

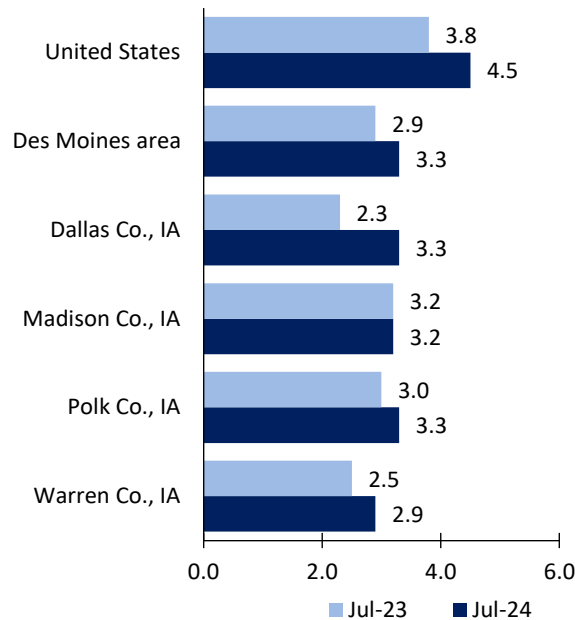
Des Moines Area Economic Summary

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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.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates

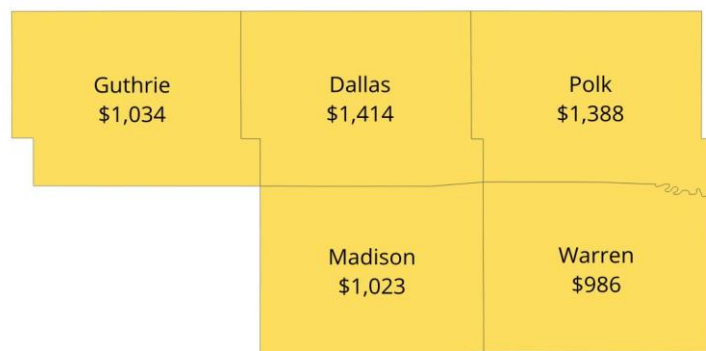


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Des Moines area, fourth quarter 2023

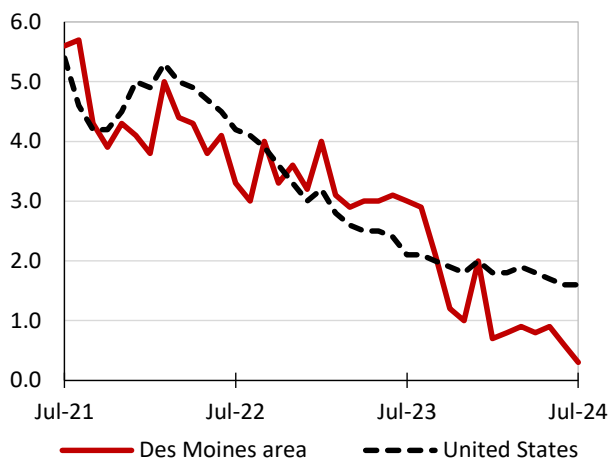
(U.S. = \$1,435; Area = \$1,371)



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



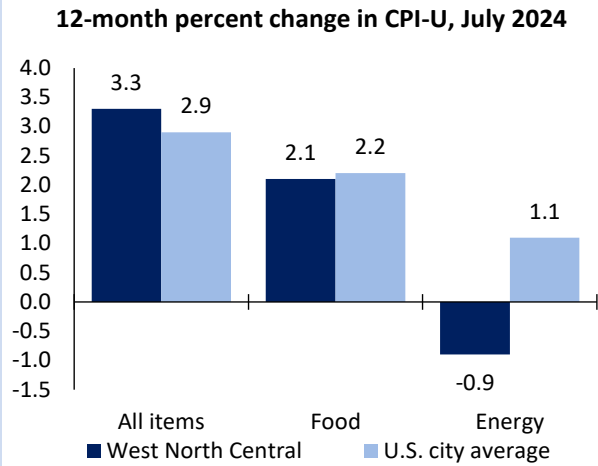
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Des Moines area employment (number in thousands)	Jul. 2024	Change from Jul. 2023 to Jul. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	397.7	1.1	0.3
Mining, logging, and construction	26.3	0.3	1.2
Manufacturing	22.1	-1.6	-6.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	77.4	0.2	0.3
Information	5.9	-0.1	-1.7
Financial activities	55.8	-1.8	-3.1
Professional and business services	54.9	0.3	0.5
Education and health services	57.9	3.8	7.0
Leisure and hospitality	38.1	-0.4	-1.0
Other services	13.0	-0.5	-3.7
Government	46.3	0.9	2.0

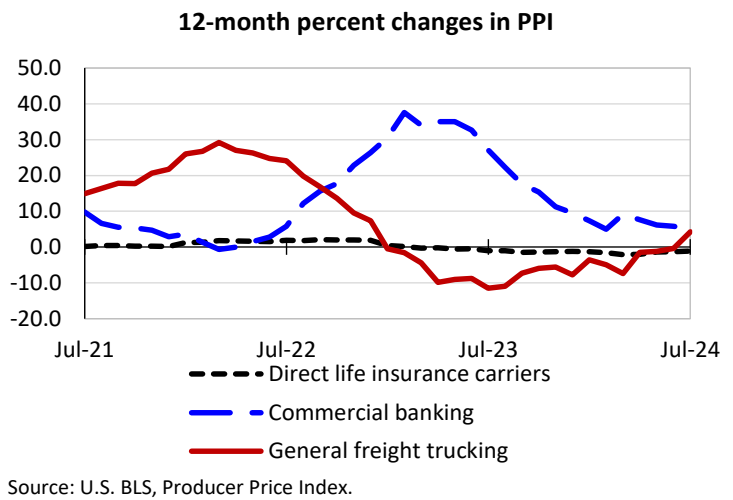
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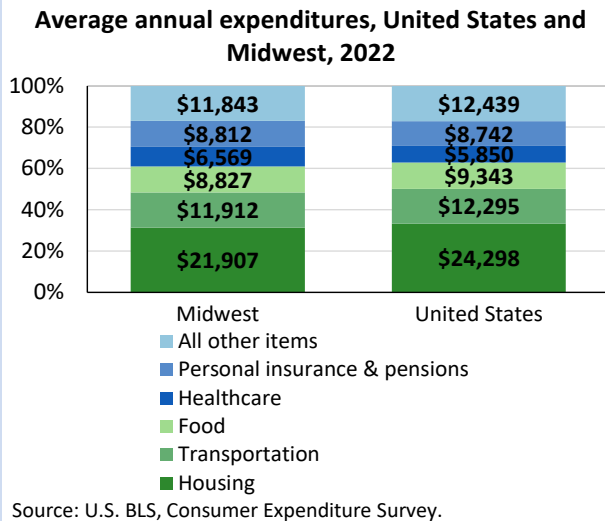
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Des Moines area	United States
All occupations	\$30.19	\$31.48
Computer and information systems managers	74.05	86.88
Personal financial advisors	55.44	72.44
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	28.07	29.23
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	27.55	26.92
Customer service representatives	22.74	20.92
Substitute teachers, short-term	19.21	20.95

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

