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In February...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,574,800
 Change over month +0.19%
 Change over year -7.16%

United States 143,048,000
 Change over month +0.27%
 Change over year -6.21%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 8.5%
 United States 6.2%

Consumer Price Index

United States 263.014
 Change over year +1.7%

A look at Connecticut's Bio-science Industry Employment

By Matthew Krzyzek, Economist, Department of Labor

The events of the past year have highlighted the importance of Bioscience. The immediate need for pandemic mitigation resulted in a global mobilization that rapidly produced vaccines and increased medical equipment production. Bioscience doesn't fall within a specific North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry code and contains a broad cross-section of service industries and goods producing industries such as pharmaceutical, chemical, and medical device manufacturing.¹ In February 2012, the Connecticut Economic Digest published an article on Bioscience which overviewed key industries that make up that sector in the state.² The table below uses the bioscience industry cluster defined in that article and shows that in 2019 (the last year of annual data),

the state had over a thousand Bioscience establishments that employed over 23,000 workers. This industry definition doesn't account for the total impact of Bioscience on overall employment given spillover effects on other sectors such as Education and Health Care, and it doesn't account for the total labor supply of available workers given that many employed in other forms of manufacturing or research & development have compatible occupational skills that would be relevant to an employer looking to expand in the state.

The pie chart illustrates that across all Bioscience industries, about half are in the service sector and half are in the goods producing sector. Among the 8 industries, the largest two industries, Research & Development in Sciences (32%) and Medical Equipment &

2019 Composition of Connecticut's Bioscience Industry

NAICS	All Employees	# Establishments	Total Wages (thousands)	Average Annual Pay
3254	2,877	31	440,531	153,130
334510	211	12	17,080	80,915
334516	844	20	83,665	99,188
334517	599	8	71,282	119,052
3391	6,528	125	511,935	78,424
54138	1,795	165	144,231	80,370
54171	7,450	421	1,351,491	181,400
6215	2,896	240	193,979	66,985
Total	23,199	1,021	2,814,194	121,308

Source: CT DOL, QCEW

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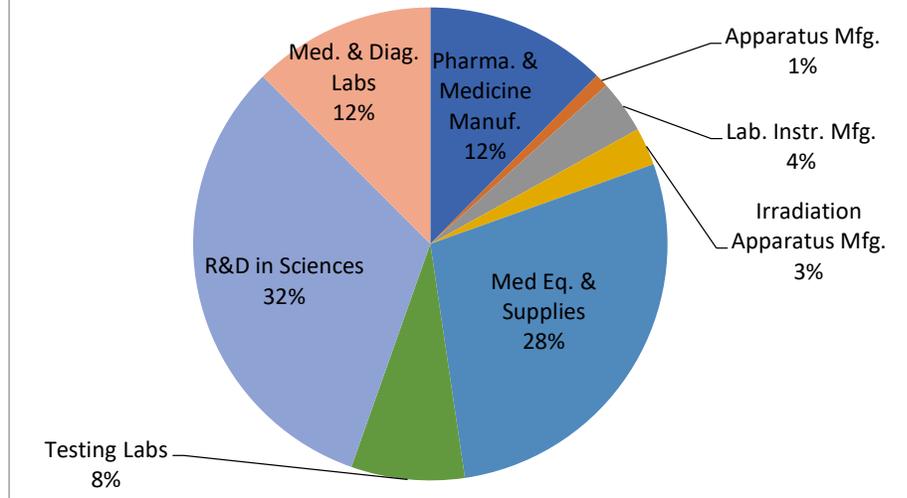
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Employment Composition of Connecticut's Bioscience Industry



Supplies Manufacturing (28%) account for about half of Bioscience employment in the state.

The table on page 3 shows annual average Bioscience employment from 2001-2019. Overall Bioscience employment fell from 2001-2017 driven by declines in its manufacturing component industries. The combined Bioscience cluster grew 2.5% and 4.4% in 2018 and 2019.

The graph on page 3 illustrates how overall Bioscience employment has increased in recent years after steady declines from the early 2000s through 2017. Bioscience employment is separated into its manufacturing and service providing components to show that the longer-term trend of decline is driven by manufacturing while the overall employment stabilization and growth in recent years is the result of gains within its service providing component. Since 2017, Bioscience manufacturing (and manufacturing overall) have arrested trends of long-term decline and added jobs from 2017-19. Both Bioscience components saw employment growth in 2018 and 2019. The long-term Bioscience manufacturing

change reflects shifts that have occurred within manufacturing overall. Connecticut manufacturing (NAICS 31-33) had declined from the early 1990s through mid-2016 and has since added jobs.³ Most of the overall manufacturing gains have occurred within Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, which is the largest component of manufacturing in the state. This manufacturing shift differentiates Connecticut from adjacent states, which have continued to decline.

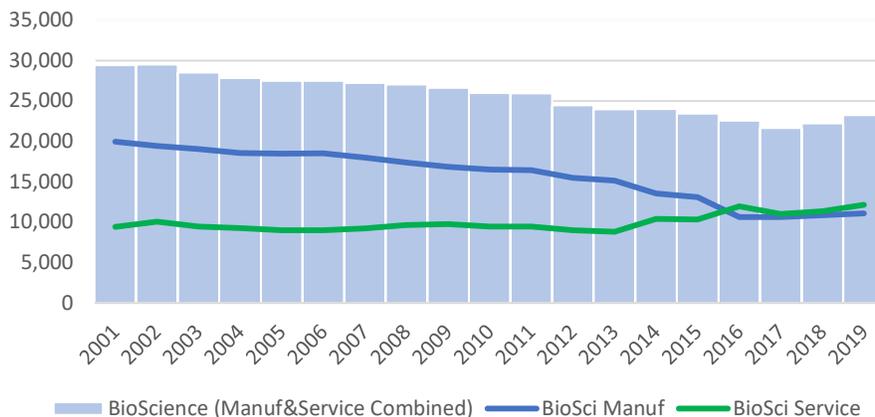
Bioscience During the Past Year

The preceding section utilized the most current annual average data to illustrate long term trends in Connecticut's Bioscience industry. Quarterly QCEW data available through 2020Q3 can help explain how Bioscience has been impacted by the pandemic. Overall, Bioscience is down -1.2% from 2019Q3, Bioscience Manufacturing is down -2.8% while Bioscience Service Providing is up 0.2%. These changes differ greatly from the three larger two-digit sectors from which the Bioscience

NAICS Bioscience Total	All Emp.	# of Establishments	Total Wages (thousands)	Ann. Avg. Pay
2001	29,407	817	\$2,234,642	\$75,990
2002	29,403	847	\$2,140,450	\$72,797
2003	28,376	857	\$2,160,195	\$76,127
2004	27,809	868	\$2,218,894	\$79,792
2005	27,544	892	\$2,241,773	\$81,389
2006	27,468	898	\$2,364,978	\$86,098
2007	27,284	848	\$2,488,439	\$91,206
2008	27,114	872	\$2,507,413	\$92,476
2009	26,649	898	\$2,540,432	\$95,328
2010	25,893	914	\$2,506,033	\$96,785
2011	25,928	914	\$2,621,852	\$101,122
2012	24,476	903	\$2,552,305	\$104,280
2013	23,964	913	\$2,524,066	\$105,329
2014	23,970	916	\$2,582,458	\$107,739
2015	23,486	956	\$2,546,626	\$108,434
2016	22,616	985	\$2,502,946	\$110,671
2017	21,689	935	\$2,514,843	\$115,949
2018	22,228	983	\$2,648,254	\$119,140
2019	23,199	1,021	\$2,814,194	\$121,308

Source: CT DOL, QCEW

Bioscience Mfg. & Service Providing Employment



cluster is derived. Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33) is down -6.3%, Professional & Technical Services (NAICS 54) is down -4.7%, and Health Care & Social Assistance (NAICS 62) is down -3.9% during the year ending 2020Q3.⁴ As no industry has been immune from the impact of COVID-19 on the Connecticut economy, the

comparatively slight employment shifts for Bioscience cluster industries when compared to larger overall employment suggests that it could be poised for renewed growth as the economy improves.

Projections and Conclusions

The CT Department of Labor, along with agencies in all 50

states and US territories conduct annual short-term two-year projections that the Connecticut Economic Digest will review in detail next month. These projections are done at 6-digit occupation and 4-digit industry level.⁵ Three of the eight Bioscience industries fall within that 4-digit industry threshold and provide indication of where Bioscience may be heading in the short term. From 2020Q2 to 2022Q2, Medical & Diagnostic Laboratories (+8.0%), Medical Equipment & Supplies Manuf. (+5.1%), and Pharmaceutical & Medical Manuf. (+0.1%) are all projected to maintain or increase employment. Overall, the Bioscience industry cluster in Connecticut has grown from 2017-2019, shown tempered employment declines during the pandemic, and is projected to add jobs in coming years. ■

1 Rappa, John. Connecticut's Bioscience Industry. OLR Research Report 2011-R-0365. 2011 <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/rpt/2011-R-0365.htm>

2 McMillen, Stan and Mark Prisloe. Connecticut's Bioscience Industry: An Update. CT Economic Digest 2012. <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/digest/articles/feb2012.pdf>

3 For more info on CT manufacturing employment change, see page 23 of: <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/pubs/ConditionsandOutlook2018to2020.pdf>

4 See the March 2021 CT Econ. Digest for a more in-depth review of the pandemic's impact: <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/digest/pdfs/cedmar21.pdf>

5 Projections for all 50 states and US territories can be downloaded at: www.ProjectionsCentral.com

Update on Property Taxation

By Al Sylvestre, Research Analyst, Department of Labor

From the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association (Ashford) to the Borough of Jewett City (Griswold) to sandy Miami Beach (Old Lyme), property taxes¹ levied by Connecticut's 169 municipalities and 310 taxing districts finance public education, safety, and infrastructure as well as some private roads and security. Real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property taxes constitute more than half of city, town, and district revenue and 98.5% of local tax collection to finance services provided by jurisdictions shown in Table 1. This article outlines local tax-assessment structures and describes novel

solutions the city of Hartford developed to balance taxation among homeowners and commercial property owners. The Hartford example was chosen because its methods affect a broad cross section of property-tax payers rather than targeted relief offered by many of Connecticut's municipalities. The article concludes by describing the Massachusetts and New York experiences with property taxation limits.

