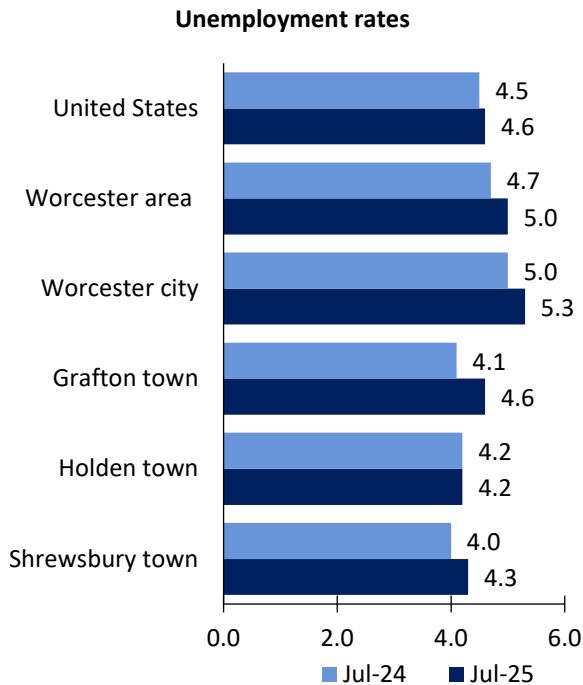


# Worcester Area Economic Summary

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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.

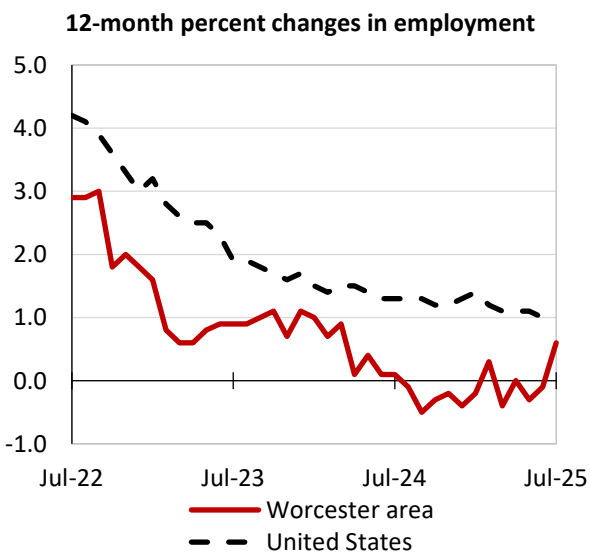
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Worcester area, fourth quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,507; Area = \$1,424)



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

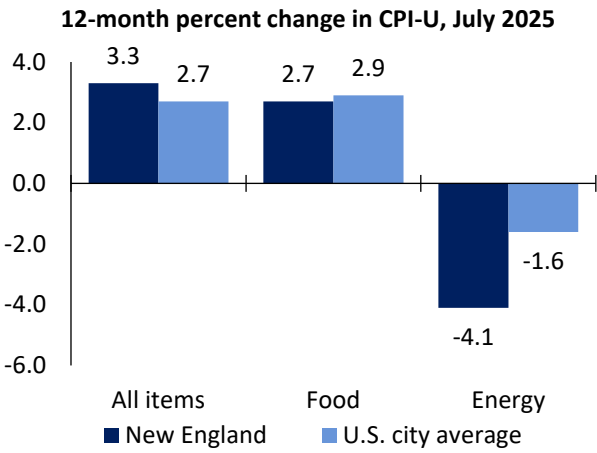
## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



| Worcester area employment<br>(number in thousands) | Jul. 2025 | Change from Jul. 2024<br>to Jul. 2025 |         |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
|  |           | Number                                | Percent |
| Total nonfarm                                      | 363.6     | 2.0                                   | 0.6     |
| Mining, logging, and construction                  | 18.3      | 0.2                                   | 1.1     |
| Manufacturing                                      | 35.0      | -0.4                                  | -1.1    |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities               | 60.5      | 0.1                                   | 0.2     |
| Information  | 2.9       | -0.2                                  | -6.5    |
| Financial activities                               | 15.7      | 0.0                                   | 0.0     |
| Professional and business services                 | 39.8      | -0.7                                  | -1.7    |
| Education and health services                      | 89.9      | 3.4                                   | 3.9     |
| Leisure and hospitality                            | 33.0      | 1.0                                   | 3.1     |
| Other services                                     | 11.6      | -0.3                                  | -2.5    |
| Government   | 56.9      | -1.1                                  | -1.9    |

