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In February...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,700,800
 Change over month +0.24%
 Change over year +0.79%

United States 152,544,000
 Change over month +0.18%
 Change over year +1.60%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 3.8%
 United States 3.5%

Consumer Price Index

United States 258.678
 Change over year +2.3%

Connecticut Exports Down in 2019 But Still Above 2017

By Laura Jaworski, Office of International and Domestic Business Development, DECD

To assess Connecticut’s export status, *The Connecticut Economic Digest* conducts an annual review of the state’s export performance. A review of the state’s 2019 export position follows.

National

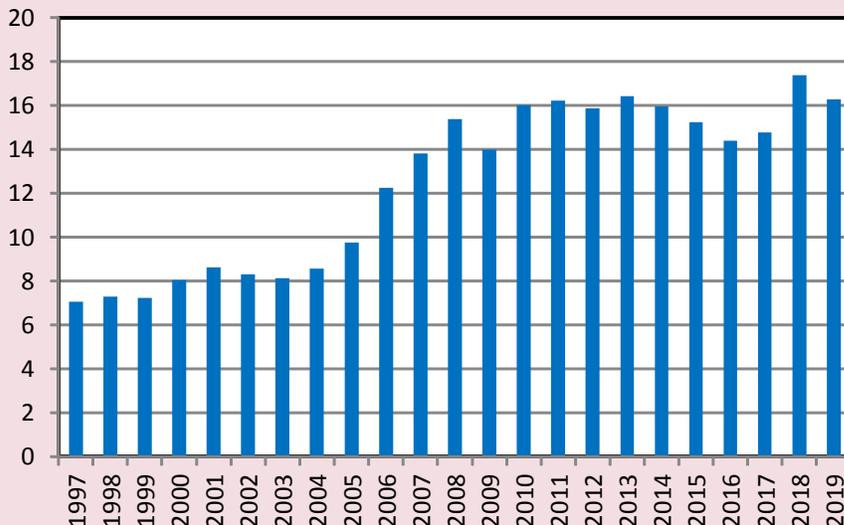
Two notable events impacted trade in 2019: the Boeing 737 Max production shutdown and tariffs. Boeing is the largest U.S. exporter, and commercial aircraft is the biggest U.S. commodity export. The 737 Max, which went from slowed production to complete suspension, continues to have ripple effects. Not only did the

biggest supplier to Boeing, Spirit AeroSystems, lay off 2,800 people, but the suspension will have likely ramifications on industrial production, trade, GDP, the aerospace supply chain and delivery of parts and inventory.

U.S.-China trade friction dominated the headlines for a good part of 2019. The back and forth imposition of tariffs clearly impacted certain sectors. After a long period of negotiation, Phase I of the Economic and Trade Agreement between the U.S. and China was signed in January 2020.

It should be noted that while news of the COVID-19 coronavirus began to circulate in

Connecticut Exports, 1997-2019 (\$ in billions)



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late 2019, its impact is expected to be reflected in 2020 data.

Connecticut

In 2019, Connecticut's commodity exports totaled \$16.28 billion, a 6.41% decrease from the \$17.40 billion registered in 2018. It is important to note, as significant as commodity exports are, they omit service exports, for which the collection of data is inexact and unavailable at the state level. All U.S. states face this data gap. This means that export figures for a state like Connecticut, with a large concentration of insurance, financial and other services, understate the true magnitude of its overall export value.¹

Data indicates that 4,944 companies exported from Connecticut in 2016. 89% of these companies were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees. In 2016, 65,140 U.S. jobs were supported by goods exported from Connecticut.²

In 2019 Connecticut dropped one spot and ranked 28th in the U.S. in state-by-states exports. Texas, California, New York, Louisiana and Washington were the top five export states in 2019, ranked in terms of export commodity dollars. New Mexico led all states in percentage growth and experienced a 31.16% increase in 2019, largely driven by a surge in computers and computer parts.

U.S. Exports

U.S. commodity exports experienced continued growth in 2019 and totaled more than \$1.64 trillion in 2019, representing a 1.25% decrease over the \$1.66 trillion recorded in 2018. Due to geographic proximity, it should come as no surprise that Canada and Mexico were the top two destinations for U.S. exports in 2019 followed by China, Japan and the United Kingdom.

New England Exports

In New England in 2019, only Massachusetts' exports value ranked higher than Connecticut's. As a regional trading block, New England's commodity exports totaled more than \$56.64 billion in 2019, a 2.39% decrease from 2018. The top five export destinations for New England commodities were Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, China and Mexico.

Connecticut Export Composition

Connecticut's top export commodities mirror the state's advanced manufacturing strengths and there is a demonstrated consistency among the state's top exports. 2019 was no exception. Last year at the two-digit Harmonized System (HS) commodity code level, Connecticut's top five export commodities were (1) aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof; (2) industrial machinery, including computers; (3) optic, photo, medical or surgical instruments; (4) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts and (5) special classification provisions, Nesoi. The bulk of special classification provisions were composed of exports of repaired imports. Please refer to the associated charts for greater detail on the state's export strengths and composition.

Drilling down an additional layer into the HS commodity codes for greater export insight reveals the transportation sector's dominance of Connecticut exports in the aerospace and defense industry. At the four-digit HS level, the state's top exports included civilian aircraft, engines, parts; exports of repaired imports; and turbojets, turbopropellers.

To put these figures into national and regional context, the U.S. and New England states' top export commodities were

Connecticut Exports by Commodity				
Rank	Description	ANNUAL 2018	ANNUAL 2019	%2018-2019
	TOTAL ALL COMMODITIES	17,403,393,376	16,287,680,867	-6.41
1	Aircraft, Spacecraft, And Parts Thereof	7,182,444,255	6,259,830,483	-12.85
2	Industrial Machinery, Including Computers	3,011,649,401	3,119,065,328	3.57
3	Optic, Photo Etc, Medic Or Surgical Instrmnts Etc	1,396,698,715	1,247,439,458	-10.69
4	Electric Machinery Etc; Sound Equip; Tv Equip; Pts	1,075,155,223	1,212,155,205	12.74
5	Special Classification Provisions, Nesoi	935,491,498	774,431,435	-17.22
6	Plastics And Articles Thereof	439,187,280	503,955,956	14.75
7	Mineral Fuel, Oil Etc.; Bitumin Subst; Mineral Wax	151,631,600	229,873,198	51.6
8	Miscellaneous Chemical Products	198,110,868	197,423,615	-0.35
9	Inorg Chem; Prec & Rare-Earth Met & Radioact Compd	223,559,597	188,659,105	-15.61
10	Pharmaceutical Products	271,732,561	188,377,599	-30.68

Connecticut Exports by Partner Country				
Rank	Description	ANNUAL 2018	ANNUAL 2019	%2018-2019
	TOTAL ALL PARTNER COUNTRIES	17,403,393,376	16,287,680,867	-6.41
1	Germany	2,332,302,205	2,541,687,149	8.98
2	Canada	1,962,588,643	1,947,660,627	-0.76
3	France	3,177,759,374	1,859,659,019	-41.48
4	United Kingdom	1,484,427,095	1,449,662,498	-2.34
5	China	942,490,646	1,261,603,358	33.86
6	Mexico	947,651,591	831,941,757	-12.21
7	Netherlands	769,522,148	774,375,493	0.63
8	Singapore	623,285,029	552,529,785	-11.35
9	Korea, Republic Of	422,575,825	475,107,248	12.43
10	Japan	627,522,413	433,614,602	-30.9

similar to Connecticut's. In 2019, the top five U.S. export commodities were (1) industrial machinery, including computers; (2) mineral fuel, oil, bitumin substances, mineral wax; (3) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts; (4) aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof and (5) vehicles, except railway or tramway, and parts. In 2019, the New England region's top five export commodities were (1) industrial machinery, including computers; (2) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts; (3) aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof; (4) optic, photo, medical or surgical instruments and (5) natural or cultured pearls, precious stones, precious metal clad materials, imitation jewelry and coins.

State Export Partners

The state's top ten commodity export destinations were Germany, Canada, France, the United Kingdom, China, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore, Korea and Japan. Connecticut exported over \$1 billion to each of its top five trade partners in 2019, with over \$2.54 billion directed to Germany. Among the state's top ten partners, only Germany, China, the Netherlands and Korea experienced export increases, the most significant percentage increases belonging to China (33.86%) and Korea (12.43%).

State Trade Expansion Promotion (STEP) Grant

The state and federal government continue to partner to help Connecticut companies take advantage of export opportunities. DECD administers a State Trade Expansion Promotion (STEP) grant award from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The program's goals are to increase the number of small business exporters and increase export sales. In conjunction with organizations such as the local U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center (USEAC), the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and others, DECD directs STEP funds towards small businesses for export development and training opportunities, company participation in foreign and domestic trade shows and trade missions, website translation, as well as other export initiatives and events. ■

For more information about DECD's international programs and services, including STEP grant activities, eligibility standards, program guidelines and application procedures, please contact Laura Jaworski at 860-500-2368 or laura.jaworski@ct.gov.

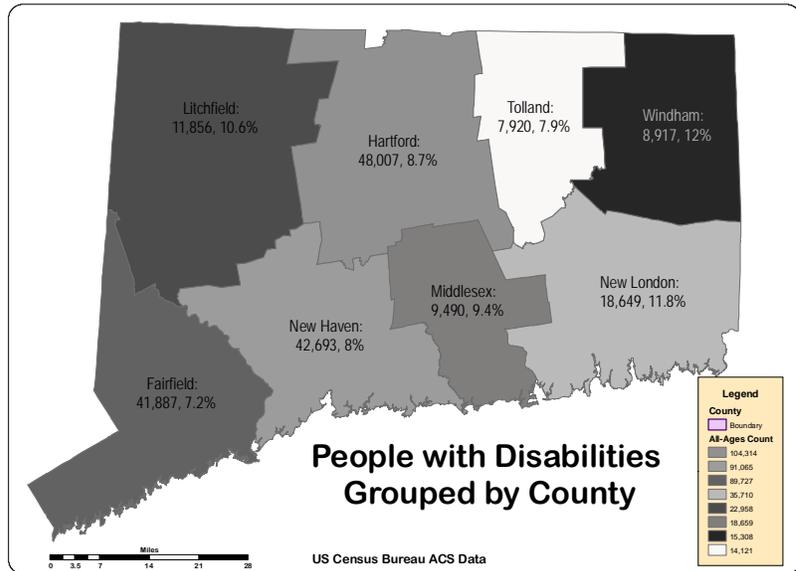
1 Source: WISER database, <http://www.wisertrade.org>.