While local officials administer property assessment and taxation, state law governs the manner in which municipal assessors

determine property value, assessment ratios,² and tax-collection procedures. Additionally, state statute authorizes tax exemptions, credits, and abatements. Despite extensive public discussion about property tax reduction, state law has changed little beyond mandating abatements for veterans and offering municipalities tax relief options for people with disabilities and the elderly as well as permitting the phase-in of assessment increases over as many as five years to delay property tax increases resulting from reassessment.

In 1978, Hartford assessment officials sought to limit aggregate residential property taxes to 14.7% of the city's budget to avoid increasing individual tax bills up to 80%. The plan resulted in bifurcation of assessment ratios to 70% for commercial properties and apartments and 45.8% for one- to three-family homes. The year before Hartford became the only Connecticut municipality to split its assessment ratios, all residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate was assessed at 65% of market value. This bifurcated tax system has persisted in some form for 42 years as shown in Table 2.

Hartford's Tax Cap program, enabled by the Connecticut General Assembly, gave owner-occupants of one- to three-family homes a tax credit equal to the amount by which their property tax exceeded 1.5% of the property's market value. The city assessment office addressed the resulting taxation imbalance with assessment reductions on some large commercial properties in the 1989 assessment cycle. Beginning with the 2016 revaluation cycle, the city changed assessment ratios to relieve the burden of its 74.29 mill rate on homeowners while maintaining the traditional 70% ratio on commercial property valuations.

Massachusetts and New York strive to keep property taxes broadly affordable with assessment limits that inhibit tax growth arising from increasing home values as well as levy limits that place a ceiling on

Table 1: Select Mill Rates by Jurisdiction

Municipality / District	FY 2021 Mill Rate - Real & Personal Property	FY 2021 Mill Rate - Motor Vehicle	Flat Rate Fee or Other Rate
Ashford	36.83600	36.83600	
Ashford - Lake Chaffee Improvement Association Inc			22.00
Griswold	29.10000	29.10000	
Griswold - Jewett City	3.50000		
Groton	25.11000	25.11000	
Groton - #1City of Groton	4.30000	4.30000	
Hartford	74.29000	45.00000	
Hartford - Columbia Street & Park Terrace Special Services District	4.90000		
Hartford - Park Street Special Services	3.50000		
New London	38.19000	38.19000	
New London - City Center District	120000		
New London - Neptune Park Association	195660		
Old Lyme	23.20000	23.20000	
Old Lyme - Miami Beach Association			
Old Lyme - Old Colony Beach Club Association	3.50000		
Old Lyme - Old Lyme Shores Beach Association			
Old Lyme - Point O'Woods Association Inc (The)	2.78000		
Old Lyme - Rogers Lake West Shores Inc	100000		
Old Lyme - White Sand Beach Association	3.58100		

Table 2: Select Hartford Mill Rates 1977-2019

Tax Year	Grand List	Mill Rate	Assessment Ratios		
			Commercial	Residential	Apt-Mixed Use
1977	1,032,751,634	90.9	65%	65.00%	65%
1978*	1,290,750,218	71.9	70%	45.80%	70%
1979	1,353,307,641	71.1	70%	47.70%	70%
1989*	6,387,320,434	34.4	70%	70.00%	70%
1990	6,479,231,723	34.4	70%	70.00%	70%
1991	6,413,223,204	34.4	70%	70.00%	70%
2016*	4,073,144,172	74.29	70%	32.21%	70%
2017	4,078,204,992	74.29	70%	33.82%	70%
2018	4,030,298,908	74.29	70%	35.00%	70%

aggregate tax collections. To that end, Massachusetts enacted a 2.5%-of-property-value taxation ceiling coupled with a 2.5% cap on annual increases in the tax levy. In addition to capping levies and their growth, the taxing regime arising

from Proposition 2½ allows voters to raise levy limits and ceilings upon the recommendation of their elected officials to address fiscal exigencies. The state of New York limits the growth of its taxing jurisdictions' levies—except New York City's—to the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation. As in Massachusetts, overrides are possible, though they require a 60% vote of school district voters or the local governing body for non-education taxes. Since passage of New

York's tax-growth limits, annual school tax increases have declined from 7% to under 2%; the corresponding figures for municipalities are 5.3% to under

2%. The New York and Massachusetts experiences illustrate possibilities for moderating property tax growth in Connecticut, a project that must be undertaken with great care to avoid compromising public services. ■

1 Connecticut's property tax rates are expressed as mills or dollars per \$1,000 of assessed property. For example, a homeowner in the Borough of Jewett City with a house assessed at \$140,000 (70% of a \$200,000 valuation) would be taxed at 29.1 mills for the Town of Griswold plus 3.5 mills from the borough for an annual tax bill of \$4,564 (140 x 29.1) + (140 x 3.5).

2 Assessment ratio is the percentage of a property's market valuation, the taxable portion of the property's value, application of which is illustrated in the preceding footnote.

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	4Q	4Q	YoY CHG		3Q	QoQ CHG	
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020	NO.	%
General Drift Indicator (2007=100)*							
Leading	105.6	115.2	-9.6	-8.3	106.2	-0.6	-0.5
Coincident	91.7	94.9	-3.2	-3.4	91.4	0.3	0.34
Real Gross Domestic Product**							
<i>(2012 Chained \$, SAAR)</i>							
Connecticut (\$ in millions)	242,765.5	251,046.5	-8,281.0	-3.3	226,222.0	16,543.5	7.3
United States (\$ in millions)	18,596,521	19,141,744	-545,223	-2.8	17,302,511	1,294,010	7.5
New England (\$ in millions)	958,935.4	992,084.5	-33,149.1	-3.3	890,906.1	68,029.3	7.6
Per Capita Personal Income**							
<i>(Current \$, SAAR)</i>							
Connecticut	79,423	77,710	1,713	2.2	79,906	-483	-0.6
United States	59,086	56,995	2,091	3.7	60,184	-1,098	-1.8
New England	72,728	70,075	2,653	3.8	74,531	-1,803	-2.4
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***							
Connecticut	107.27	119.40	-12.1	-10.2	106.96	0.3	0.3
United States	124.48	130.29	-5.8	-4.5	123.93	0.5	0.4

Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut **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 2007 = 100.

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 decreased
over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,574.8	1,696.3	-121.5	-7.2	1,571.8
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-16.7	0.4
Construction	56.0	59.3	-3.3	-5.6	56.1
Manufacturing	152.2	160.9	-8.7	-5.4	152.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	292.8	293.2	-0.4	-0.1	290.6
Information	27.7	31.4	-3.7	-11.8	27.7
Financial Activities	118.3	122.8	-4.5	-3.7	118.9
Professional and Business Services	205.7	216.8	-11.1	-5.1	203.3
Education and Health Services	323.5	351.6	-28.1	-8.0	324.3
Leisure and Hospitality	120.2	158.2	-38.0	-24.0	118.9
Other Services	57.9	65.7	-7.8	-11.9	58.5
Government*	220.0	235.8	-15.8	-6.7	221.0

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

Average weekly initial
claims rose from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
(Seasonally adjusted)					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,712.9	1,918.0	-205.1	-10.7	1,839.7
Employed (000s)	1,566.8	1,846.2	-279.4	-15.1	1,690.5
Unemployed (000s)	146.1	71.8	74.3	103.5	149.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	3.7	4.8	---	8.1
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	59.5	66.5	-7.0	---	63.9
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	54.4	64.0	-9.6	---	58.7
Average Weekly Initial Claims	8,184	3,243	4,941	152.4	8,040
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	3.69	1.97	1.73	---	4.17
	2020	2019			3Q 2020
U-6 Rate (%)	14.1	7.9	6.2	---	12.8

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

The production worker
weekly earnings fell over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan	Dec
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021	2020
(Not seasonally adjusted)						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	39.3	41.4	-2.1	-5.1	39.3	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	27.77	28.57	-0.80	-2.8	28.14	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,091.36	1,182.80	-91.44	-7.7	1,105.90	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)	94.2	89.2	5.0	5.6	92.2	94.8
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,785	3,659	126	3.4	3,769	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	230	220	9.7	4.4	223	230
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)	99.8	96.4	3.4	3.5	96.9	94.4

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Department of Energy

*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for third
quarter 2020 increased
4.3 percent from a year
earlier.

