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Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut..................... 1,650,400
Change over month .... +0.06%
Change over year .... +0.8%

United States 135,637,000
Change over month .... +0.13%
Change over year .... +1.6%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut............................. 8.0%
United States 7.6%

Consumer Price Index

United States 232.945
Change over year .... +1.4%

State's 2012 Housing Market in Review

By Kolie Sun, Senior Research Analyst, DECD

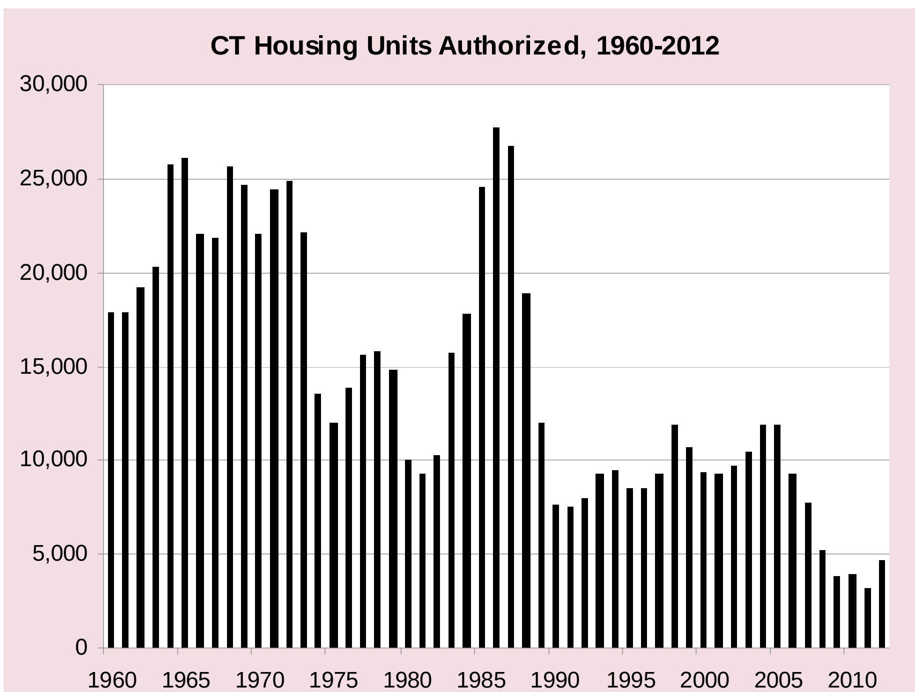
The housing market is an important sector of the economy — it creates jobs, spurs economic growth and impacts our overall quality of life. This article takes a look at many aspects of Connecticut's housing industry and the factors that led to modest housing growth in 2012, despite the fact that permits did not reach pre-recession levels.

Housing Production

According to the recent release from the U.S. Census, Connecticut cities and towns authorized 4,669 new housing units, including single and multi-unit dwellings for all towns in 2012. This level of production represents a 47.1% increase from a six-decade low of 3,173 in 2011. Last year marked the best year since 2008, when there were 5,220 units authorized. The City of Stamford led all municipalities with 564 units authorized, followed by Danbury with 396, Shelton with 299, Norwalk with 230 and Bridgeport with 175. The combined permits issued for these five communities accounted for 35.6% of last year's total housing production. (See chart below)

In 2012, Fairfield County had the most permit activity with 2,138 new housing units authorized, which accounted for nearly half of the statewide total. Windham County had the fewest with 94.

In March, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) sent out its annual demolition survey in which 131 cities and towns



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responded. With a 77.5% response rate, the survey yielded a total of 955 demolished housing units last year. As a result, the state's net gain of 3,714 authorizations brings its housing inventory estimate to 1,481,396[1] units in 2012.

Connecticut's housing permit activity mirrored the nation as 48 states experienced permit growth from 2011 to 2012. Only Wyoming and New Hampshire had negative growth of housing permits. The nation as a whole experienced a 33.3% permit increase in 2012 from 2011. Connecticut fared better than the U.S. and ranked 10th in the nation according to the Bureau of the Census.

Home Sales and Prices

Improved consumer confidence and stronger employment data boosted the economic recovery in 2012. According to the Warren Group, state single-family home sales increased 14.8% from 21,141 in 2011 to 24,276 in 2012, the first year-over-year percentage increase since 2005. Last year's sales were the highest since 2009.

Because of the fluctuations of the real estate market, home sales prices vary over time. As reported by the Warren Group, Connecticut's median single-family homes sales price in 2012 was $240,000, a slight drop of 1.2% comparing to $243,000 in 2011; down 18.6% from the peak home median price of $295,000 in 2007.

Condo markets followed the same pattern as single-family homes in the number of transactions and home values. The state's condominium sales increased 7% from 5,704 units in 2011 to 6,111 in 2012 while the median condo sales prices decreased 5% from $171,000 in 2011 to $163,000 in 2012.