2 Source: "Connecticut Exports, Jobs, & Foreign Investment," U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, <https://www.trade.gov/mas/ian/statereports/states/ct.pdf>, February 2018.

Disability and Employment

By Al Sylvestre, Research Analyst, Department of Labor

As the private-sector labor market has recovered more jobs than it lost in the 2008-2010 recession, people with disabilities, who comprise five percent of the state workforce, continue integrating with the labor market. This article takes a brief look at the economic geography of people with disabilities showing where they live, the economic sectors in which they work, and how their earnings compare with those of their non-disabled peers. Programs and services that provide opportunities for people with disabilities to attach to the labor force and retain employment are briefly discussed as well.



Population and Geography

The US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 five-year average statistics show that 3.43% of working people with disabilities have one or more disabilities. This includes 0.71% of the employed work force with a vision impairment or legal blindness. About 86% of people with disabilities have a physical impairment including hearing loss or an ambulatory disability. People with one or more disabilities have self-care difficulties (6.5% of disabled workers), independent living difficulty (16.7%), or cognitive difficulty (33.1%).

ACS data show that 26.2% of Connecticut residents with disabilities call Hartford County home while 22.9% reside in Fairfield County, and 23.2% live in New Haven County. The distribution of these residents is shown on the map (above) with the working age population ratio they represent. About three-fourths (72.3%) of this population lives in counties with robust public transit close to vocational rehabilitation (VR) services. Though it is home to a pair of cities—New London and Norwich—New London County's access to public benefits is compromised by inadequate public transportation for the 9.11% of state residents with disabilities living there. Reaching out to the 5.9%, 3.6%, and 3.9% of disabled persons

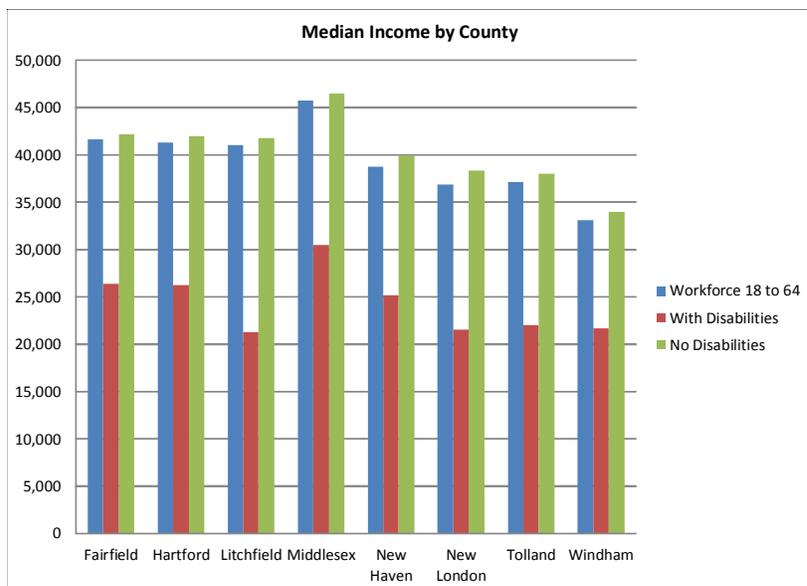
in rural Litchfield, Tolland, and Windham Counties is a challenge given those counties' paucity of public transit. The transit-supply challenge in suburban Middlesex County with 4.8% people with disabilities is less one of supply than distance.

Economic Characteristics

ACS data show that people with disabilities are disproportionately represented in Connecticut's service-sector economy—except in Windham County where the ratios are 20.6% to 19.7%. A higher proportion of the non-disability workforce is engaged in

management positions than its peers with disabilities: from a 12.7 percentage-point differential in Hartford County to a low of 5.7 points in Windham County. Employment sectors that include low-skills occupations are near parity between employees with and without disabilities.

Regarding journeys to work, higher percentages of people with disabilities commute by ride sharing or mass transit. People with disabilities are 10.5% less likely to drive to work alone. They are 9.6% more likely to work at home, 47.7% more likely to take a cab, motorcycle, or lift-equipped van, and



18.7% more likely to take the bus or train compared with their non-disabled peers.

ACS data in the accompanying table show that highest per capita earners with disabilities live in Middlesex County with \$30,474 in median annual income earning sixty-three cents for every dollar earned by people reporting no disability. While median income for people in the state workforce ranges from Windham County's \$33,078 to \$45,732 in Middlesex County, people with disabilities earn between 51.8 and 66.6 cents for every per-capita dollar earned by the rest of the workforce. Compared to non-disabled persons, people with disabilities earn between 50.9 and 63.7 cents on the dollar. Median income for people with disabilities is closest to workforce median for public-transit-rich Fairfield, Hartford, and New Haven counties. Though Middlesex County has lower transit availability for people who work outside traditional business

hours, its median earnings for people with disabilities compared to the entire workforce is 5%, 4.8% and 1.4% closer to the median than Fairfield, Hartford, and New Haven counties.

Programs and Services

Overcoming employment barriers and economic disparities between people with and without disabilities requires public VR and post-secondary education opportunities that include apprenticeship. Geographic isolation exacerbated by inequitable transportation access is the most significant barrier people with disabilities must overcome. Consistent access to transportation modes is provided through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS), workforce-development boards, commissions, and non-profit agencies. They help fill transportation gaps to benefit

persons with disabilities and low-income earners. The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired and the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board find better access to transportation systems by enabling the development of non-motorized transportation to supplement public transportation systems of buses, trains, and ride-sharing services.

Conclusion

Opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in Connecticut's economy and improve their standards of living continue to expand as VR programs with the help of workforce boards and improved employer understanding of the benefits of hiring and retaining workers with disabilities combine to improve the employment outlook for this segment of Connecticut's workforce. ■

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	4Q	4Q	YoY CHG		3Q	QoQ CHG	
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019	NO.	%
General Drift Indicator (1996=100)*							
Leading	119.4	117.7	1.7	1.5	119.2	0.2	0.17
Coincident	117.5	116.9	0.6	0.6	117.2	0.4	0.32
Liberty Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**	142.2	142.0	0.3	0.2	141.7	0.5	0.37
Real Gross Domestic Product*** (2012 Chained \$, SAAR)	3Q	3Q	YoY CHG		2Q	QoQ CHG	
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019	NO.	%
Connecticut (\$ in millions)	249,471.6	246,431.1	3,040.5	1.2	248,173.3	1,298.3	0.5
United States (\$ in millions)	19,121,112	18,732,720	388,392	2.1	19,021,860	99,252	0.5
New England (\$ in millions)	991,703.7	971,721.2	19,982.5	2.1	986,526.9	5,176.8	0.5
Per Capita Personal Income*** (Current \$, SAAR)	4Q	4Q	YoY CHG		3Q	QoQ CHG	
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019	NO.	%
Connecticut	79,403	77,466	1,937	2.5	79,053	350	0.4
United States	57,205	55,222	1,983	3.6	56,857	348	0.6
New England	71,095	68,815	2,280	3.3	70,654	441	0.6
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)****	Jan	Jan	YoY CHG		Dec	MoM CHG	
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2019	NO.	%
Connecticut	129.29	126.47	2.8	2.2	128.75	0.5	0.4
United States	130.27	126.70	3.6	2.8	130.00	0.3	0.2

Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut **Liberty Bank ***U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis ****Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

General Drift Indicators are composite measures of the four-quarter change in three coincident (Connecticut Manufacturing Production Index, nonfarm employment, and real personal income) and three leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 1996 = 100.

The **Liberty Bank Business Barometer** is a measure of overall economic growth in the state of Connecticut that is derived from non-manufacturing employment, real disposable personal income, and manufacturing production.

The **Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index** summarizes current economic condition by using four coincident variables: nonfarm payroll employment, average hours worked in manufacturing, the unemployment rate, and wage and salary disbursements deflated by the consumer price index (U.S. city average).

Total nonfarm
employment increased
over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
TOTAL NONFARM	1,700.8	1,687.5	13.3	0.8	1,696.8
Natural Res & Mining	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Construction	60.3	60.2	0.1	0.2	60.0
Manufacturing	162.5	161.8	0.7	0.4	161.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	294.5	292.9	1.6	0.5	296.8
Information	31.5	31.3	0.2	0.6	31.4
Financial Activities	124.5	124.1	0.4	0.3	124.0
Professional and Business Services	221.4	218.5	2.9	1.3	222.2
Education and Health Services	345.1	337.8	7.3	2.2	343.3
Leisure and Hospitality	157.9	158.3	-0.4	-0.3	155.7
Other Services	65.0	65.4	-0.4	-0.6	64.4
Government*	237.5	236.6	0.9	0.4	236.8

Source: Connecticut Department of Labor * Includes Native American tribal government employment

Average weekly initial
claims fell from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,930.5	1,904.0	26.5	1.4	1,929.3
Employed (000s)	1,857.9	1,832.4	25.5	1.4	1,857.1
Unemployed (000s)	72.6	71.6	1.0	1.4	72.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.8	0.0	---	3.7
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.0	0.9	---	66.9
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	64.4	63.6	0.8	---	64.4
Average Weekly Initial Claims	2,927	2,985	-58	-2.0	2,854
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	1.96	2.04	-0.08	---	1.76
	2019	2018			3Q 2019
U-6 Rate (%)	7.9	8.9	-1.0	---	8.2

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The production worker
weekly earnings rose over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan	Dec
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020	2019
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	41.4	41.5	-0.1	-0.2	41.5	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	28.41	26.84	1.57	5.8	28.03	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,176.17	1,113.86	62.31	5.6	1,163.25	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)	98.3	90.8	7.4	8.2	96.7	86.7
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,709	3,670	39	1.1	3,648	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	253	231	21.7	9.4	249	205
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)	106.0	97.6	8.3	8.5	100.3	88.5

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Department of Energy
*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for third
quarter 2020 is
forecasted to increase 4.4
percent from a year
earlier.