INCOME

	3Q	3Q	CHANGE		2Q
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2020
(\$ Millions, SA, annualized)					
Personal Income	\$286,780.1	\$275,013.8	\$11,766.3	4.3	\$290,040.1
Wages and Salaries	\$120,549.6	\$119,514.9	\$1,034.7	0.9	\$113,815.9

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations increased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY % CHG	YEAR TO DATE		% CHG
				CURRENT	PRIOR	
New Housing Permits*	Feb 2021	276	-37.6	512	727	-29.6
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Jan 2021	2,469	4.5	2,469	2,363	4.5
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	Feb 2021	122.5	-77.7	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Feb 2021	15,799	22.9	33,564	30,687	9.4
Exports (Bil. \$)	4Q 2020	3.27	-20.4	13.80	16.24	-15.0
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Feb 2021	3,811.15	29.0	---	---	---

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	YY % CHG	YEAR TO DATE		% CHG
				CURRENT	PRIOR	
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Feb 2021	4,009	33.1	8,459	6,388	32.4
Department of Labor	3Q 2020	2,927	9.0	8,547	8,847	-3.4
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Feb 2021	3,056	95.8	4,173	2,924	42.7
Department of Labor	3Q 2020	1,798	-17.5	2,179	6,269	-65.2

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

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were down from a year ago.

(Millions of dollars)	Feb	Feb	% CHG	YEAR TO DATE		% CHG
	2021	2020		CURRENT	PRIOR	
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corporate Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Personal Income Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Real Estate Conv. Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sales & Use Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gaming Payments**	16.2	20.1	-19.6	33.6	39.4	-14.8

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 fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY % CHG	YEAR TO DATE		% CHG
				CURRENT	PRIOR	
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Feb 2021	42.8	-19.7	40.3	50.7	-20.5
Tourism Website Visitors	Feb 2021	230,050	-10.7	450,955	532,105	-15.3
Air Passenger Count	Feb 2021	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Feb 2021	660.6	-31.5	1,393.9	1,895.5	-26.5

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 2.6 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	3-Mo % Chg	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	12-Mo % Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	141.8	140.6	0.9	141.6	138.0	2.6
Wages and Salaries	142.8	141.5	0.9	142.6	138.7	2.8
Benefit Costs	139.4	138.5	0.6	139.1	136.2	2.1
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	144.0	140.7	2.3
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	144.1	140.7	2.4

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 1.7 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 2021	263.014	1.7	0.5
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Feb 2021	0.380	-1.6	-0.5
Northeast Region	Feb 2021	276.473	1.2	0.4
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Feb 2021	286.474	1.4	0.3
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Jan 2021	286.615	0.5	0.7
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Feb 2021	256.843	1.9	0.6

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 rose to 2.81 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020
Prime	3.25	3.25	4.75
Federal Funds	0.08	0.09	1.58
3 Month Treasury Bill	0.04	0.08	1.54
6 Month Treasury Bill	0.06	0.09	1.51
1 Year Treasury Note	0.07	0.10	1.41
3 Year Treasury Note	0.21	0.20	1.31
5 Year Treasury Note	0.54	0.45	1.32
7 Year Treasury Note	0.91	0.77	1.42
10 Year Treasury Note	1.26	1.08	1.50
20 Year Treasury Note	1.88	1.63	1.81
Conventional Mortgage	2.81	2.74	3.47

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

All nine states in the region lost jobs over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
Connecticut	1,574.8	1,696.3	-121.5	-7.2	1,571.8
Maine	605.8	640.0	-34.2	-5.3	603.0
Massachusetts	3,408.3	3,733.4	-325.1	-8.7	3,394.2
New Hampshire	651.5	689.0	-37.5	-5.4	648.3
New Jersey	3,876.4	4,229.6	-353.2	-8.4	3,865.7
New York	8,772.3	9,835.1	-1,062.8	-10.8	8,768.6
Pennsylvania	5,656.7	6,092.6	-435.9	-7.2	5,640.1
Rhode Island	462.9	507.2	-44.3	-8.7	463.2
Vermont	286.9	314.5	-27.6	-8.8	287.4
United States	143,048.0	152,523.0	-9,475.0	-6.2	142,669.0

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

LABOR FORCE

All states posted decreases in the labor force from last year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
Connecticut	1,712,892	1,917,993	-205,101	-10.7	1,839,727
Maine	672,438	699,067	-26,629	-3.8	671,317
Massachusetts	3,744,815	3,747,222	-2,407	-0.1	3,756,720
New Hampshire	761,468	770,973	-9,505	-1.2	762,932
New Jersey	4,403,611	4,578,805	-175,194	-3.8	4,403,593
New York	9,288,246	9,504,276	-216,030	-2.3	9,283,011
Pennsylvania	6,330,147	6,528,498	-198,351	-3.0	6,294,551
Rhode Island	538,923	561,974	-23,051	-4.1	540,236
Vermont	313,279	342,887	-29,608	-8.6	314,630
United States	160,211,000	164,448,000	-4,237,000	-2.6	160,161,000

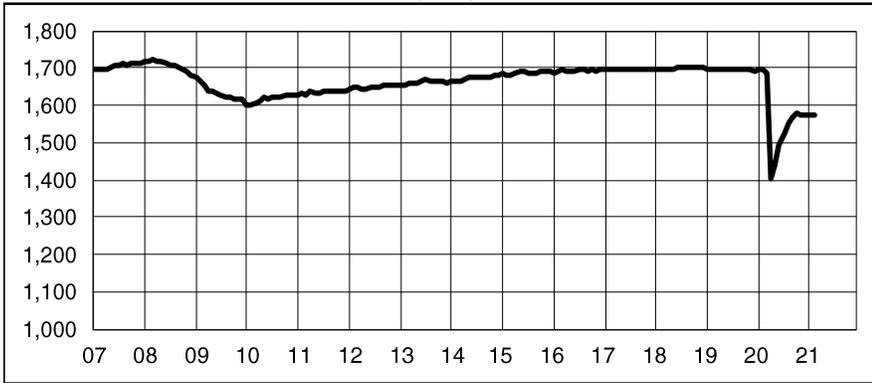
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

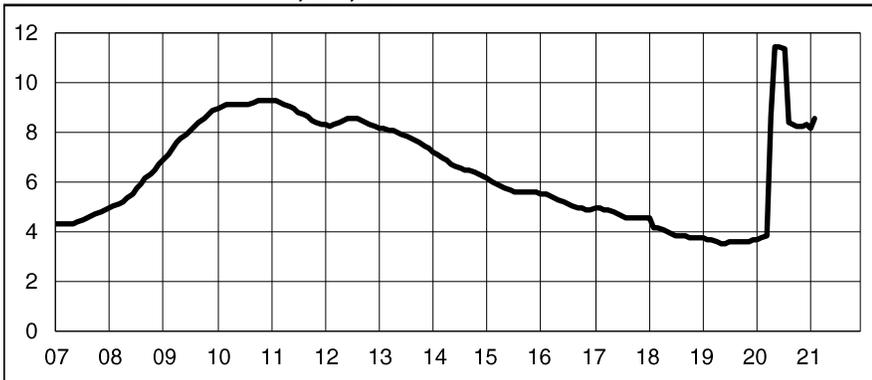
All states showed an increase in its unemployment rate over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Feb	Feb	CHANGE	Jan
	2021	2020		2021
Connecticut	8.5	3.7	4.8	8.1
Maine	4.8	3.1	1.7	5.2
Massachusetts	7.1	2.8	4.3	7.8
New Hampshire	3.3	2.6	0.7	3.6
New Jersey	7.8	3.7	4.1	7.8
New York	8.9	3.9	5.0	8.8
Pennsylvania	7.3	5.0	2.3	7.3
Rhode Island	7.3	4.0	3.3	7.2
Vermont	3.1	2.5	0.6	3.2
United States	6.2	3.5	2.7	6.3

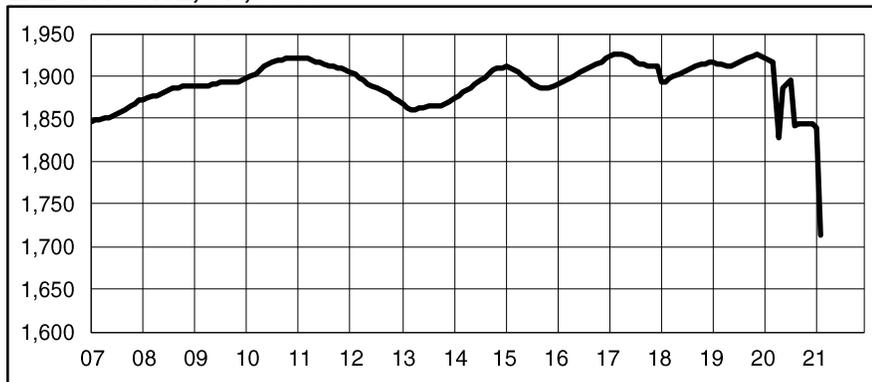
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TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, SA, 000s

