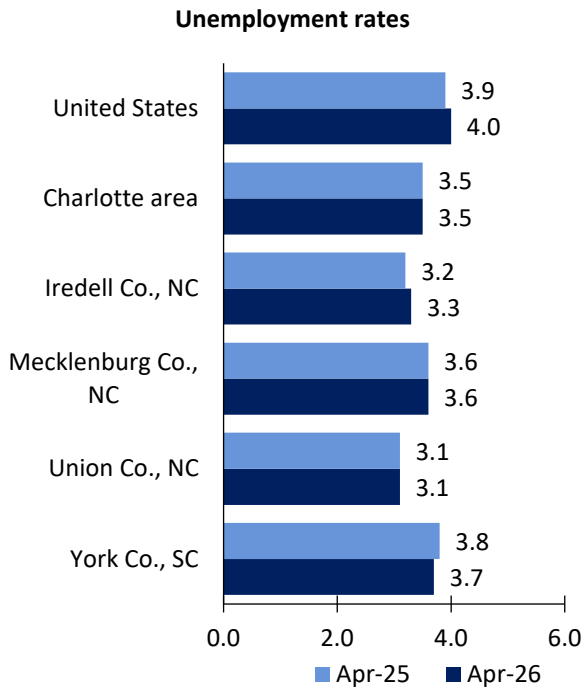


Charlotte, NC-SC, Area Economic Summary

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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>.

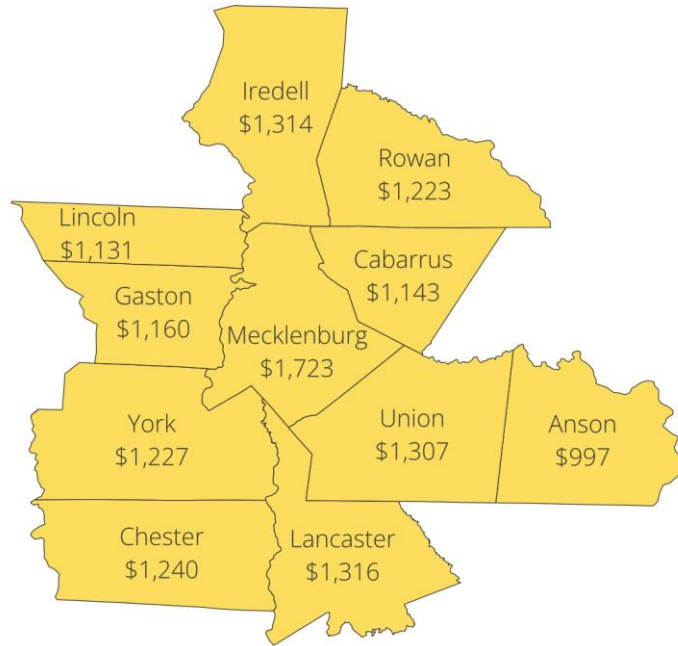
Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

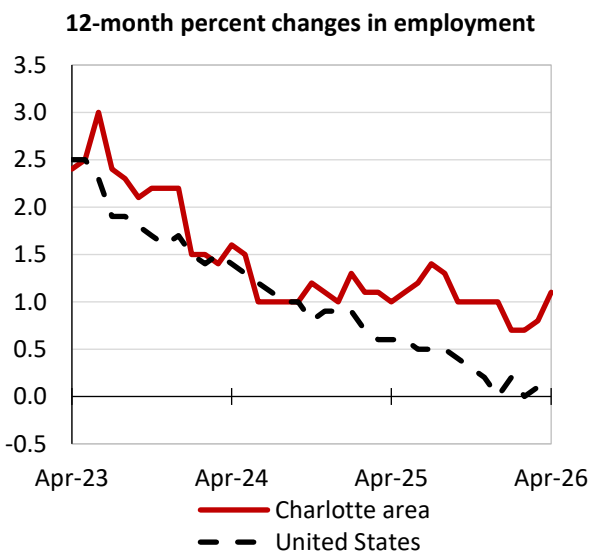
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Charlotte area, fourth quarter 2025
(U.S. = \$1,569; Area = \$1,515)