INCOME

	3Q*		CHANGE		2Q*
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
Personal Income	\$296,523	\$284,034	12,489	4.4	\$293,350
UI Covered Wages	\$120,719	\$118,596	2,123	1.8	\$120,184

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
*Forecasted by Connecticut Department of Labor

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations decreased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Feb 2020	442	42.6	727	580	25.3
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Jan 2020	2,451	-4.8	2,451	2,575	-4.8
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	Feb 2020	455.4	150.5	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Feb 2020	12,851	-12.8	30,687	32,206	-4.7
Exports (Bil. \$)	4Q 2019	4.11	-10.5	16.29	17.40	-6.4
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Feb 2020	2,954.22	6.1	---	---	---

Sources: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration; Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; F.W. Dodge; Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles; Wisetrade.org

* Estimated by the Bureau of the Census

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

Net business formation, as measured by starts minus stops registered with the Secretary of the State, was up over the year.

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Feb 2020	2,976	2.1	6,351	6,332	0.3
Department of Labor	3Q 2019	2,390	-5.6	8,118	8,799	-7.7
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Feb 2020	1,546	-15.0	2,909	3,270	-11.0
Department of Labor	3Q 2019	1,944	-3.1	5,777	5,862	-1.5

Sources: Connecticut Secretary of the State; Connecticut Department of Labor

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were up from a year ago.

	YEAR TO DATE					
	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	% CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	1,093.9	1,191.3	-8.2	3416.0	3,423.7	-0.2
Corporate Tax	32.3	30.7	5.2	204.4	206.2	-0.9
Personal Income Tax	620.6	653.0	-5.0	1760.2	1,785.1	-1.4
Real Estate Conv. Tax	11.4	10.3	10.7	28.7	27.5	4.4
Sales & Use Tax	283.6	338.7	-16.3	792.4	826.8	-4.2
Gaming Payments**	20.1	19.6	2.9	39.4	37.6	4.8

Sources: Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; Division of Special Revenue

*Includes all sources of revenue; Only selected sources are displayed; Most July receipts are credited to the prior fiscal year and are not shown. **See page 23 for explanation.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Gaming slots rose over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Feb 2020	53.4	0.0	50.8	50.6	0.4
Tourism Website Visitors	Feb 2020	251,613	14.0	532,105	439,358	21.1
Air Passenger Count	Jan 2020	487,315	2.8	487,315	474,024	2.8
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Feb 2020	964.8	1.8	1,895.5	1,827.7	3.7

Sources: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports; Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism; Division of Special Revenue

*STR, Inc. Due to layoffs, Info Center Visitors data are no longer published.

***See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 2.7 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Dec 2019	Sep 2019	3-Mo % Chg	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	12-Mo % Chg
Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)						
UNITED STATES TOTAL	138.2	137.3	0.7	138.0	134.4	2.7
Wages and Salaries	138.9	137.9	0.7	138.7	134.7	3.0
Benefit Costs	136.5	135.8	0.5	136.2	133.6	1.9
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	140.7	136.5	3.1
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	140.7	136.0	3.5

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

U.S. inflation rate was up by 2.3 percent over the year.

CONSUMER NEWS

(Not seasonally adjusted)	MO/QTR	LEVEL	% CHANGE	
			Y/Y	P/P*
CONSUMER PRICES				
CPI-U (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Feb 2020	258.678	2.3	0.3
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Feb 2020	0.387	-2.3	-0.3
Northeast Region	Feb 2020	273.080	2.4	0.3
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Feb 2020	282.577	2.4	0.2
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Jan 2020	285.181	2.2	0.6
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Feb 2020	251.935	2.3	0.2

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Change over prior monthly or quarterly period

**The Boston CPI can be used as a proxy for New England and is measured every other month.

Conventional mortgage rate fell to 3.47 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2019
Prime	4.75	4.75	5.50
Federal Funds	1.58	1.55	2.40
3 Month Treasury Bill	1.54	1.55	2.44
6 Month Treasury Bill	1.51	1.56	2.50
1 Year Treasury Note	1.41	1.53	2.55
3 Year Treasury Note	1.31	1.52	2.48
5 Year Treasury Note	1.32	1.56	2.49
7 Year Treasury Note	1.42	1.67	2.57
10 Year Treasury Note	1.50	1.76	2.68
20 Year Treasury Note	1.81	2.07	2.87
Conventional Mortgage	3.47	3.62	4.37

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Eight of nine states in the region gained jobs over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
Connecticut	1,700.8	1,687.5	13.3	0.8	1,696.8
Maine	638.3	635.8	2.5	0.4	639.1
Massachusetts	3,720.4	3,686.6	33.8	0.9	3,709.0
New Hampshire	690.8	684.9	5.9	0.9	691.0
New Jersey	4,243.9	4,185.2	58.7	1.4	4,240.8
New York	9,850.7	9,766.4	84.3	0.9	9,840.4
Pennsylvania	6,112.2	6,047.6	64.6	1.1	6,096.6
Rhode Island	508.5	503.9	4.6	0.9	506.9
Vermont	314.7	317.0	-2.3	-0.7	314.2
United States	152,544.0	150,135.0	2,409.0	1.6	152,271.0

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

LABOR FORCE

Eight states posted increases in the labor force from last year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
Connecticut	1,930,492	1,904,004	26,488	1.4	1,929,340
Maine	695,024	693,390	1,634	0.2	694,174
Massachusetts	3,834,913	3,805,911	29,002	0.8	3,836,148
New Hampshire	779,489	769,835	9,654	1.3	778,202
New Jersey	4,564,238	4,457,146	107,092	2.4	4,551,684
New York	9,551,755	9,534,512	17,243	0.2	9,542,921
Pennsylvania	6,558,209	6,452,662	105,547	1.6	6,549,144
Rhode Island	558,452	554,644	3,808	0.7	557,583
Vermont	340,147	344,021	-3,874	-1.1	340,538
United States	164,546,000	163,047,000	1,499,000	0.9	164,606,000

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

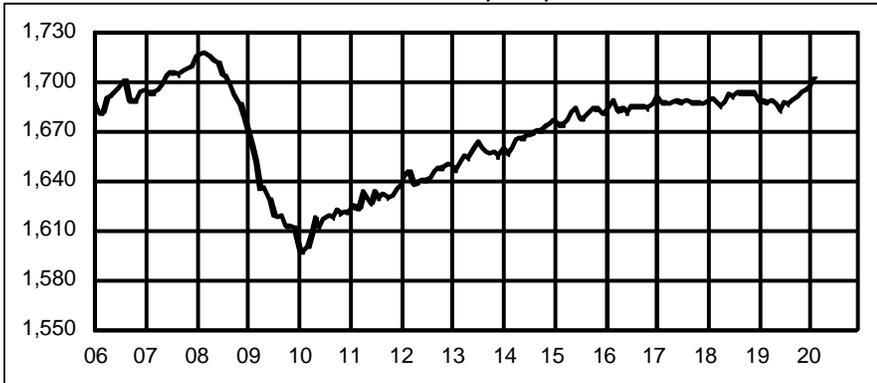
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Three states showed a decrease in its unemployment rate over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE	Jan
	2020	2019		2020
Connecticut	3.8	3.8	0.0	3.7
Maine	3.2	3.2	0.0	3.1
Massachusetts	2.8	3.1	-0.3	2.8
New Hampshire	2.6	2.5	0.1	2.6
New Jersey	3.8	3.6	0.2	3.8
New York	3.7	4.0	-0.3	3.8
Pennsylvania	4.7	4.1	0.6	4.7
Rhode Island	3.4	3.7	-0.3	3.4
Vermont	2.4	2.3	0.1	2.4
United States	3.5	3.8	-0.3	3.6

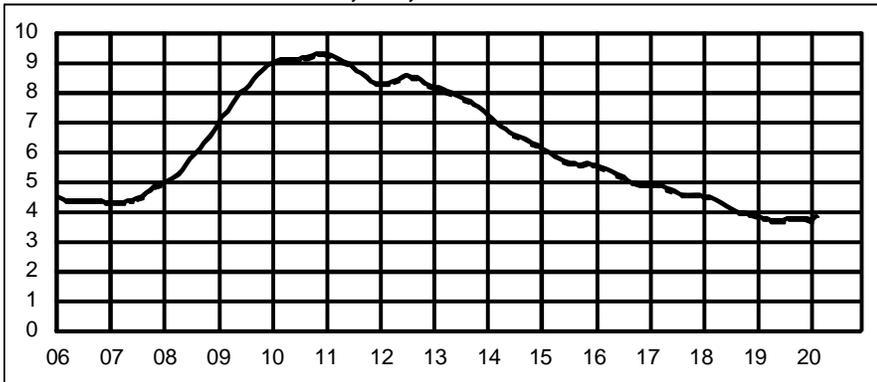
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TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, SA, 000s



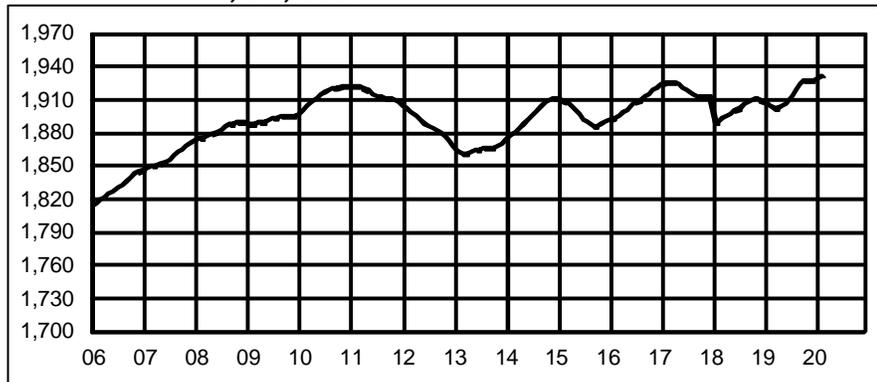
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	1,687.4	1,688.3	1,696.8
Feb	1,688.7	1,687.5	1,700.8
Mar	1,686.9	1,686.6	
Apr	1,684.3	1,687.9	
May	1,687.2	1,685.4	
Jun	1,691.1	1,682.6	
Jul	1,690.6	1,686.7	
Aug	1,692.6	1,685.3	
Sep	1,692.9	1,688.3	
Oct	1,692.6	1,690.0	
Nov	1,692.5	1,692.5	
Dec	1,692.6	1,693.5	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SA, %



