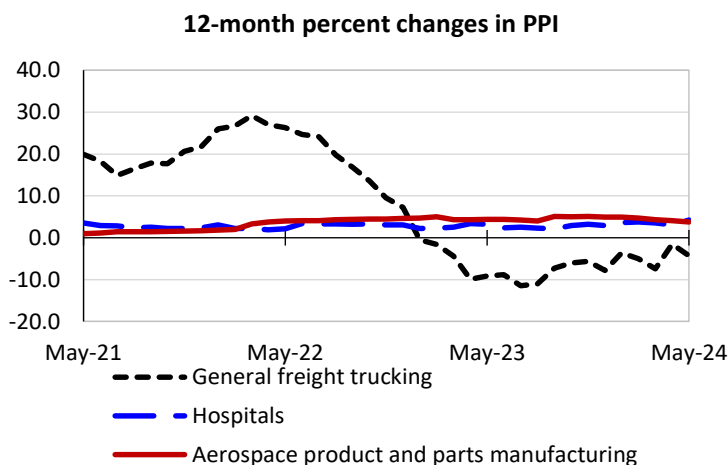


Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



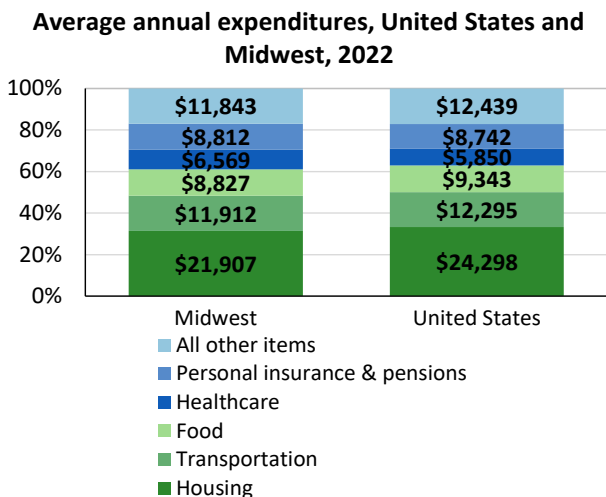
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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

Occupation	Wichita, KS	United States
All occupations	\$26.46	\$31.48
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers	36.12	34.48
Industrial machinery mechanics	31.57	30.62
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	30.87	23.68
Customer service representatives	18.78	20.92
Nursing assistants	16.83	19.04
Fast food and counter workers	12.10	14.48

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023.

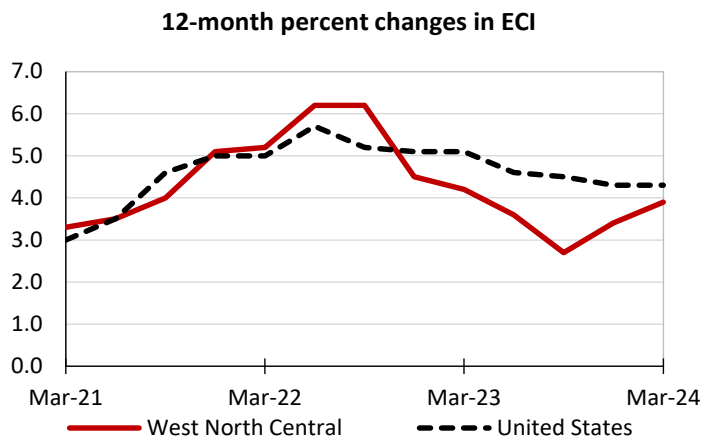
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2024	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$39.02	\$43.78
Wages and salaries	27.09	30.76
Total benefits	11.94	13.02
Paid leave	2.77	3.31
Vacation	1.46	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.73	1.77
Insurance	3.39	3.20
Retirement and savings	1.20	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.85	3.21

(1) The states that compose the West North Central census division are: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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