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

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



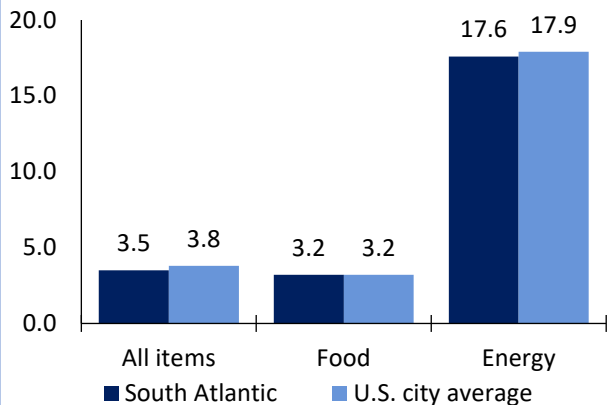
Charlotte area employment (number in thousands)	Apr. 2026	Change from Apr. 2025 to Apr. 2026	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,394.5	14.9	1.1
Mining, logging, and construction	88.7	5.9	7.1
Manufacturing	104.8	-4.8	-4.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	282.3	4.1	1.5
Information	24.4	-1.0	-3.9
Financial activities	127.1	2.0	1.6
Professional and business services	222.7	3.6	1.6
Education and health services	159.2	5.2	3.4
Leisure and hospitality	152.7	-3.1	-2.0
Other services	53.2	0.2	0.4
Government	179.4	2.8	1.6

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



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

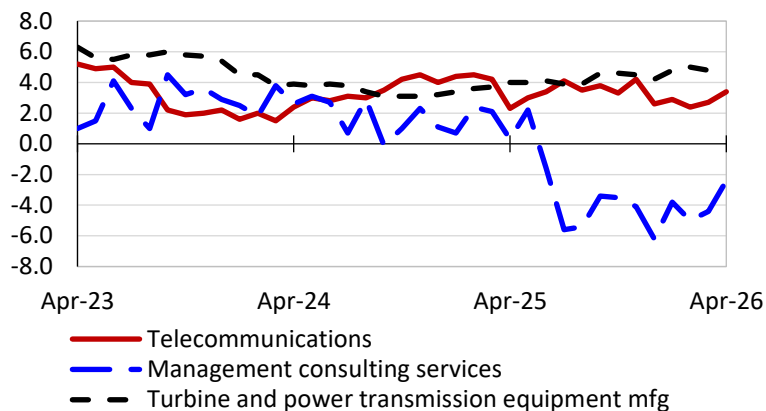
12-month percent change in CPI-U, April 2026



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

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

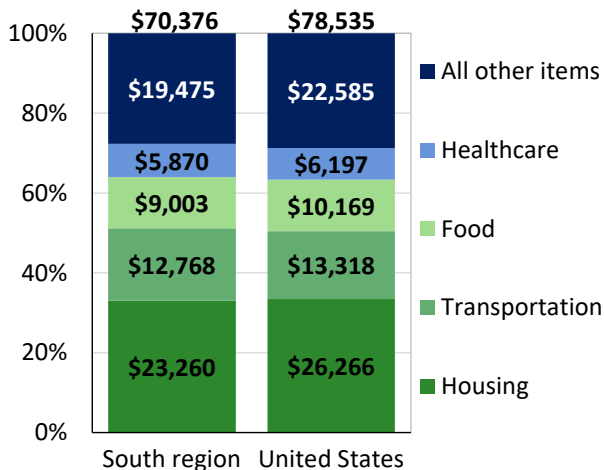
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2024



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2025

Occupation	Charlotte area	United States
All occupations	\$33.13	\$33.54
Software developers	66.84	71.20
Financial and investment analysts	56.35	56.15
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents	51.94	52.48
Medical secretaries and administrative assistants	21.86	22.50
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	19.61	20.32
Cooks, fast food	13.81	15.57

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

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

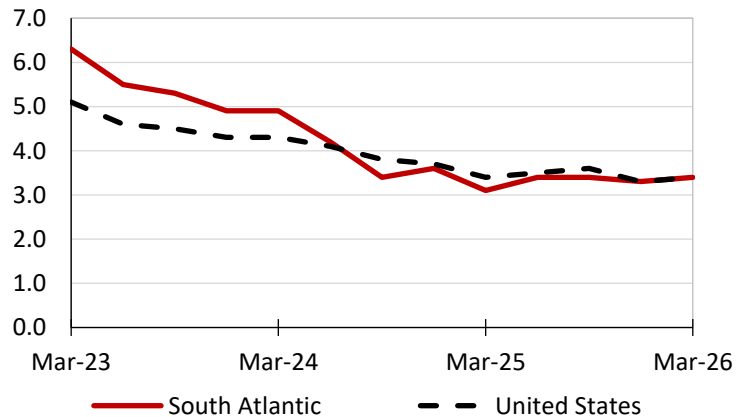
Private industry, December 2025	South Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$43.01	\$46.15
Wages and salaries	30.76	32.36
Total benefits	12.26	13.79
Paid leave	3.23	3.52
Vacation	1.62	1.75
Supplemental pay	1.67	1.87
Insurance	3.04	3.51
Retirement and savings	1.30	1.55
Legally required benefits	3.01	3.34

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.