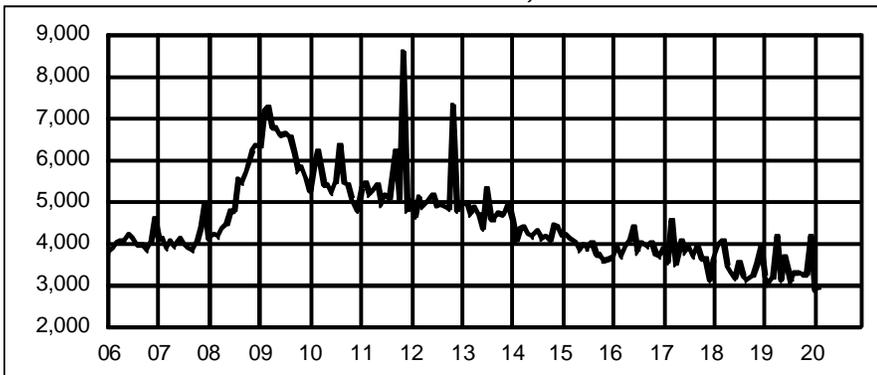
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	4.5	3.8	3.7
Feb	4.5	3.8	3.8
Mar	4.4	3.7	
Apr	4.3	3.7	
May	4.2	3.7	
Jun	4.2	3.7	
Jul	4.1	3.7	
Aug	4.0	3.7	
Sep	4.0	3.7	
Oct	3.9	3.8	
Nov	3.9	3.8	
Dec	3.9	3.8	

LABOR FORCE, SA, 000s



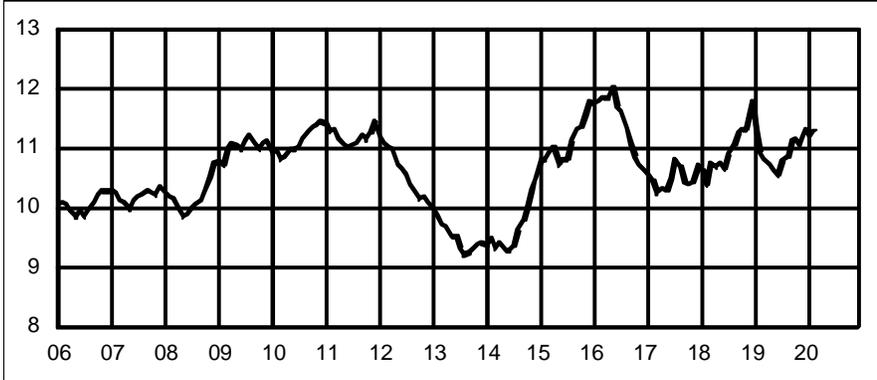
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	1,888.3	1,906.8	1,929.3
Feb	1,889.6	1,904.0	1,930.5
Mar	1,891.7	1,901.7	
Apr	1,894.2	1,901.1	
May	1,896.8	1,902.6	
Jun	1,899.5	1,906.1	
Jul	1,902.4	1,911.7	
Aug	1,905.3	1,917.7	
Sep	1,907.8	1,923.1	
Oct	1,909.5	1,926.8	
Nov	1,910.0	1,926.9	
Dec	1,909.0	1,926.3	

AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS, SA



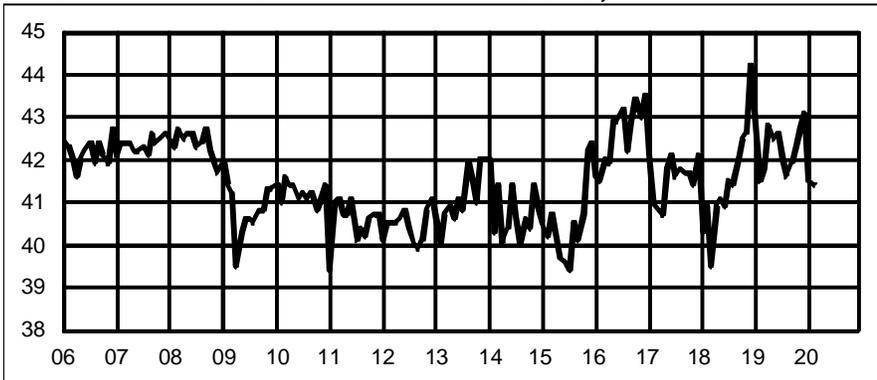
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	3,549	3,184	2,854
Feb	3,944	2,985	2,927
Mar	4,026	3,121	
Apr	3,425	4,146	
May	3,280	3,114	
Jun	3,120	3,655	
Jul	3,517	3,046	
Aug	3,184	3,280	
Sep	3,097	3,279	
Oct	3,214	3,238	
Nov	3,473	3,254	
Dec	3,896	4,146	

REAL AVG MFG HOURLY EARNINGS, NSA, 1982-84\$



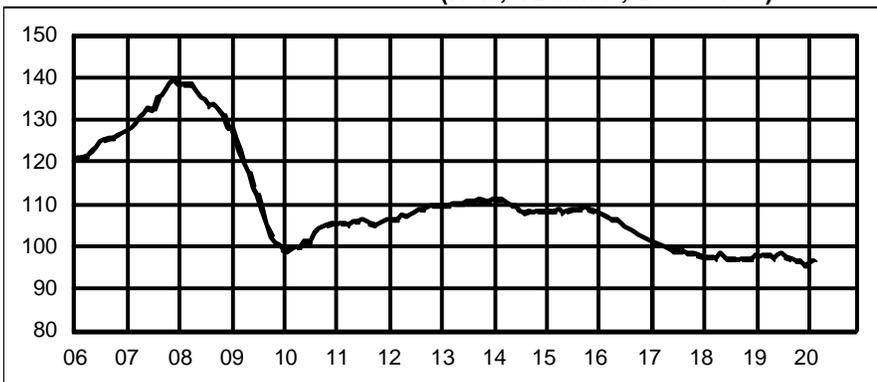
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	\$10.61	\$11.27	\$11.15
Feb	\$10.37	\$10.90	\$11.28
Mar	\$10.74	\$10.82	
Apr	\$10.66	\$10.69	
May	\$10.73	\$10.59	
Jun	\$10.63	\$10.54	
Jul	\$10.86	\$10.76	
Aug	\$11.02	\$10.83	
Sep	\$11.25	\$11.10	
Oct	\$11.31	\$11.15	
Nov	\$11.30	\$11.05	
Dec	\$11.75	\$11.30	

AVG MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS, NSA



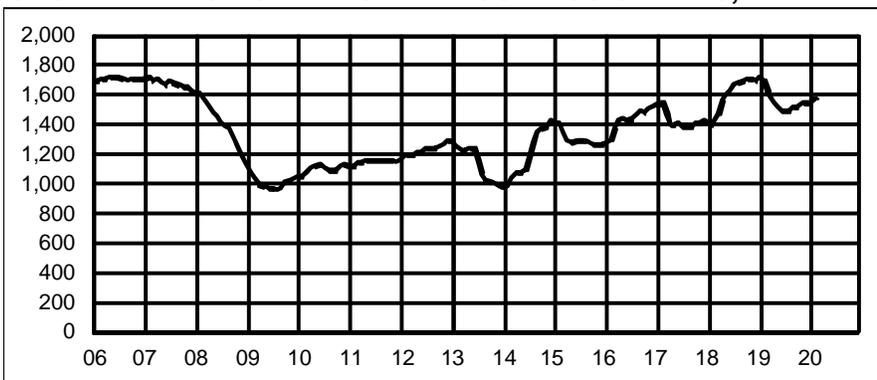
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	40.3	40.3	41.5
Feb	40.9	40.9	41.4
Mar	39.5	39.5	
Apr	40.9	40.9	
May	41.1	41.1	
Jun	40.9	40.9	
Jul	41.5	41.5	
Aug	41.4	41.4	
Sep	42.0	42.0	
Oct	42.5	42.5	
Nov	42.6	42.6	
Dec	44.2	44.2	

CT MFG PRODUCTION INDEX (NSA, 12 MMA, 2009=100)



Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	97.2	97.7	95.7
Feb	97.4	97.4	96.3
Mar	97.3	97.8	
Apr	97.0	98.0	
May	98.5	96.8	
Jun	97.0	97.6	
Jul	96.9	98.2	
Aug	96.8	97.3	
Sep	96.6	97.0	
Oct	96.8	96.5	
Nov	96.7	96.4	
Dec	96.8	95.6	

SECRETARY OF STATE'S NET BUSINESS STARTS, 12MMA



Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	1,412	1,723	1,544
Feb	1,392	1,695	1,572
Mar	1,468	1,616	
Apr	1,562	1,541	
May	1,598	1,514	
Jun	1,628	1,491	
Jul	1,667	1,489	
Aug	1,681	1,489	
Sep	1,692	1,514	
Oct	1,708	1,523	
Nov	1,710	1,541	
Dec	1,692	1,540	

CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,677,900	1,664,500	13,400	0.8	1,669,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,435,300	1,422,800	12,500	0.9	1,432,900
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	216,500	215,400	1,100	0.5	216,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	55,100	54,400	700	1.3	55,400
MANUFACTURING	161,400	161,000	400	0.2	160,800
Durable Goods	127,100	126,900	200	0.2	126,600
Fabricated Metal.....	30,200	29,800	400	1.3	30,100
Machinery.....	13,100	13,100	0	0.0	13,200
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,800	11,000	-200	-1.8	10,800
Transportation Equipment.....	47,400	46,500	900	1.9	47,000
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	32,300	31,400	900	2.9	32,200
Non-Durable Goods	34,300	34,100	200	0.6	34,200
Chemical.....	7,900	7,900	0	0.0	7,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,461,400	1,449,100	12,300	0.8	1,453,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	288,100	288,200	-100	0.0	295,900
Wholesale Trade.....	58,200	59,500	-1,300	-2.2	58,300
Retail Trade.....	169,000	173,700	-4,700	-2.7	174,300
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,600	21,700	-100	-0.5	21,600
Building Material.....	14,200	14,000	200	1.4	14,300
Food and Beverage Stores.....	40,600	42,000	-1,400	-3.3	41,600
General Merchandise Stores.....	26,500	26,900	-400	-1.5	27,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	60,900	55,000	5,900	10.7	63,300
Utilities.....	5,100	5,200	-100	-1.9	5,100
Transportation and Warehousing.....	55,800	49,800	6,000	12.0	58,200
INFORMATION	31,400	31,500	-100	-0.3	31,200
Telecommunications.....	6,600	6,900	-300	-4.3	6,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	123,800	123,100	700	0.6	123,200
Finance and Insurance.....	103,000	103,600	-600	-0.6	102,700
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	22,400	22,800	-400	-1.8	22,300
Financial Investments and Related.....	21,900	22,300	-400	-1.8	21,900
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	58,700	58,500	200	0.3	58,500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	20,800	19,500	1,300	6.7	20,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	215,700	213,200	2,500	1.2	216,900
Professional, Scientific.....	96,900	96,100	800	0.8	95,500
Legal Services.....	12,500	12,400	100	0.8	12,400
Computer Systems Design.....	22,600	23,400	-800	-3.4	22,600
Management of Companies.....	33,800	33,000	800	2.4	34,000
Administrative and Support.....	85,000	84,100	900	1.1	87,400
Employment Services.....	26,300	27,400	-1,100	-4.0	27,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	348,600	339,500	9,100	2.7	339,800
Educational Services.....	74,500	69,400	5,100	7.3	66,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	274,100	270,100	4,000	1.5	273,000
Hospitals.....	59,600	58,200	1,400	2.4	59,800
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	60,700	60,400	300	0.5	60,500
Social Assistance.....	59,200	58,500	700	1.2	58,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	147,100	147,800	-700	-0.5	146,200
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	22,500	24,000	-1,500	-6.3	22,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	124,600	123,800	800	0.6	123,700
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	113,800	113,200	600	0.5	113,000
OTHER SERVICES	64,100	64,100	0	0.0	63,500
GOVERNMENT	242,600	241,700	900	0.4	236,600
Federal Government.....	18,400	18,000	400	2.2	18,400
State Government.....	74,000	74,000	0	0.0	69,500
Local Government**.....	150,200	149,700	500	0.3	148,700

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*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. **Includes Indian tribal government employment

BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	396,500	399,000	-2,500	-0.6	399,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	352,000	354,600	-2,600	-0.7	355,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	40,600	40,400	200	0.5	40,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	12,000	11,500	500	4.3	11,900
MANUFACTURING	28,600	28,900	-300	-1.0	28,500
Durable Goods.....	22,100	22,400	-300	-1.3	22,100
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	355,900	358,600	-2,700	-0.8	359,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	65,600	66,800	-1,200	-1.8	67,600
Wholesale Trade.....	12,300	12,600	-300	-2.4	12,300
Retail Trade.....	43,800	45,200	-1,400	-3.1	45,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	9,500	9,000	500	5.6	10,200
INFORMATION	13,000	12,900	100	0.8	13,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	36,500	37,600	-1,100	-2.9	37,100
Finance and Insurance.....	29,900	31,500	-1,600	-5.1	30,200
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	8,100	8,200	-100	-1.2	8,100
Financial Investments and Related.....	15,700	16,200	-500	-3.1	15,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	64,400	64,000	400	0.6	65,500
Professional, Scientific.....	29,600	29,800	-200	-0.7	29,300
Administrative and Support.....	23,300	23,000	300	1.3	24,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	74,900	75,200	-300	-0.4	74,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	61,900	62,300	-400	-0.6	62,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	39,700	40,300	-600	-1.5	40,400
Accommodation and Food Services.....	31,300	31,400	-100	-0.3	31,700
OTHER SERVICES	17,300	17,400	-100	-0.6	17,300
GOVERNMENT	44,500	44,400	100	0.2	44,000
Federal.....	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.0	2,500
State & Local.....	42,100	41,900	200	0.5	41,500

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	76,500	76,000	500	0.7	77,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	66,300	65,900	400	0.6	67,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,600	11,400	200	1.8	11,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	64,900	64,600	300	0.5	65,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	16,600	16,700	-100	-0.6	17,000
Retail Trade.....	11,800	11,900	-100	-0.8	12,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,900	9,300	600	6.5	9,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	7,200	7,500	-300	-4.0	7,200
GOVERNMENT	10,200	10,100	100	1.0	10,000
Federal.....	800	700	100	14.3	800
State & Local.....	9,400	9,400	0	0.0	9,200

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HARTFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	583,900	578,400	5,500	1.0	581,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	489,300	484,100	5,200	1.1	488,500
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	79,600	77,800	1,800	2.3	78,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	18,200	18,100	100	0.6	18,200
MANUFACTURING	61,400	59,700	1,700	2.8	60,400
Durable Goods.....	51,200	49,700	1,500	3.0	50,300
Non-Durable Goods.....	10,200	10,000	200	2.0	10,100
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	504,300	500,600	3,700	0.7	502,500
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	91,300	90,800	500	0.6	92,700
Wholesale Trade.....	17,400	17,700	-300	-1.7	17,400
Retail Trade.....	52,600	53,400	-800	-1.5	53,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	21,300	19,700	1,600	8.1	21,700
Transportation and Warehousing.....	20,500	18,900	1,600	8.5	20,900
INFORMATION	9,800	9,500	300	3.2	9,800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	56,500	55,900	600	1.1	56,300
Depository Credit Institutions.....	5,500	5,800	-300	-5.2	5,500
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	38,800	38,500	300	0.8	38,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	72,600	72,000	600	0.8	73,900
Professional, Scientific.....	35,500	34,400	1,100	3.2	34,800
Management of Companies.....	12,700	11,900	800	6.7	12,700
Administrative and Support.....	24,400	25,700	-1,300	-5.1	26,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	112,200	109,600	2,600	2.4	110,400
Educational Services.....	14,500	14,200	300	2.1	13,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	97,700	95,400	2,300	2.4	97,100
Ambulatory Health Care.....	33,300	32,500	800	2.5	33,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	44,700	46,200	-1,500	-3.2	44,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	39,100	39,600	-500	-1.3	38,900
OTHER SERVICES	22,600	22,300	300	1.3	22,300
GOVERNMENT	94,600	94,300	300	0.3	92,600
Federal.....	5,400	5,400	0	0.0	5,400
State & Local.....	89,200	88,900	300	0.3	87,200

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Labor Market Areas	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA.....	406,800	407,300	-500	-0.1	407,900
DANBURY LMA.....	77,700	77,600	100	0.1	77,700
HARTFORD LMA.....	589,400	583,300	6,100	1.0	588,100
NEW HAVEN LMA.....	294,400	287,700	6,700	2.3	292,600
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA.....	129,700	129,500	200	0.2	129,900
WATERBURY LMA.....	68,500	68,700	-200	-0.3	68,700
ENFIELD LMA**.....	44,100	44,400	-300	-0.7	44,300
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**.....	32,800	33,000	-200	-0.6	33,100
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**.....	27,300	27,100	200	0.7	27,500

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NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	291,900	285,200	6,700	2.3	286,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	255,200	248,700	6,500	2.6	251,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	33,900	33,900	0	0.0	34,000
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	10,300	10,000	300	3.0	10,300
MANUFACTURING	23,600	23,900	-300	-1.3	23,700
Durable Goods.....	17,500	17,500	0	0.0	17,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	258,000	251,300	6,700	2.7	252,600
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	52,300	50,200	2,100	4.2	52,900
Wholesale Trade.....	11,000	11,100	-100	-0.9	11,000
Retail Trade.....	27,600	28,400	-800	-2.8	28,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	13,700	10,700	3,000	28.0	13,900
INFORMATION	3,600	3,800	-200	-5.3	3,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	12,000	11,900	100	0.8	12,000
Finance and Insurance.....	8,300	8,300	0	0.0	8,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	31,500	29,700	1,800	6.1	30,900
Administrative and Support.....	15,000	14,900	100	0.7	15,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	85,200	83,400	1,800	2.2	82,500
Educational Services.....	33,000	32,200	800	2.5	30,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	52,200	51,200	1,000	2.0	51,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	25,700	24,700	1,000	4.0	24,200
Accommodation and Food Services.....	20,600	20,600	0	0.0	19,800
OTHER SERVICES	11,000	11,100	-100	-0.9	11,000
GOVERNMENT	36,700	36,500	200	0.5	35,500
Federal.....	5,000	4,800	200	4.2	5,000
State & Local.....	31,700	31,700	0	0.0	30,500

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*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. **Value less than 50

HELP WANTED ONLINE

Connecticut HWOL: February 2020

Labor Market Area	February 2020 Total Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	18,507	Software Developers, Applications	832	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,656
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	15,366	Computer Occupations, All Other	521	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,535
New Haven	7,784	Registered Nurses	523	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,003
Norwich-New London	2,190	Registered Nurses	110	Health Care and Social Assistance	561
Danbury	1,669	Retail Salespersons	110	Retail Trade	316
Waterbury	1,784	Registered Nurses	88	Health Care and Social Assistance	496
Enfield	1,283	Retail Salespersons	55	Manufacturing	285
Torrington	488	Registered Nurses	36	Health Care and Social Assistance	153
Danielson-Northeast	383	Software Developers, Applications	35	Health Care and Social Assistance	113

Source: CT DOL Research Office Analysis of HWOL Data Series

The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine Data Series (HWOL) measures the number of new, first-time online jobs and jobs reposted from the previous month for over 16,000 Internet job boards, corporate boards and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas. The data can be used as a real-time measure of labor demand. For more information go to <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/hwol.asp>.