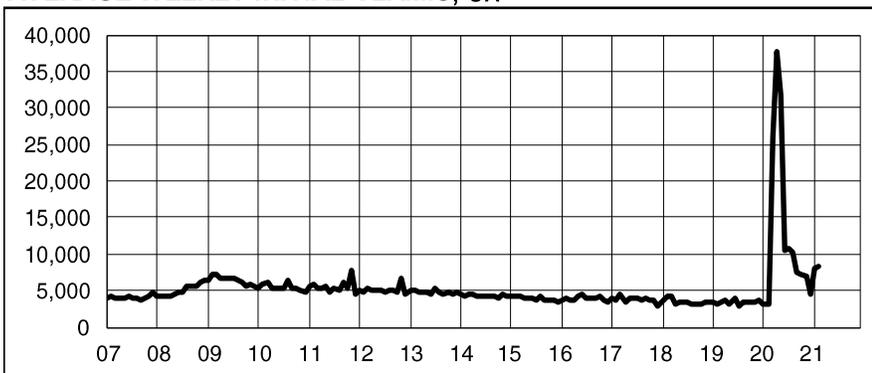
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	1,695.0	1,698.0	1,571.8
Feb	1,695.8	1,696.3	1,574.8
Mar	1,695.5	1,683.3	
Apr	1,697.4	1,403.9	
May	1,696.5	1,437.5	
Jun	1,694.0	1,490.9	
Jul	1,697.9	1,525.0	
Aug	1,694.6	1,549.5	
Sep	1,696.8	1,569.2	
Oct	1,697.9	1,577.7	
Nov	1,698.5	1,575.4	
Dec	1,693.3	1,570.8	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SA, %

Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	3.7	3.7	8.1
Feb	3.7	3.7	8.5
Mar	3.6	3.8	
Apr	3.6	8.6	
May	3.5	11.4	
Jun	3.5	11.4	
Jul	3.5	11.3	
Aug	3.6	8.4	
Sep	3.6	8.3	
Oct	3.6	8.2	
Nov	3.6	8.2	
Dec	3.6	8.2	

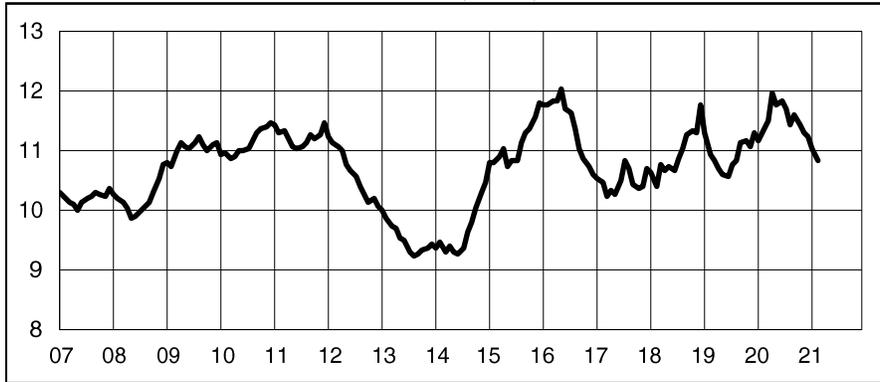
LABOR FORCE, SA, 000s

Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	1,915.1	1,921.0	1,839.7
Feb	1,914.3	1,918.0	1,712.9
Mar	1,913.0	1,915.6	
Apr	1,912.1	1,826.6	
May	1,912.3	1,886.5	
Jun	1,913.6	1,890.7	
Jul	1,915.9	1,895.8	
Aug	1,918.6	1,841.9	
Sep	1,921.6	1,844.1	
Oct	1,923.9	1,844.5	
Nov	1,924.6	1,843.5	
Dec	1,923.5	1,843.0	

AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS, SA

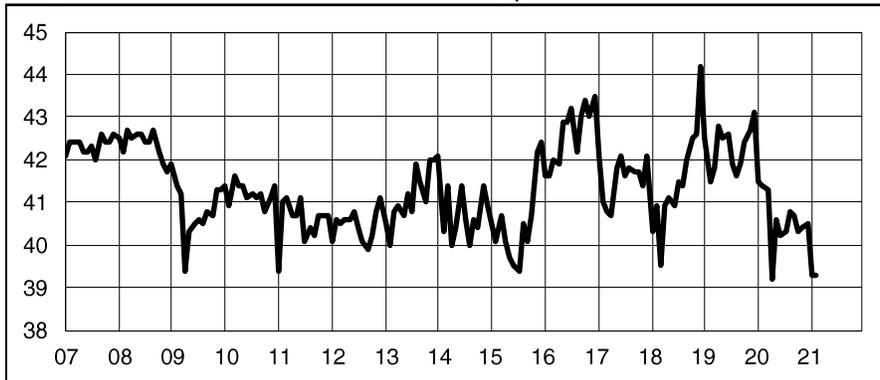
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	3,349	3,079	8,040
Feb	3,212	3,243	8,184
Mar	3,480	25,989	
Apr	3,643	37,632	
May	3,162	31,592	
Jun	3,971	10,446	
Jul	2,937	10,794	
Aug	3,434	10,073	
Sep	3,302	7,408	
Oct	3,277	7,295	
Nov	3,388	7,072	
Dec	3,565	4,493	

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



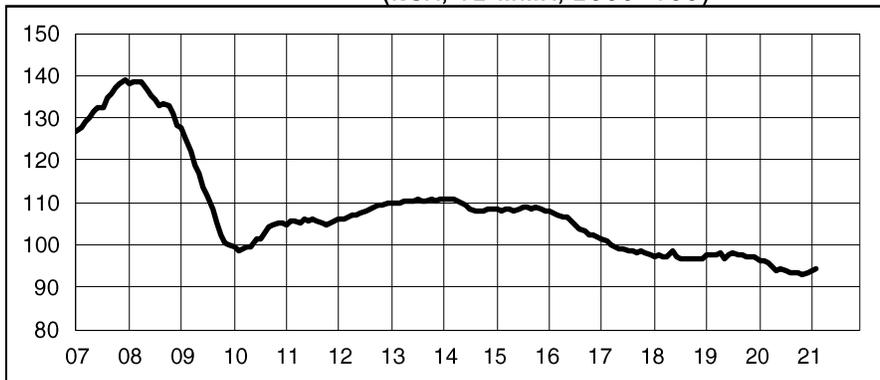
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	\$11.27	\$11.16	\$11.02
Feb	\$10.90	\$11.34	\$10.81
Mar	\$10.82	\$11.48	
Apr	\$10.69	\$11.94	
May	\$10.59	\$11.73	
Jun	\$10.54	\$11.82	
Jul	\$10.76	\$11.69	
Aug	\$10.83	\$11.41	
Sep	\$11.11	\$11.60	
Oct	\$11.14	\$11.41	
Nov	\$11.05	\$11.27	
Dec	\$11.30	\$11.22	

AVG MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS, NSA



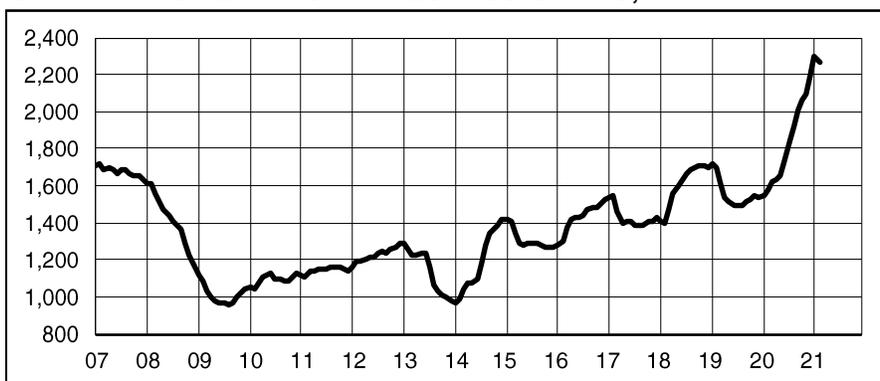
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	42.5	41.5	39.3
Feb	41.5	41.4	39.3
Mar	41.8	41.3	
Apr	42.8	39.2	
May	42.5	40.6	
Jun	42.6	40.2	
Jul	41.9	40.3	
Aug	41.6	40.8	
Sep	41.9	40.7	
Oct	42.4	40.3	
Nov	42.7	40.4	
Dec	43.1	40.5	

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



Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	97.7	96.2	93.7
Feb	97.4	96.1	94.1
Mar	97.8	95.6	
Apr	98.0	94.9	
May	96.8	93.9	
Jun	97.6	94.1	
Jul	98.2	94.0	
Aug	97.6	93.4	
Sep	97.5	93.4	
Oct	97.3	93.5	
Nov	97.4	92.9	
Dec	96.9	93.3	

SECRETARY OF STATE'S NET BUSINESS STARTS, 12MMA



Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	1,723	1,544	2,303
Feb	1,695	1,573	2,261
Mar	1,616	1,620	
Apr	1,541	1,632	
May	1,514	1,651	
Jun	1,491	1,728	
Jul	1,489	1,843	
Aug	1,489	1,926	
Sep	1,514	2,012	
Oct	1,523	2,061	
Nov	1,541	2,098	
Dec	1,540	2,193	

CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	CHANGE		Jan 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,553,600	1,675,700	-122,100	-7.3	1,547,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,328,000	1,434,200	-106,200	-7.4	1,324,800
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	202,000	213,800	-11,800	-5.5	202,700
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	51,000	53,800	-2,800	-5.2	51,500
MANUFACTURING	151,000	160,000	-9,000	-5.6	151,200
Durable Goods	119,600	125,900	-6,300	-5.0	119,800
Fabricated Metal.....	26,600	29,300	-2,700	-9.2	26,800
Machinery.....	12,700	13,200	-500	-3.8	12,700
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,100	10,700	-600	-5.6	10,100
Transportation Equipment.....	45,400	46,800	-1,400	-3.0	45,500
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	30,800	32,100	-1,300	-4.0	30,800
Non-Durable Goods	31,400	34,100	-2,700	-7.9	31,400
Chemical.....	7,200	7,800	-600	-7.7	7,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,351,600	1,461,900	-110,300	-7.5	1,344,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	286,400	289,000	-2,600	-0.9	289,300
Wholesale Trade.....	54,200	58,600	-4,400	-7.5	53,900
Retail Trade.....	164,600	170,000	-5,400	-3.2	165,600
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	19,800	21,700	-1,900	-8.8	19,800
Building Material.....	14,900	13,800	1,100	8.0	14,700
Food and Beverage Stores.....	43,300	41,100	2,200	5.4	42,600
General Merchandise Stores.....	25,600	26,900	-1,300	-4.8	26,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	67,600	60,400	7,200	11.9	69,800
Utilities.....	5,000	5,100	-100	-2.0	5,000
Transportation and Warehousing.....	62,600	55,300	7,300	13.2	64,800
INFORMATION	27,600	31,400	-3,800	-12.1	27,600
Telecommunications.....	6,100	6,400	-300	-4.7	6,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	117,700	121,800	-4,100	-3.4	118,300
Finance and Insurance.....	100,000	102,200	-2,200	-2.2	100,400
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	21,500	22,200	-700	-3.2	21,600
Financial Investments and Related.....	21,500	21,800	-300	-1.4	21,600
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	57,000	58,200	-1,200	-2.1	57,200
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	17,700	19,600	-1,900	-9.7	17,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	200,900	211,900	-11,000	-5.2	197,600
Professional, Scientific.....	91,800	96,700	-4,900	-5.1	90,500
Legal Services.....	11,300	12,300	-1,000	-8.1	11,300
Computer Systems Design.....	21,300	23,400	-2,100	-9.0	21,400
Management of Companies.....	32,100	33,100	-1,000	-3.0	32,100
Administrative and Support.....	77,000	82,100	-5,100	-6.2	75,000
Employment Services.....	22,000	26,800	-4,800	-17.9	21,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	325,500	353,300	-27,800	-7.9	321,700
Educational Services.....	66,000	70,600	-4,600	-6.5	61,700
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	259,500	282,700	-23,200	-8.2	260,000
Hospitals.....	59,100	59,300	-200	-0.3	59,400
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	52,600	60,000	-7,400	-12.3	52,700
Social Assistance.....	58,900	69,600	-10,700	-15.4	59,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	111,100	148,400	-37,300	-25.1	109,800
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	15,000	23,700	-8,700	-36.7	14,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	96,100	124,700	-28,600	-22.9	95,300
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	90,400	114,200	-23,800	-20.8	89,600
OTHER SERVICES	56,800	64,600	-7,800	-12.1	57,800
GOVERNMENT	225,600	241,500	-15,900	-6.6	222,300
Federal Government.....	18,100	18,500	-400	-2.2	18,200
State Government.....	73,400	74,600	-1,200	-1.6	70,800
Local Government**.....	134,100	148,400	-14,300	-9.6	133,300

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BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	364,000	397,300	-33,300	-8.4	362,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	324,700	353,100	-28,400	-8.0	323,700
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	38,700	39,100	-400	-1.0	38,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	11,700	11,100	600	5.4	11,700
MANUFACTURING	27,000	28,000	-1,000	-3.6	26,900
Durable Goods.....	21,500	21,900	-400	-1.8	21,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	325,300	358,200	-32,900	-9.2	324,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	63,400	66,400	-3,000	-4.5	63,600
Wholesale Trade.....	11,800	12,400	-600	-4.8	11,800
Retail Trade.....	42,700	44,700	-2,000	-4.5	42,400
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	8,900	9,300	-400	-4.3	9,400
INFORMATION	11,200	12,200	-1,000	-8.2	11,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	35,200	36,500	-1,300	-3.6	35,400
Finance and Insurance.....	29,600	30,400	-800	-2.6	29,700
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	7,500	7,900	-400	-5.1	7,600
Financial Investments and Related.....	15,400	15,800	-400	-2.5	15,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	61,200	63,000	-1,800	-2.9	60,500
Professional, Scientific.....	27,700	29,800	-2,100	-7.0	27,700
Administrative and Support.....	22,700	22,200	500	2.3	22,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	70,300	77,600	-7,300	-9.4	69,200
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	58,600	64,700	-6,100	-9.4	58,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	29,600	40,800	-11,200	-27.5	29,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	24,000	31,900	-7,900	-24.8	24,100
OTHER SERVICES	15,100	17,500	-2,400	-13.7	15,400
GOVERNMENT	39,300	44,200	-4,900	-11.1	38,900
Federal.....	2,400	2,400	0	0.0	2,400
State & Local.....	36,900	41,800	-4,900	-11.7	36,500

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	70,300	76,300	-6,000	-7.9	70,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	61,000	65,900	-4,900	-7.4	61,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,200	11,400	-200	-1.8	11,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	59,100	64,900	-5,800	-8.9	59,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	16,000	16,600	-600	-3.6	16,100
Retail Trade.....	11,700	11,900	-200	-1.7	11,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,500	9,100	-600	-6.6	8,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,700	7,400	-1,700	-23.0	5,600
GOVERNMENT	9,300	10,400	-1,100	-10.6	9,100
Federal.....	700	800	-100	-12.5	700
State & Local.....	8,600	9,600	-1,000	-10.4	8,400

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HARTFORD LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	543,600	584,700	-41,100	-7.0	542,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	452,900	489,800	-36,900	-7.5	453,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	72,000	77,800	-5,800	-7.5	72,300
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	17,600	18,100	-500	-2.8	17,700
MANUFACTURING	54,400	59,700	-5,300	-8.9	54,600
Durable Goods.....	45,300	49,700	-4,400	-8.9	45,500
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,100	10,000	-900	-9.0	9,100
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	471,600	506,900	-35,300	-7.0	470,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	89,600	89,800	-200	-0.2	90,600
Wholesale Trade.....	15,400	17,100	-1,700	-9.9	15,400
Retail Trade.....	49,500	51,600	-2,100	-4.1	50,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	24,700	21,100	3,600	17.1	25,000
Transportation and Warehousing.....	24,000	20,400	3,600	17.6	24,300
INFORMATION	8,400	9,800	-1,400	-14.3	8,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	53,000	55,500	-2,500	-4.5	53,600
Depository Credit Institutions.....	5,400	5,700	-300	-5.3	5,400
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	37,300	38,300	-1,000	-2.6	37,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	69,000	73,300	-4,300	-5.9	68,200
Professional, Scientific.....	33,800	34,800	-1,000	-2.9	33,100
Management of Companies.....	12,300	12,700	-400	-3.1	12,300
Administrative and Support.....	22,900	25,800	-2,900	-11.2	22,800
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	105,400	114,700	-9,300	-8.1	104,900
Educational Services.....	13,200	14,300	-1,100	-7.7	12,400
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	92,200	100,400	-8,200	-8.2	92,500
Ambulatory Health Care.....	31,200	33,100	-1,900	-5.7	31,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	34,500	46,300	-11,800	-25.5	34,400
Accommodation and Food Services.....	30,300	39,600	-9,300	-23.5	30,200
OTHER SERVICES	21,000	22,600	-1,600	-7.1	21,000
GOVERNMENT	90,700	94,900	-4,200	-4.4	89,000
Federal.....	5,300	5,500	-200	-3.6	5,300
State & Local.....	85,400	89,400	-4,000	-4.5	83,700

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT*Seasonally Adjusted*

Labor Market Areas	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	372,300	404,000	-31,700	-7.8	371,300
DANBURY LMA	70,900	77,700	-6,800	-8.8	70,800
HARTFORD LMA	549,500	589,700	-40,200	-6.8	549,700
NEW HAVEN LMA	282,300	295,000	-12,700	-4.3	282,000
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	114,700	128,500	-13,800	-10.7	114,700
WATERBURY LMA	64,500	68,200	-3,700	-5.4	64,200
ENFIELD LMA**	42,100	44,900	-2,800	-6.2	41,800
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**	30,900	33,000	-2,100	-6.4	30,500
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**	25,800	27,100	-1,300	-4.8	25,600

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NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	280,000	292,700	-12,700	-4.3	276,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	243,400	256,400	-13,000	-5.1	240,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	32,200	34,400	-2,200	-6.4	32,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	9,000	10,200	-1,200	-11.8	9,400
MANUFACTURING	23,200	24,200	-1,000	-4.1	23,100
Durable Goods.....	16,900	17,600	-700	-4.0	16,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	247,800	258,300	-10,500	-4.1	243,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	55,700	53,100	2,600	4.9	56,500
Wholesale Trade.....	10,700	11,200	-500	-4.5	10,700
Retail Trade.....	26,400	27,500	-1,100	-4.0	26,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	18,600	14,400	4,200	29.2	19,100
INFORMATION	3,500	4,000	-500	-12.5	3,500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	11,500	12,000	-500	-4.2	11,600
Finance and Insurance.....	7,900	8,200	-300	-3.7	7,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	31,000	29,600	1,400	4.7	30,200
Administrative and Support.....	15,100	15,000	100	0.7	14,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	81,500	87,300	-5,800	-6.6	79,100
Educational Services.....	31,600	33,100	-1,500	-4.5	29,100
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	49,900	54,200	-4,300	-7.9	50,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	18,200	24,800	-6,600	-26.6	16,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	15,800	20,900	-5,100	-24.4	14,700
OTHER SERVICES	9,800	11,200	-1,400	-12.5	10,000
GOVERNMENT	36,600	36,300	300	0.8	35,900
Federal.....	5,000	5,000	0	0.0	5,000
State & Local.....	31,600	31,300	300	1.0	30,900