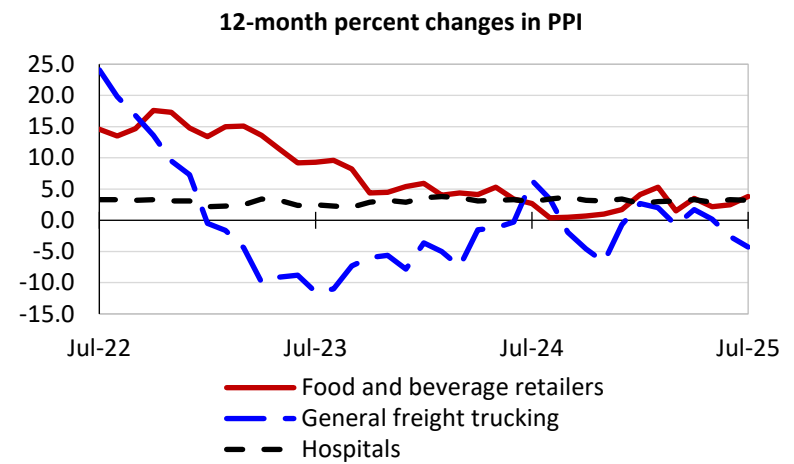
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

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



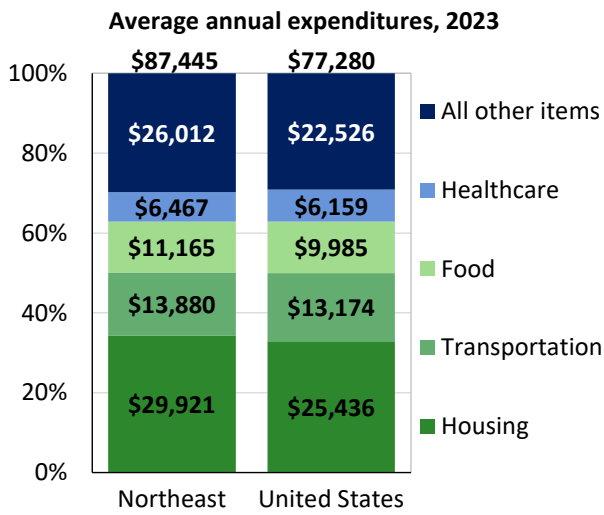
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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 2024

| Occupation  | Worcester area | United States |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| All occupations                                     | \$34.13        | \$32.66       |
| Biochemists and biophysicists                       | 62.80          | 55.56         |
| Social and community service managers               | 39.08          | 41.39         |
| Firefighters  | 33.04          | 30.72         |
| Machinists  | 29.58          | 27.59         |
| Paper goods machine setters, operators, and tenders | 23.89          | 24.88         |
| Home health and personal care aides                 | 19.90          | 16.82         |

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

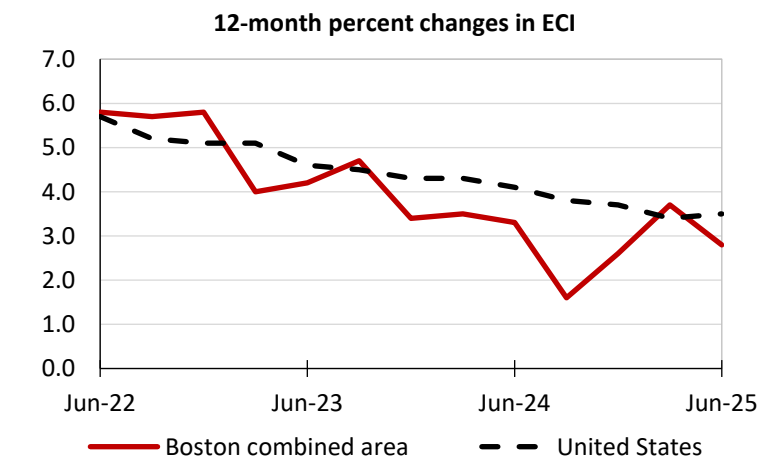
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

| Private industry, March 2025 | New England | United States |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total compensation           | \$56.17     | \$45.38       |
| Wages and salaries           | 38.56       | 31.89         |
| Total benefits               | 17.61       | 13.49         |
| Paid leave                   | 5.00        | 3.43          |
| Vacation                     | 2.59        | 1.74          |
| Supplemental pay             | 2.00        | 1.89          |
| Insurance                    | 4.61        | 3.34          |
| Retirement and savings       | 2.17        | 1.53          |
| Legally required benefits    | 3.83        | 3.29          |

[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.