**NORWICH-NEW LONDON-
WESTERLY, CT-RI LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	126,800	126,100	700	0.6	126,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	96,900	95,500	1,400	1.5	97,000
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	21,700	21,500	200	0.9	21,700
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,900	3,900	0	0.0	3,800
MANUFACTURING	17,800	17,600	200	1.1	17,900
Durable Goods.....	14,500	14,400	100	0.7	14,600
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,300	3,200	100	3.1	3,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	105,100	104,600	500	0.5	105,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	21,700	21,500	200	0.9	22,400
Wholesale Trade.....	2,300	2,300	0	0.0	2,300
Retail Trade.....	14,900	15,000	-100	-0.7	15,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	4,500	4,200	300	7.1	4,600
INFORMATION	1,300	1,300	0	0.0	1,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,800	2,800	0	0.0	2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,900	8,900	0	0.0	8,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	21,400	21,100	300	1.4	20,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	18,300	18,200	100	0.5	18,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	15,700	15,000	700	4.7	15,700
Accommodation and Food Services.....	13,800	12,900	900	7.0	13,800
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	11,400	11,000	400	3.6	11,500
OTHER SERVICES	3,400	3,400	0	0.0	3,400
GOVERNMENT	29,900	30,600	-700	-2.3	29,900
Federal.....	2,800	2,800	0	0.0	2,900
State & Local**.....	27,100	27,800	-700	-2.5	27,000

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	67,400	67,700	-300	-0.4	67,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	56,500	56,600	-100	-0.2	57,000
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	10,100	10,400	-300	-2.9	10,000
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	2,600	2,700	-100	-3.7	2,600
MANUFACTURING	7,500	7,700	-200	-2.6	7,400
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	57,300	57,300	0	0.0	57,600
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	12,600	12,700	-100	-0.8	13,100
Wholesale Trade.....	1,900	1,900	0	0.0	1,900
Retail Trade.....	8,600	8,700	-100	-1.1	8,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	2,400
INFORMATION	600	600	0	0.0	600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,200	2,000	200	10.0	2,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,300	5,100	200	3.9	5,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	17,500	17,700	-200	-1.1	17,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	15,700	15,800	-100	-0.6	15,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,500	5,400	100	1.9	5,600
OTHER SERVICES	2,700	2,700	0	0.0	2,700
GOVERNMENT	10,900	11,100	-200	-1.8	10,600
Federal.....	500	500	0	0.0	500
State & Local.....	10,400	10,600	-200	-1.9	10,100

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**Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. **Includes Indian tribal government employment.*

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	43,500	43,800	-300	-0.7	43,900
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	31,900	31,900	0	0.0	32,200
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	26,800	26,600	200	0.8	27,200

NOTE: More industry detail data is available for the State and its nine labor market areas at: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/202/covered.htm>. The data published there differ from the data in the preceding tables in that they are developed from a near-universe count of Connecticut employment covered by the unemployment insurance (UI) program, while the data here is sample-based. The data drawn from the UI program does not contain estimates of employment not covered by unemployment insurance, and is lagged several months behind the current employment estimates presented here.

* State-designated Non-CES areas

SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	337,600	335,500	2,100	0.6	332,000
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	273,600	271,800	1,800	0.7	271,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	39,000	39,500	-500	-1.3	39,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	10,000	10,100	-100	-1.0	10,400
MANUFACTURING.....	29,000	29,400	-400	-1.4	29,000
Durable Goods.....	19,100	19,500	-400	-2.1	19,100
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,900	9,900	0	0.0	9,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	298,600	296,000	2,600	0.9	292,600
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	59,000	59,600	-600	-1.0	59,900
Wholesale Trade.....	11,800	11,700	100	0.9	11,900
Retail Trade.....	32,600	33,300	-700	-2.1	33,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	14,600	14,600	0	0.0	14,900
INFORMATION.....	3,000	3,100	-100	-3.2	3,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	16,200	16,300	-100	-0.6	16,200
Finance and Insurance.....	12,600	12,700	-100	-0.8	12,600
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.....	8,800	8,800	0	0.0	8,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES.....	25,700	25,600	100	0.4	25,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	85,000	83,600	1,400	1.7	82,700
Educational Services.....	15,500	16,200	-700	-4.3	13,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	69,500	67,400	2,100	3.1	69,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	33,000	31,300	1,700	5.4	31,800
OTHER SERVICES.....	12,700	12,800	-100	-0.8	12,700
GOVERNMENT.....	64,000	63,700	300	0.5	60,700
Federal.....	5,700	6,000	-300	-5.0	5,800
State & Local.....	58,300	57,700	600	1.0	54,900

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** New England City and Town Area

LMA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(Not seasonally adjusted)	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	CHANGE		Jan 2020
				NO.	%	
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,917,700	1,894,400	23,300	1.2	1,920,800
	Employed	1,833,100	1,812,700	20,400	1.1	1,835,700
	Unemployed	84,700	81,700	3,000	3.7	85,200
	Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	0.1	---	4.4
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	463,700	459,800	3,900	0.8	468,000
	Employed	442,900	440,000	2,900	0.7	447,100
	Unemployed	20,900	19,800	1,100	5.6	20,800
	Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.3	0.2	---	4.5
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	106,500	105,300	1,200	1.1	107,800
	Employed	102,200	101,200	1,000	1.0	103,500
	Unemployed	4,300	4,100	200	4.9	4,300
	Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	0.1	---	4.0
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,900	43,600	300	0.7	43,900
	Employed	41,900	41,500	400	1.0	41,900
	Unemployed	2,000	2,100	-100	-4.8	2,000
	Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.8	-0.2	---	4.6
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	50,900	50,600	300	0.6	50,400
	Employed	48,800	48,400	400	0.8	48,300
	Unemployed	2,200	2,100	100	4.8	2,100
	Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.2	0.0	---	4.3
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	634,500	626,400	8,100	1.3	633,800
	Employed	606,800	599,600	7,200	1.2	605,900
	Unemployed	27,700	26,800	900	3.4	27,900
	Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	0.1	---	4.4
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	333,000	326,200	6,800	2.1	330,600
	Employed	319,400	313,000	6,400	2.0	316,600
	Unemployed	13,700	13,200	500	3.8	14,000
	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	0.0	---	4.2
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	141,900	140,400	1,500	1.1	142,300
	Employed	135,600	134,300	1,300	1.0	135,900
	Unemployed	6,300	6,100	200	3.3	6,400
	Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	0.0	---	4.5
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	47,000	46,400	600	1.3	47,600
	Employed	44,800	44,300	500	1.1	45,500
	Unemployed	2,200	2,200	0	0.0	2,200
	Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.7	-0.1	---	4.5
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	112,100	111,400	700	0.6	112,400
	Employed	105,900	105,400	500	0.5	106,300
	Unemployed	6,200	6,000	200	3.3	6,100
	Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	0.1	---	5.5
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	164,235,000	162,793,000	1,442,000	0.9	163,497,000
	Employed	158,017,000	156,167,000	1,850,000	1.2	156,994,000
	Unemployed	6,218,000	6,625,000	-407,000	-6.1	6,504,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	-0.3	---	4.0

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Feb		CHG	Jan	Feb		CHG	Jan	Feb		CHG	Jan
	2020	2019	Y/Y	2020	2020	2019	Y/Y	2020	2020	2019	Y/Y	2020
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,176.17	\$1,113.86	\$62.31	\$1,163.25	41.4	41.5	-0.1	41.5	\$28.41	\$26.84	\$1.57	\$28.03
DURABLE GOODS	1,281.32	1,206.75	74.57	1,264.36	41.2	41.2	0.0	41.4	31.10	29.29	1.81	30.54
NON-DUR. GOODS	847.14	808.78	38.36	851.41	42.0	42.3	-0.3	41.9	20.17	19.12	1.05	20.32
CONSTRUCTION	1,231.57	1,098.96	132.61	1,291.11	38.2	37.7	0.5	39.8	32.24	29.15	3.09	32.44
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,138.05	1,089.62	48.43	1,122.25	33.7	33.2	0.5	33.5	33.77	32.82	0.95	33.50
GOODS PRODUCING	1,420.63	1,353.31	67.32	1,426.68	38.9	38.1	0.8	38.8	36.52	35.52	1.00	36.77
Construction	1,309.26	1,160.19	149.06	1,343.63	36.5	35.2	1.3	37.7	35.87	32.96	2.91	35.64
Manufacturing	1,489.20	1,426.43	62.77	1,487.97	40.0	39.8	0.2	39.5	37.23	35.84	1.39	37.67
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,088.63	1,041.68	46.96	1,066.33	32.8	32.3	0.5	32.5	33.19	32.25	0.94	32.81
Trade, Transp., Utilities	984.02	883.13	100.88	953.82	33.3	32.6	0.7	32.8	29.55	27.09	2.46	29.08
Financial Activities	1,968.24	1,776.00	192.24	1,872.83	38.3	36.9	1.4	37.3	51.39	48.13	3.26	50.21
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,249.07	1,238.50	10.58	1,233.09	34.9	33.5	1.4	34.3	35.79	36.97	-1.18	35.95
Education & Health Ser.	968.58	948.33	20.26	963.97	32.8	32.3	0.5	32.9	29.53	29.36	0.17	29.30
Leisure & Hospitality	450.80	452.43	-1.63	442.75	24.5	24.9	-0.4	24.3	18.40	18.17	0.23	18.22
Other Services	739.53	771.76	-32.23	740.75	29.3	30.1	-0.8	29.5	25.24	25.64	-0.40	25.11
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,228.54	1,194.61	33.93	1,199.97	33.9	33.5	0.4	33.5	36.24	35.66	0.58	35.82
Danbury	1,077.64	1,044.35	33.29	1,053.70	34.2	34.8	-0.6	33.6	31.51	30.01	1.50	31.36
Hartford	1,209.99	1,125.24	84.75	1,200.62	34.7	33.7	1.0	34.6	34.87	33.39	1.48	34.70
New Haven	1,055.01	997.75	57.26	1,022.53	33.0	32.3	0.7	32.7	31.97	30.89	1.08	31.27
Norwich-New London	858.06	807.12	50.94	840.79	31.5	29.5	2.0	30.9	27.24	27.36	-0.12	27.21
Waterbury	970.74	899.71	71.03	976.86	33.8	33.9	-0.1	34.3	28.72	26.54	2.18	28.48

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

News in the media has been dominated by the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis, so we don't have the usual announcements of openings and closures. However, we have noted a few announcements of companies with significant presence Connecticut that have announced hiring plans in the media. A few examples follow.

Announced Hiring:

CVS is planning to hire 50,000 full-time, part-time and temporary positions around the country.

Walgreens plans on hiring 9,500 full- and part-time employees nationwide.

Amazon plans to hire 100,000 full-time and part-time employees across the country.

7/11 announced that it plans to hire 20,000 employees nationwide to stock shelves, clean stores and "meet a surge of mobile orders."

Pizza: Domino's is planning on adding 10,000 new employees across the country, from delivery drivers, pizza makers and truck drivers to meet a heightened demand. **Papa John's** plans to fill 20,000 positions across the country. **Pizza Hut** is looking to fill 30,000 permanent positions, including cooks, managers and shift leaders.