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

HELP WANTED ONLINE

Connecticut HWOL: February 2021

Labor Market Area	Feb. 2021 Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	21,394	Health Care and Social Assistance	4,557	Registered Nurses	915
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	12,928	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,251	Retail Salespersons	427
New Haven	7,536	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,551	Registered Nurses	399
Norwich-New London	2,743	Health Care and Social Assistance	561	Retail Salespersons	117
Danbury	1,979	Retail Trade	363	Retail Salespersons	119
Waterbury	1,820	Health Care and Social Assistance	561	Registered Nurses	103
Enfield	1,276	Manufacturing	227	Retail Salespersons	54
Torrington	981	Health Care and Social Assistance	247	Retail Salespersons	39
Danielson-Northeast	793	Health Care and Social Assistance	184	Retail Salespersons	42

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 2021	Feb 2020	CHANGE		Jan 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	111,900	125,200	-13,300	-10.6	111,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	88,200	95,500	-7,300	-7.6	87,800
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	21,400	21,200	200	0.9	21,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,700	3,700	0	0.0	3,700
MANUFACTURING	17,700	17,500	200	1.1	17,800
Durable Goods.....	14,500	14,200	300	2.1	14,600
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,200	3,300	-100	-3.0	3,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	90,500	104,000	-13,500	-13.0	89,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	20,500	21,200	-700	-3.3	20,400
Wholesale Trade.....	2,100	2,200	-100	-4.5	2,100
Retail Trade.....	14,100	14,800	-700	-4.7	14,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	4,300	4,200	100	2.4	4,300
INFORMATION	1,200	1,400	-200	-14.3	1,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,600	2,700	-100	-3.7	2,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,600	8,900	-300	-3.4	8,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	20,000	21,600	-1,600	-7.4	19,500
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	17,200	18,700	-1,500	-8.0	17,200
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	11,200	15,100	-3,900	-25.8	11,300
Accommodation and Food Services.....	10,100	13,000	-2,900	-22.3	10,200
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.....	8,800	11,100	-2,300	-20.7	8,800
OTHER SERVICES	2,700	3,400	-700	-20.6	2,800
GOVERNMENT	23,700	29,700	-6,000	-20.2	23,600
Federal.....	2,900	2,900	0	0.0	2,800
State & Local**.....	20,800	26,800	-6,000	-22.4	20,800

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	CHANGE		Jan 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	63,500	67,300	-3,800	-5.6	63,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	52,500	56,400	-3,900	-6.9	52,900
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	9,300	10,000	-700	-7.0	9,300
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	2,400	2,700	-300	-11.1	2,500
MANUFACTURING	6,900	7,300	-400	-5.5	6,800
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	54,200	57,300	-3,100	-5.4	54,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	12,300	12,700	-400	-3.1	12,700
Wholesale Trade.....	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3	1,800
Retail Trade.....	8,600	8,700	-100	-1.1	8,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	1,900	2,100	-200	-9.5	2,300
INFORMATION	500	600	-100	-16.7	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,000	1,900	100	5.3	2,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,000	5,000	0	0.0	4,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	16,600	18,300	-1,700	-9.3	16,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	14,500	16,300	-1,800	-11.0	14,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	4,600	5,300	-700	-13.2	4,500
OTHER SERVICES	2,200	2,600	-400	-15.4	2,200
GOVERNMENT	11,000	10,900	100	0.9	10,500
Federal.....	500	500	0	0.0	500
State & Local.....	10,500	10,400	100	1.0	10,000

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

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	CHANGE		Jan 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	41,500	44,400	-2,900	-6.5	41,500
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	29,900	32,200	-2,300	-7.1	29,800
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	25,300	26,600	-1,300	-4.9	25,400

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 2021	Feb 2020	CHANGE		Jan 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	298,300	335,900	-37,600	-11.2	295,300
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	242,200	271,500	-29,300	-10.8	240,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	38,400	40,200	-1,800	-4.5	38,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	9,900	10,900	-1,000	-9.2	10,100
MANUFACTURING.....	28,500	29,300	-800	-2.7	28,500
Durable Goods.....	19,500	19,500	0	0.0	19,500
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,000	9,800	-800	-8.2	9,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	259,900	295,700	-35,800	-12.1	256,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	55,800	59,500	-3,700	-6.2	56,100
Wholesale Trade.....	10,900	11,600	-700	-6.0	11,000
Retail Trade.....	31,800	32,700	-900	-2.8	32,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	13,100	15,200	-2,100	-13.8	13,100
INFORMATION.....	2,600	2,900	-300	-10.3	2,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	14,900	15,600	-700	-4.5	14,900
Finance and Insurance.....	12,000	12,400	-400	-3.2	12,000
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	8,400	8,700	-300	-3.4	8,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	24,400	25,300	-900	-3.6	23,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	75,100	84,100	-9,000	-10.7	73,500
Educational Services.....	12,500	15,300	-2,800	-18.3	11,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	62,600	68,800	-6,200	-9.0	62,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	20,900	31,000	-10,100	-32.6	21,100
OTHER SERVICES.....	10,100	12,900	-2,800	-21.7	10,100
GOVERNMENT.....	56,100	64,400	-8,300	-12.9	55,100
Federal.....	6,100	6,000	100	1.7	5,900
State & Local.....	50,000	58,400	-8,400	-14.4	49,200

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** New England City and Town Area

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Feb	Feb	CHANGE		Jan
		2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,688,900	1,913,000	-224,100	-11.7	1,823,000
	Employed	1,545,800	1,836,100	-290,300	-15.8	1,668,800
	Unemployed	143,100	76,900	66,200	86.1	154,200
	Unemployment Rate	8.5	4.0	4.5	---	8.5
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	404,900	463,300	-58,400	-12.6	438,200
	Employed	369,800	444,300	-74,500	-16.8	400,100
	Unemployed	35,100	19,000	16,100	84.7	38,100
	Unemployment Rate	8.7	4.1	4.6	---	8.7
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	92,600	106,400	-13,800	-13.0	100,800
	Employed	85,500	102,500	-17,000	-16.6	93,100
	Unemployed	7,100	3,900	3,200	82.1	7,700
	Unemployment Rate	7.7	3.7	4.0	---	7.7
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	37,900	43,900	-6,000	-13.7	41,300
	Employed	34,800	42,100	-7,300	-17.3	37,900
	Unemployed	3,100	1,800	1,300	72.2	3,400
	Unemployment Rate	8.2	4.2	4.0	---	8.1
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,000	50,700	-7,700	-15.2	46,200
	Employed	39,600	48,700	-9,100	-18.7	42,600
	Unemployed	3,400	2,000	1,400	70.0	3,600
	Unemployment Rate	7.9	3.9	4.0	---	7.9
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	561,000	633,100	-72,100	-11.4	605,400
	Employed	514,200	608,000	-93,800	-15.4	555,100
	Unemployed	46,900	25,100	21,800	86.9	50,300
	Unemployment Rate	8.4	4.0	4.4	---	8.3
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	299,500	332,700	-33,200	-10.0	321,000
	Employed	276,100	320,200	-44,100	-13.8	295,600
	Unemployed	23,400	12,400	11,000	88.7	25,400
	Unemployment Rate	7.8	3.7	4.1	---	7.9
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	123,300	140,200	-16,900	-12.1	131,700
	Employed	111,500	134,400	-22,900	-17.0	119,200
	Unemployed	11,800	5,800	6,000	103.4	12,500
	Unemployment Rate	9.6	4.1	5.5	---	9.5
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	41,100	47,000	-5,900	-12.6	45,100
	Employed	37,600	45,000	-7,400	-16.4	41,500
	Unemployed	3,500	2,000	1,500	75.0	3,700
	Unemployment Rate	8.4	4.2	4.2	---	8.1
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	100,500	111,600	-11,100	-9.9	108,300
	Employed	90,300	106,000	-15,700	-14.8	97,500
	Unemployed	10,100	5,600	4,500	80.4	10,800
	Unemployment Rate	10.1	5.0	5.1	---	10.0
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	160,008,000	164,235,000	-4,227,000	-2.6	159,234,000
	Employed	149,522,000	158,017,000	-8,495,000	-5.4	148,383,000
	Unemployed	10,486,000	6,218,000	4,268,000	68.6	10,851,000
	Unemployment Rate	6.6	3.8	2.8	---	6.8

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	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Feb		CHG	Jan	Feb		CHG	Jan	Feb		CHG	Jan
	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>												
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,091.36	\$1,182.80	-\$91.44	\$1,105.90	39.3	41.4	-2.1	39.3	\$27.77	\$28.57	-\$0.80	\$28.14
DURABLE GOODS	1,145.90	1,291.21	-145.31	1,158.14	39.5	41.2	-1.7	39.1	29.01	31.34	-2.33	29.62
NON-DUR. GOODS	911.77	847.14	64.63	932.33	38.7	42.0	-3.3	40.1	23.56	20.17	3.39	23.25
CONSTRUCTION	1,342.03	1,235.18	106.86	1,324.32	38.3	38.3	0.0	39.1	35.04	32.25	2.79	33.87
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,138.38	1,138.72	-0.34	1,151.56	33.8	33.7	0.1	34.1	33.68	33.79	-0.11	33.77
GOODS PRODUCING	1,360.22	1,418.53	-58.31	1,382.25	37.7	38.8	-1.1	38.3	36.08	36.56	-0.48	36.09
Construction	1,372.70	1,312.11	60.59	1,393.50	36.2	36.6	-0.4	37.5	37.92	35.85	2.07	37.16
Manufacturing	1,353.98	1,487.47	-133.49	1,374.16	38.4	39.9	-1.5	38.6	35.26	37.28	-2.02	35.60
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,098.59	1,089.62	8.97	1,111.89	33.1	32.8	0.3	33.4	33.19	33.22	-0.03	33.29
Trade, Transp., Utilities	943.57	984.68	-41.11	966.57	32.9	33.3	-0.4	33.0	28.68	29.57	-0.89	29.29
Financial Activities	1,952.03	1,969.00	-16.97	1,956.56	38.8	38.3	0.5	39.1	50.31	51.41	-1.10	50.04
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,297.98	1,253.00	44.98	1,304.48	35.6	35.0	0.6	35.7	36.46	35.80	0.66	36.54
Education & Health Ser.	1,044.96	965.63	79.33	1,064.60	33.6	32.7	0.9	34.1	31.10	29.53	1.57	31.22
Leisure & Hospitality	469.94	453.38	16.57	464.13	24.4	24.6	-0.2	24.3	19.26	18.43	0.83	19.10
Other Services	817.34	741.29	76.05	832.04	29.7	29.3	0.4	30.5	27.52	25.30	2.22	27.28
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,293.19	1,227.40	65.79	1,306.51	33.8	34.0	-0.2	34.4	38.26	36.10	2.16	37.98
Danbury	1,025.49	1,072.45	-46.95	1,031.56	33.8	34.1	-0.3	33.7	30.34	31.45	-1.11	30.61
Hartford	1,192.80	1,209.64	-16.84	1,203.49	35.0	34.7	0.3	35.2	34.08	34.86	-0.78	34.19
New Haven	1,109.99	1,049.18	60.81	1,125.06	33.8	32.9	0.9	34.0	32.84	31.89	0.95	33.09
Norwich-New London	874.38	871.36	3.02	882.24	31.9	32.0	-0.1	32.0	27.41	27.23	0.18	27.57
Waterbury	896.19	969.38	-73.19	923.98	30.4	33.8	-3.4	31.1	29.48	28.68	0.80	29.71

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- Hartford's Day Pitney acquires Rhode Island law firm
- Aldi supermarket opened in South Windsor, part of nationwide expansion
- A new coffee shop, Rise and Dine, finds home in Bristol
- Berlin breaks ground on massive commercial and residential projects
- Gates-backed geothermal installer plants Connecticut flag

Layoffs and Closures

- As Blue Sky Studios in Greenwich closes, an exodus of animation talent — and Connecticut jobs
- Gayle O'Neill Fine Jewelry store in the Southbury Green Plaza for 37 years closed its doors at the end of February
- Subway moving 'less than 10 percent' of Milford HQ jobs to Miami
- Macy's in Waterbury mall closes doors
- A Five Guys Burgers & Fries has closed on Westport Avenue in Norwalk

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

FEBRUARY 2021

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	404,914	369,781	35,133	8.7	Canton	5,103	4,769	334	6.5
Ansonia	8,199	7,231	968	11.8	Chaplin	1,131	1,032	99	8.8
Bridgeport	61,847	53,647	8,200	13.3	Colchester	8,381	7,778	603	7.2
Darien	7,370	6,922	448	6.1	Columbia	2,886	2,692	194	6.7
Derby	5,841	5,223	618	10.6	Coventry	7,013	6,535	478	6.8
Easton	3,318	3,079	239	7.2	Cromwell	7,080	6,592	488	6.9
Fairfield	25,375	23,599	1,776	7.0	East Granby	2,755	2,568	187	6.8
Greenwich	24,748	23,275	1,473	6.0	East Haddam	4,477	4,166	311	6.9
Milford	26,680	24,489	2,191	8.2	East Hampton	6,918	6,425	493	7.1
Monroe	8,707	8,015	692	7.9	East Hartford	24,810	22,137	2,673	10.8
New Canaan	7,165	6,716	449	6.3	Ellington	8,626	8,027	599	6.9
Norwalk	44,460	40,608	3,852	8.7	Farmington	12,706	11,889	817	6.4
Oxford	6,339	5,866	473	7.5	Glastonbury	16,897	15,947	950	5.6
Redding	3,818	3,538	280	7.3	Granby	6,200	5,823	377	6.1
Ridgefield	10,080	9,468	612	6.1	Haddam	4,503	4,221	282	6.3
Seymour	7,794	7,104	690	8.9	Hartford	49,120	42,242	6,878	14.0
Shelton	19,234	17,581	1,653	8.6	Hartland	1,053	962	91	8.6
Southbury	7,557	6,958	599	7.9	Harwinton	2,860	2,666	194	6.8
Stamford	61,234	56,271	4,963	8.1	Hebron	4,985	4,639	346	6.9
Stratford	23,710	21,479	2,231	9.4	Lebanon	3,663	3,359	304	8.3
Trumbull	15,354	14,210	1,144	7.5	Manchester	29,608	27,220	2,388	8.1
Weston	3,761	3,483	278	7.4	Mansfield	11,134	10,356	778	7.0
Westport	11,037	10,409	628	5.7	Marlborough	3,214	2,991	223	6.9
Wilton	7,177	6,739	438	6.1	Middletown	23,439	21,594	1,845	7.9
Woodbridge	4,109	3,872	237	5.8	New Britain	34,047	29,814	4,233	12.4
					New Hartford	3,534	3,293	241	6.8
DANBURY	92,635	85,494	7,141	7.7	Newington	15,431	14,285	1,146	7.4
Bethel	9,455	8,777	678	7.2	Plainville	9,481	8,639	842	8.9
Bridgewater	742	672	70	9.4	Plymouth	5,941	5,411	530	8.9
Brookfield	7,984	7,457	527	6.6	Portland	4,914	4,537	377	7.7
Danbury	41,173	37,879	3,294	8.0	Rocky Hill	10,375	9,735	640	6.2
New Fairfield	6,172	5,701	471	7.6	Scotland	875	797	78	8.9
New Milford	13,225	12,100	1,125	8.5	Simsbury	12,378	11,695	683	5.5
Newtown	12,278	11,400	878	7.2	Southington	22,067	20,557	1,510	6.8
Sherman	1,606	1,508	98	6.1	South Windsor	12,843	12,028	815	6.3
					Stafford	6,245	5,705	540	8.6
ENFIELD	42,983	39,593	3,390	7.9	Thomaston	4,206	3,901	305	7.3
East Windsor	5,790	5,320	470	8.1	Tolland	7,624	7,160	464	6.1
Enfield	19,683	18,115	1,568	8.0	Union	409	389	20	4.9
Somers	4,286	3,988	298	7.0	Vernon	15,731	14,468	1,263	8.0
Suffield	6,596	6,121	475	7.2	West Hartford	30,750	28,933	1,817	5.9
Windsor Locks	6,628	6,049	579	8.7	Wethersfield	12,584	11,639	945	7.5
					Willington	3,283	3,047	236	7.2
HARTFORD	561,033	514,160	46,873	8.4	Windham	11,248	10,088	1,160	10.3
Andover	1,737	1,619	118	6.8	Windsor	14,913	13,722	1,191	8.0
Ashford	2,294	2,145	149	6.5					
Avon	8,358	7,900	458	5.5					
Barkhamsted	2,045	1,894	151	7.4					
Berlin	10,589	9,824	765	7.2					
Bloomfield	10,634	9,729	905	8.5					
Bolton	2,808	2,650	158	5.6					
Bristol	30,010	27,149	2,861	9.5					
Burlington	5,118	4,776	342	6.7					

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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 2021