Walmart plans on hiring 150,000 workers nationwide as demand continues to rise.

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

FEBRUARY 2020

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	463,730	442,871	20,859	4.5	Canton	5,828	5,633	195	3.3
Ansonia	9,256	8,681	575	6.2	Chaplin	1,283	1,227	56	4.4
Bridgeport	69,093	64,402	4,691	6.8	Colchester	9,613	9,244	369	3.8
Darien	8,565	8,290	275	3.2	Columbia	3,308	3,177	131	4.0
Derby	6,680	6,338	342	5.1	Coventry	8,000	7,709	291	3.6
Easton	3,807	3,682	125	3.3	Cromwell	8,108	7,809	299	3.7
Fairfield	29,290	28,190	1,100	3.8	East Granby	3,124	3,033	91	2.9
Greenwich	28,756	27,794	962	3.3	East Haddam	5,118	4,907	211	4.1
Milford	30,477	29,251	1,226	4.0	East Hampton	7,917	7,606	311	3.9
Monroe	10,040	9,607	433	4.3	East Hartford	27,605	26,166	1,439	5.2
New Canaan	8,308	8,027	281	3.4	Ellington	9,735	9,367	368	3.8
Norwalk	50,959	48,707	2,252	4.4	Farmington	14,501	14,022	479	3.3
Oxford	7,306	7,002	304	4.2	Glastonbury	19,353	18,806	547	2.8
Redding	4,405	4,237	168	3.8	Granby	7,003	6,787	216	3.1
Ridgefield	11,693	11,349	344	2.9	Haddam	5,178	4,994	184	3.6
Seymour	8,993	8,536	457	5.1	Hartford	53,907	50,000	3,907	7.2
Shelton	22,012	21,016	996	4.5	Hartland	1,177	1,134	43	3.7
Southbury	8,753	8,360	393	4.5	Harwinton	3,282	3,152	130	4.0
Stamford	70,266	67,390	2,876	4.1	Hebron	5,681	5,456	225	4.0
Stratford	27,109	25,754	1,355	5.0	Lebanon	4,205	3,994	211	5.0
Trumbull	17,748	17,061	687	3.9	Manchester	33,531	32,157	1,374	4.1
Weston	4,319	4,164	155	3.6	Mansfield	12,878	12,368	510	4.0
Westport	12,703	12,288	415	3.3	Marlborough	3,681	3,540	141	3.8
Wilton	8,394	8,085	309	3.7	Middletown	26,477	25,397	1,080	4.1
Woodbridge	4,800	4,661	139	2.9	New Britain	37,361	35,130	2,231	6.0
					New Hartford	4,046	3,905	141	3.5
DANBURY	106,543	102,249	4,294	4.0	Newington	17,555	16,898	657	3.7
Bethel	10,859	10,450	409	3.8	Plainville	10,725	10,238	487	4.5
Bridgewater	838	807	31	3.7	Plymouth	6,792	6,414	378	5.6
Brookfield	9,273	8,932	341	3.7	Portland	5,603	5,372	231	4.1
Danbury	47,300	45,313	1,987	4.2	Rocky Hill	11,868	11,495	373	3.1
New Fairfield	7,098	6,818	280	3.9	Scotland	998	947	51	5.1
New Milford	15,229	14,560	669	4.4	Simsbury	13,979	13,562	417	3.0
Newtown	14,082	13,575	507	3.6	Southington	25,184	24,222	962	3.8
Sherman	1,865	1,794	71	3.8	South Windsor	14,627	14,123	504	3.4
					Stafford	7,038	6,721	317	4.5
ENFIELD	50,940	48,780	2,160	4.2	Thomaston	4,848	4,620	228	4.7
East Windsor	6,657	6,356	301	4.5	Tolland	8,729	8,463	266	3.0
Enfield	23,570	22,616	954	4.0	Union	483	459	24	5.0
Somers	5,123	4,912	211	4.1	Vernon	17,809	17,025	784	4.4
Suffield	7,784	7,469	315	4.0	West Hartford	35,179	34,099	1,080	3.1
Windsor Locks	7,807	7,427	380	4.9	Wethersfield	14,293	13,761	532	3.7
					Willington	3,744	3,607	137	3.7
HARTFORD	634,494	606,806	27,688	4.4	Windham	12,692	11,963	729	5.7
Andover	1,992	1,905	87	4.4	Windsor	16,912	16,194	718	4.2
Ashford	2,633	2,533	100	3.8					
Avon	9,605	9,328	277	2.9					
Barkhamsted	2,358	2,247	111	4.7					
Berlin	12,028	11,580	448	3.7					
Bloomfield	12,047	11,519	528	4.4					
Bolton	3,244	3,129	115	3.5					
Bristol	33,814	32,054	1,760	5.2					
Burlington	5,812	5,607	205	3.5					

All Labor Market Areas (LMAs) in Connecticut except three are federally-designated areas for developing labor statistics. For the sake of simplicity, the federal Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk NECTA is referred to in Connecticut DOL publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford NECTA is the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast LMA.

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The **civilian labor force** comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

The **employed** are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a family member. Persons temporarily absent from a job because of illness, bad weather, strike or for personal reasons are also counted as employed whether they were paid by their employer or were seeking other jobs.

The **unemployed** are all persons who did not work, but were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness) and made specific efforts to find a job in the prior four weeks. Persons waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

FEBRUARY 2020

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	333,045	319,352	13,693	4.1	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST				
Bethany	3,198	3,086	112	3.5	Canaan	46,994	44,812	2,182	4.6
Branford	16,501	15,866	635	3.8	Colebrook	836	792	44	5.3
Cheshire	16,026	15,590	436	2.7	Cornwall	761	736	25	3.3
Chester	2,413	2,323	90	3.7	Goshen	1,633	1,567	66	4.0
Clinton	7,476	7,195	281	3.8	Kent	1,487	1,430	57	3.8
Deep River	2,949	2,829	120	4.1	Litchfield	4,750	4,564	186	3.9
Durham	4,391	4,252	139	3.2	Morris	1,408	1,352	56	4.0
East Haven	16,155	15,398	757	4.7	Norfolk	905	863	42	4.6
Essex	3,520	3,382	138	3.9	North Canaan	1,753	1,669	84	4.8
Guilford	13,235	12,861	374	2.8	Roxbury	1,313	1,274	39	3.0
Hamden	36,111	34,795	1,316	3.6	Salisbury	1,804	1,739	65	3.6
Killingworth	3,926	3,783	143	3.6	Sharon	1,478	1,430	48	3.2
Madison	9,303	9,021	282	3.0	Torrington	19,222	18,210	1,012	5.3
Meriden	32,851	31,143	1,708	5.2	Warren	782	755	27	3.5
Middlefield	2,619	2,487	132	5.0	Washington	2,048	1,973	75	3.7
New Haven	65,872	62,705	3,167	4.8	Winchester	6,178	5,844	334	5.4
North Branford	8,451	8,104	347	4.1	WATERBURY	112,077	105,875	6,202	5.5
North Haven	13,756	13,239	517	3.8	Beacon Falls	3,555	3,405	150	4.2
Old Saybrook	5,203	5,025	178	3.4	Bethlehem	1,974	1,878	96	4.9
Orange	7,490	7,259	231	3.1	Middlebury	3,977	3,830	147	3.7
Wallingford	26,909	25,915	994	3.7	Naugatuck	17,436	16,512	924	5.3
West Haven	30,930	29,482	1,448	4.7	Prospect	5,691	5,475	216	3.8
Westbrook	3,760	3,610	150	4.0	Waterbury	50,809	47,305	3,504	6.9
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART	126,013	120,436	5,577	4.4	Watertown	13,029	12,501	528	4.1
Bozrah	1,444	1,377	67	4.6	Wolcott	10,003	9,603	400	4.0
Canterbury	2,944	2,805	139	4.7	Woodbury	5,603	5,366	237	4.2
East Lyme	8,642	8,282	360	4.2	DANIELSON-NORTH EAST	43,898	41,884	2,014	4.6
Franklin	1,077	1,030	47	4.4	Brooklyn	4,172	4,003	169	4.1
Griswold	6,300	5,980	320	5.1	Eastford	1,016	977	39	3.8
Groton	18,286	17,619	667	3.6	Hampton	1,067	1,029	38	3.6
Ledyard	7,980	7,682	298	3.7	Killingly	9,739	9,277	462	4.7
Lisbon	2,360	2,247	113	4.8	Plainfield	8,786	8,341	445	5.1
Lyme	1,209	1,175	34	2.8	Pomfret	2,550	2,461	89	3.5
Montville	9,202	8,780	422	4.6	Putnam	4,904	4,653	251	5.1
New London	12,080	11,355	725	6.0	Sterling	2,066	1,950	116	5.6
No. Stonington	2,953	2,832	121	4.1	Thompson	5,361	5,131	230	4.3
Norwich	20,201	19,208	993	4.9	Woodstock	4,237	4,062	175	4.1
Old Lyme	3,757	3,605	152	4.0					
Preston	2,416	2,318	98	4.1					
Salem	2,145	2,052	93	4.3					
Sprague	1,620	1,532	88	5.4					
Stonington	9,795	9,422	373	3.8					
Voluntown	1,475	1,415	60	4.1					
Waterford	10,125	9,720	405	4.0					

*Connecticut portion only. For whole NECTA, including RI part, see below.

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	141,856	135,588	6,268	4.4
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	15,843	15,152	691	4.4

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,917,700	1,833,100	84,700	4.4
UNITED STATES	164,235,000	158,017,000	6,218,000	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,930,500	1,857,900	72,600	3.8
UNITED STATES	164,546,000	158,759,000	5,787,000	3.5

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS (Continued)

The **unemployment rate** represents the number unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

With the exception of those persons temporarily absent from a job or waiting to be recalled to one, persons with no job and who are not actively looking for one are counted as "not in the labor force".

Over the course of a year, the size of the labor force and the levels of employment undergo fluctuations due to such seasonal events as changes in weather, reduced or expanded production, harvests, major holidays and the opening and closing of schools. Because these seasonal events follow a regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the monthly statistics. **Seasonal Adjustment** makes it easier to observe cyclical and other nonseasonal developments.

TOWN	FEB 2020	YR TO DATE 2020	2019	TOWN	FEB 2020	YR TO DATE 2020	2019	TOWN	FEB 2020	YR TO DATE 2020	2019
Andover	0	0	0	Griswold	3	4	1	Preston	2	3	0
Ansonia	na	na	na	Groton	na	na	na	Prospect	2	2	4
Ashford	na	na	na	Guilford	na	na	na	Putnam	na	na	na
Avon	1	1	1	Haddam	1	1	1	Redding	0	0	0
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	na	Ridgefield	0	1	4
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	na	Rocky Hill	1	3	0
Berlin	2	2	0	Hartford	0	1	0	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	0	0	1	Salem	na	na	na
Bethel	3	7	8	Harwinton	na	na	na	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	1	2	2	Scotland	na	na	na
Bloomfield	6	7	0	Kent	0	1	1	Seymour	na	na	na
Bolton	0	0	0	Killingly	na	na	na	Sharon	na	na	na
Bozrah	na	na	na	Killingworth	0	0	0	Shelton	34	43	11
Branford	0	2	3	Lebanon	1	1	1	Sherman	0	0	1
Bridgeport	2	4	5	Ledyard	na	na	na	Simsbury	33	40	1
Bridgewater	0	0	0	Lisbon	na	na	na	Somers	0	1	2
Bristol	1	4	6	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	3	4	88
Brookfield	1	1	0	Lyme	0	0	0	Southbury	na	na	na
Brooklyn	0	1	1	Madison	na	na	na	Southington	5	10	8
Burlington	11	11	3	Manchester	15	16	2	Sprague	0	0	0
Canaan	na	na	na	Mansfield	0	0	1	Stafford	0	0	0
Canterbury	na	na	na	Marlborough	0	0	0	Stamford	3	10	14
Canton	0	1	0	Meriden	na	na	na	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	na	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	na
Cheshire	2	3	2	Middlefield	0	0	0	Stratford	6	8	39
Chester	0	0	1	Middletown	1	2	3	Suffield	1	1	14
Clinton	2	4	5	Milford	10	30	27	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	2	5	3	Monroe	0	0	2	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	na	Montville	na	na	na	Tolland	0	0	1
Columbia	1	1	0	Morris	na	na	na	Torrington	na	na	na
Cornwall	na	na	na	Naugatuck	na	na	na	Trumbull	0	1	0
Coventry	2	5	2	New Britain	0	1	4	Union	0	0	0
Cromwell	0	1	0	New Canaan	1	1	2	Vernon	6	17	13
Danbury	8	16	9	New Fairfield	0	0	0	Voluntown	1	1	1
Darien	2	3	10	New Hartford	na	na	na	Wallingford	1	3	2
Deep River	0	0	0	New Haven	15	31	3	Warren	na	na	na
Derby	na	na	na	New London	3	6	5	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	0	0	0	New Milford	na	na	na	Waterbury	4	4	1
East Granby	0	0	0	Newington	0	0	0	Waterford	na	na	na
East Haddam	0	0	1	Newtown	1	5	2	Watertown	na	na	na
East Hampton	1	3	1	Norfolk	na	na	na	West Hartford	6	15	12
East Hartford	0	2	1	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	na	North Canaan	na	na	na	Westbrook	0	1	0
East Lyme	25	29	1	North Haven	na	na	na	Weston	1	2	1
East Windsor	1	1	3	North Stonington	na	na	na	Westport	2	5	17
Eastford	na	na	na	Norwalk	0	1	0	Wethersfield	0	0	1
Easton	0	1	0	Norwich	0	0	6	Willington	0	1	0
Ellington	8	21	15	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	1	1	1
Enfield	5	12	5	Old Saybrook	3	4	1	Winchester	na	na	na
Essex	1	2	2	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	0	1	0
Fairfield	97	101	8	Oxford	1	4	8	Windsor	0	2	0
Farmington	2	4	27	Plainfield	na	na	na	Windsor Locks	0	0	15
Franklin	na	na	na	Plainville	1	1	2	Wolcott	2	3	6
Glastonbury	3	6	6	Plymouth	na	na	na	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	na	Pomfret	na	na	na	Woodbury	0	1	0
Granby	0	26	1	Portland	0	1	0	Woodstock	na	na	na
Greenwich	10	10	36								

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (860) 500-2467.

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

Registrations and terminations of business entities as recorded with the Secretary of the State and the Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) are an indication of new business formation and activity. DOL business starts include new employers which have become liable for unemployment insurance taxes during the quarter, as well as new establishments opened by existing employers. DOL business terminations are those accounts discontinued due to inactivity (no employees) or business closure, and accounts for individual business establishments that are closed by still active employers. The Secretary of the State registrations include limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and foreign-owned (out-of-state) and domestic-owned (in-state) corporations.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs and other goods and services that people buy for their day-to-day living. The Northeast region is comprised of the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

The Employment Cost Index (ECI) covers both wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits for all occupations and establishments in both the private nonfarm sector and state and local government. The ECI measures employers' labor costs free from the influences of employment shifts among industries and occupations. The base period for all data is December 2005 when the ECI is 100.

GAMING DATA

Indian Gaming Payments are amounts received by the State as a result of the slot compact with the two Federally recognized tribes in Connecticut, which calls for 25 percent of net slot receipts to be remitted to the State. Indian Gaming Slots are the total net revenues from slot machines only received by the two Federally recognized Indian tribes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

Production worker earnings and hours estimates include full- and part-time employees working within manufacturing industries. Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month. Average hourly earnings are affected by such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings. These data are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

INITIAL CLAIMS

Average weekly initial claims are calculated by dividing the total number of new claims for unemployment insurance received in the month by the number of weeks in the month. A minor change in methodology took effect with data published in the March 1997 issue of the DIGEST. Data have been revised back to January 1980.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Primarily a measure of unemployment insurance program activity, the insured unemployment rate is the 13-week average of the number of people claiming unemployment benefits divided by the number of workers covered by the unemployment insurance system.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Labor force estimates are a measure of the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Prepared under the direction of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the statewide estimates are the product of a signal-plus noise model, which uses results from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of Connecticut households, counts of claimants for unemployment benefits, and establishment employment estimates. The 2015 LAUS Redesign includes improved time-series models for the census divisions, states, select substate areas, and the balances of those states; an improved real-time benchmarking procedure to the national Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates; an improved smoothed seasonal adjustment procedure; and improved treatment of outliers. Non-modeled area estimation improvements include: updated Dynamic Residency Ratios (DRR); more accurate estimates for all-other employment; more accurate estimation of agricultural employment; and improved estimation of non-covered agricultural unemployment. Handbook estimation is now done at the city/town level instead of at the Labor Market Area (LMA) level in Connecticut, which better reflects local conditions. The Redesign also introduces estimation inputs from the American Community Survey (ACS) to replace inputs that were previously obtained from the decennial census long-form survey. Labor force data, reflecting persons employed by place of residence, are not directly comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. In the labor force estimates, workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. The labor force data also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics and the self-employed. Because of these conceptual differences, total labor force employment is almost always different from nonfarm wage and salary employment.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

All Labor Market Areas (LMAs) in Connecticut except three are federally-designated areas for developing labor statistics. For the sake of simplicity, the federal Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk NECTA is referred to in Connecticut DOL publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford NECTA is the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast LMA. Industry employment and labor force data estimates contained in Connecticut Department of Labor publications are prepared following the same statistical procedures developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, whether for federally designated or state-determined areas.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

Nonfarm employment estimates are derived from a survey of businesses to measure *jobs* by industry. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded from these estimates are proprietors, self-employed workers, private household employees and unpaid family workers. In some cases, due to space constraints, all industry estimates are not shown. These data are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UI COVERED WAGES

UI covered wages is the total amount paid to those employees who are covered under the Connecticut's Unemployment Insurance (UI) law for services performed during the quarter. The fluctuations in the 1992-93 period reflect the effect of the changes in the tax law and the massive restructuring in the state's economy.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AT A GLANCE

(Percent change from prior year; see pages 5-8 for reference months or quarters)

Leading General Drift Indicator.....	1.5	CT Mfg. Production Index.....	8.2	Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator...	0.6	Production Worker Hours.....	1.1	Occupancy Rate.....	0.0
Liberty Bank Business Barometer...	0.2	Industrial Electricity Sales.....	9.4	Tourism Website Visitors.....	14.0
Connecticut Real GDP.....	1.2	Personal Income.....	4.4	Air Passenger Count.....	2.8
United States Real GDP.....	2.1	UI Covered Wages.....	1.8	Gaming Slots.....	1.8
New England Real GDP.....	2.1	Business Activity		Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
Connecticut PCPI.....	2.5	New Housing Permits.....	42.6	Total.....	2.7
United States PCPI.....	3.6	Electricity Sales.....	-4.8	Wages & Salaries.....	3.0
New England PCPI.....	3.3	Construction Contracts Index.....	150.5	Benefit Costs.....	1.9
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index.....	2.2	New Auto Registrations.....	-12.8	Consumer Prices	
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index.....	2.8	Exports.....	-10.5	U.S. City Average.....	2.3
Total Nonfarm Employment.....	0.8	S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	6.1	Northeast Region.....	2.4
Labor Force.....	1.4	Business Starts		NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	2.4
Employed.....	1.4	Secretary of the State.....	2.1	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	2.2
Unemployed.....	1.4	Dept. of Labor.....	-5.6	Interest Rates	
Unemployment Rate.....	0.0 *	Business Terminations		Prime.....	-0.75 *
Labor Force Participation Rate...	0.9 *	Secretary of the State.....	-15.0	Conventional Mortgage.....	-0.90 *
Employment-Population Ratio...	0.8 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-3.1		
Average Weekly Initial Claims..	-2.0	State Revenues.....	-8.2		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate.....	-0.08 *	Corporate Tax.....	5.2		
U-6 Rate.....	-1.0 *	Personal Income Tax.....	-5.0		
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs.....	-0.2	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	10.7		
PW Avg Hourly Earnings.....	5.8	Sales & Use Tax.....	-16.3		
PW Avg Weekly Earnings.....	5.6	Gaming Payments.....	2.9		

*Percentage point change; **Less than 0.05 percent;
NA = Not Available

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