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	299,512	276,128	23,384	7.8	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST	41,098	37,638	3,460	8.4
Bethany	2,871	2,711	160	5.6	Canaan	564	514	50	8.9
Branford	14,736	13,716	1,020	6.9	Colebrook	716	668	48	6.7
Cheshire	14,172	13,417	755	5.3	Cornwall	652	615	37	5.7
Chester	2,138	2,003	135	6.3	Goshen	1,404	1,308	96	6.8
Clinton	6,699	6,218	481	7.2	Kent	1,274	1,196	78	6.1
Deep River	2,604	2,439	165	6.3	Litchfield	4,104	3,813	291	7.1
Durham	3,883	3,667	216	5.6	Morris	1,218	1,130	88	7.2
East Haven	14,522	13,301	1,221	8.4	Norfolk	774	719	55	7.1
Essex	3,135	2,926	209	6.7	North Canaan	1,547	1,399	148	9.6
Guilford	11,708	11,119	589	5.0	Roxbury	1,133	1,066	67	5.9
Hamden	32,258	30,003	2,255	7.0	Salisbury	1,566	1,460	106	6.8
Killingworth	3,508	3,273	235	6.7	Sharon	1,264	1,194	70	5.5
Madison	8,295	7,795	500	6.0	Torrington	17,031	15,345	1,686	9.9
Meriden	29,898	26,958	2,940	9.8	Warren	681	632	49	7.2
Middlefield	2,309	2,150	159	6.9	Washington	1,751	1,652	99	5.7
New Haven	60,280	54,343	5,937	9.8	Winchester	5,420	4,927	493	9.1
North Branford	7,572	7,027	545	7.2	WATERBURY	100,469	90,330	10,139	10.1
North Haven	12,311	11,484	827	6.7	Beacon Falls	3,154	2,935	219	6.9
Old Saybrook	4,661	4,340	321	6.9	Bethlehem	1,756	1,600	156	8.9
Orange	6,667	6,289	378	5.7	Middlebury	3,526	3,309	217	6.2
Wallingford	23,966	22,383	1,583	6.6	Naugatuck	15,455	14,062	1,393	9.0
West Haven	27,966	25,463	2,503	9.0	Prospect	4,989	4,649	340	6.8
Westbrook	3,353	3,106	247	7.4	Waterbury	46,267	40,324	5,943	12.8
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART	108,372	97,882	10,490	9.7	Watertown	11,512	10,677	835	7.3
Bozrah	1,455	1,209	246	16.9	Wolcott	8,842	8,195	647	7.3
Canterbury	2,515	2,283	232	9.2	Woodbury	4,967	4,579	388	7.8
East Lyme	7,309	6,702	607	8.3	DANIELSON-NORTHEAST	37,934	34,825	3,109	8.2
Franklin	912	836	76	8.3	Brooklyn	3,610	3,328	282	7.8
Griswold	5,414	4,863	551	10.2	Eastford	868	813	55	6.3
Groton	15,693	14,303	1,390	8.9	Hampton	920	851	69	7.5
Ledyard	6,759	6,229	530	7.8	Killingly	8,501	7,739	762	9.0
Lisbon	2,018	1,824	194	9.6	Plainfield	7,542	6,918	624	8.3
Lyme	1,015	952	63	6.2	Pomfret	2,177	2,046	131	6.0
Montville	7,802	7,097	705	9.0	Putnam	4,263	3,868	395	9.3
New London	10,620	9,252	1,368	12.9	Sterling	1,780	1,623	157	8.8
No. Stonington	2,512	2,294	218	8.7	Thompson	4,630	4,261	369	8.0
Norwich	17,657	15,551	2,106	11.9	Woodstock	3,643	3,377	266	7.3
Old Lyme	3,166	2,922	244	7.7					
Preston	2,092	1,888	204	9.8					
Salem	1,824	1,661	163	8.9					
Sprague	1,371	1,239	132	9.6					
Stonington	8,383	7,746	637	7.6					
Voluntown	1,285	1,145	140	10.9					
Waterford	8,569	7,884	685	8.0					

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

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	123,322	111,528	11,794	9.6
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	14,950	13,646	1,304	8.7

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,688,900	1,545,800	143,100	8.5
UNITED STATES	160,008,000	149,522,000	10,486,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,712,900	1,566,800	146,100	8.5
UNITED STATES	160,211,000	150,239,000	9,972,000	6.2

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 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020	TOWN	FEB 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020	TOWN	FEB 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020
Andover	1	1	0	Griswold	0	0	4	Preston	2	3	3
Ansonia	na	na	na	Groton	na	na	na	Prospect	0	0	2
Ashford	na	na	na	Guilford	na	na	na	Putnam	na	na	na
Avon	1	2	1	Haddam	1	2	1	Redding	1	3	0
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	na	Ridgefield	0	0	1
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	na	Rocky Hill	0	0	3
Berlin	2	2	2	Hartford	1	1	1	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	0	0	0	Salem	na	na	na
Bethel	12	20	7	Harwinton	na	na	na	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	1	3	2	Scotland	na	na	na
Bloomfield	3	6	7	Kent	0	0	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	0	2	43
Branford	3	5	2	Lebanon	2	2	1	Sherman	2	2	0
Bridgeport	3	6	4	Ledyard	na	na	na	Simsbury	5	7	40
Bridgewater	0	0	0	Lisbon	na	na	na	Somers	2	4	1
Bristol	5	12	4	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	3	4	4
Brookfield	3	5	1	Lyme	0	0	0	Southbury	na	na	na
Brooklyn	0	0	1	Madison	na	na	na	Southington	4	8	10
Burlington	0	3	11	Manchester	1	2	16	Sprague	0	0	0
Canaan	na	na	na	Mansfield	0	1	0	Stafford	1	2	0
Canterbury	na	na	na	Marlborough	0	0	0	Stamford	3	3	10
Canton	0	2	1	Meriden	na	na	na	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	na	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	na
Cheshire	2	3	3	Middlefield	0	0	0	Stratford	9	11	8
Chester	0	0	0	Middletown	2	3	2	Suffield	3	6	1
Clinton	0	2	4	Milford	14	34	30	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	1	1	5	Monroe	2	5	0	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	na	Montville	na	na	na	Tolland	3	3	0
Columbia	0	0	1	Morris	na	na	na	Torrington	na	na	na
Cornwall	na	na	na	Naugatuck	na	na	na	Trumbull	1	2	1
Coventry	0	3	5	New Britain	1	2	1	Union	2	2	0
Cromwell	1	2	1	New Canaan	2	7	1	Vernon	5	10	17
Danbury	6	12	16	New Fairfield	0	0	0	Voluntown	1	1	1
Darien	2	5	3	New Hartford	na	na	na	Wallingford	2	4	3
Deep River	0	0	0	New Haven	0	0	31	Warren	na	na	na
Derby	na	na	na	New London	4	8	6	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	0	0	0	New Milford	na	na	na	Waterbury	1	2	4
East Granby	0	0	0	Newington	0	0	0	Waterford	na	na	na
East Haddam	2	2	0	Newtown	4	10	5	Watertown	na	na	na
East Hampton	2	3	3	Norfolk	na	na	na	West Hartford	7	17	15
East Hartford	0	1	2	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	na	North Canaan	na	na	na	Westbrook	0	2	1
East Lyme	6	10	29	North Haven	na	na	na	Weston	2	2	2
East Windsor	0	0	1	North Stonington	na	na	na	Westport	5	12	5
Eastford	na	na	na	Norwalk	14	19	1	Wethersfield	0	0	0
Easton	0	1	1	Norwich	0	0	0	Willington	1	3	1
Ellington	9	21	21	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	0	1	1
Enfield	6	12	12	Old Saybrook	1	2	4	Winchester	na	na	na
Essex	0	0	2	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	0	0	1
Fairfield	32	37	101	Oxford	2	3	4	Windsor	0	7	2
Farmington	0	0	4	Plainfield	na	na	na	Windsor Locks	0	0	0
Franklin	na	na	na	Plainville	1	2	1	Wolcott	1	4	3
Glastonbury	1	6	6	Plymouth	na	na	na	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	na	Pomfret	na	na	na	Woodbury	0	0	1
Granby	2	2	26	Portland	0	0	1	Woodstock	na	na	na
Greenwich	16	25	10								

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.

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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.....	-8.3	CT Mfg. Production Index	5.6	Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator.....	-3.4	Production Worker Hours.....	3.4	Occupancy Rate.....	-19.7
Connecticut Real GDP.....	-3.3	Industrial Electricity Sales.....	4.4	Tourism Website Visitors.....	-10.7
United States Real GDP.....	-2.8	Personal Income	4.3	Air Passenger Count.....	NA
New England Real GDP.....	-3.3	UI Covered Wages	0.9	Gaming Slots.....	-31.5
Connecticut PCPI.....	2.2	Business Activity		Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
United States PCPI.....	3.7	New Housing Permits.....	-37.6	Total.....	2.6
New England PCPI.....	3.8	Electricity Sales.....	4.5	Wages & Salaries.....	2.8
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index....	-10.2	Construction Contracts Index.....	-77.7	Benefit Costs.....	2.1
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index....	-4.5	New Auto Registrations.....	22.9	Consumer Prices	
		Exports.....	-20.4	U.S. City Average.....	1.7
		S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	29.0	Northeast Region.....	1.2
		Business Starts		NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	1.4
Total Nonfarm Employment	-7.2	Secretary of the State.....	33.1	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	0.5
Labor Force.....	-10.7	Dept. of Labor.....	9.0	Interest Rates	
Employed.....	-15.1	Business Terminations		Prime.....	-1.50 *
Unemployed.....	103.5	Secretary of the State.....	95.8	Conventional Mortgage.....	-0.66 *
Unemployment Rate	4.8 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-17.5		
Labor Force Participation Rate...	-7.0 *	State Revenues	NA		
Employment-Population Ratio...	-9.6 *	Corporate Tax.....	NA		
Average Weekly Initial Claims ..	152.4	Personal Income Tax.....	NA		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate	1.73 *	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	NA		
U-6 Rate	6.2 *	Sales & Use Tax.....	NA		
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs	-5.1	Gaming Payments.....	-19.6		
PW Avg Hourly Earnings	-2.8				
PW Avg Weekly Earnings	-7.7				

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

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