The Housing Market Index (HMI) published by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has three components: current sales conditions, sales expectations and traffic of prospective buyers. HMI scores range from 1 to 100, with 1 being the worst and 100 the best. DECD averaged the monthly ratings to yearly data. Last year, the annual HMI rating of 34 was more than double the ratings from the previous two years and scored the highest since 2006. The building constructions industry was on the rebound as suggested by HMI.

Foreclosures

Lis Pendens[2] and Foreclosure Deed[3] filings are the two most common measures of foreclosure activities. In Connecticut, the number of Lis Pendens increased 47.5% from 12,563 in 2011 to 18,526 in 2012; down 24.5% from 24,544 in 2009. Foreclosure Deed filings also increased by 31.4% from 2,723 in 2011 to 3,578 in 2012; down nearly 50% from 5,090 in 2009. Last year, the Mortgage Bankers Association National Delinquency Survey reported that the percentage of homeowners who are seriously delinquent in Connecticut was on average at 8.1%, compared to 7.1% at the U.S. level. Connecticut was ranked 8th highest among all 50 states for the percentage of seriously delinquent loans.[4] One possible explanation is that relatively higher home prices in Connecticut (compared to the nation) caused the higher foreclosure rate.

Housing and Transit-Oriented Development

Transit-oriented development (TOD) is a strategy to design and develop a mixed-use residential and commercial area in proximity of public transit. A typical TOD neighborhood has a transit station center surrounded by relatively high-density development.

TOD has many benefits, including reducing traffic and congestion on roads and highways, increasing disposable income by reducing transportation-related expenses, promoting more affordable housing options, bringing greater energy efficiency and lowering auto emissions when people choose mass transit over their cars.[5]

To build upon the state's long history of commuter rail services and provide more opportunities for TOD, several municipalities have initiated efforts to develop TOD within their communities. These efforts include the development of TOD zoning regulations, private sector investment, intermodal facility planning, market analysis, and integration of parking expansion plans with TOD. These demonstrate

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Every time is different, but this one is really different

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No two business cycles are alike, but at least since the 1990's it had become conventional wisdom that recessions in Connecticut would last longer and see much larger job drops than the nation as a whole. This was certainly true of the recessions of 1990 and 2001, but that story didn't hold for the recession that hit Connecticut in 2008.

Late 1980's – early 1990's

Connecticut's recession started earlier, ended later, saw larger job losses, and had a weaker recovery than the country as a whole. By the time U.S. jobs peaked in June 1990, Connecticut jobs had been falling for more than a year. The low point for U.S. jobs was May 1991, but Connecticut jobs continued to fall for another year and half. Worse, while the recession claimed 1.5% of U.S. jobs, in Connecticut the drop was 9.2%. Three years after the end of the decline (May 1994), U.S. jobs had more than regained the loss and were 3.7% above the previous peak, while in December 1995, three years after the end of the Connecticut decline, less than 30% of the lost jobs had been recovered. (Chart 1)

Chart 1: Connecticut vs. U.S. in Recession

Employment Indexed to U.S. Low

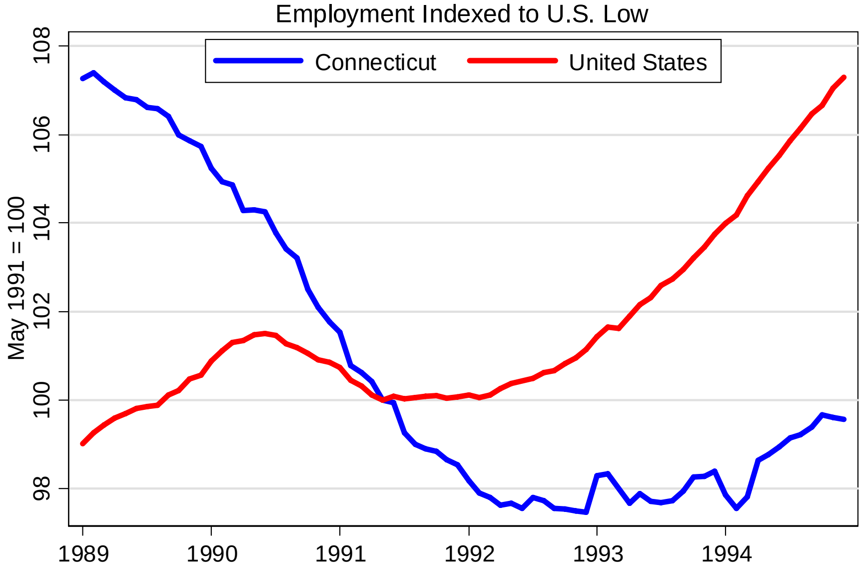

Chart 2: Connecticut vs. U.S. in Recession

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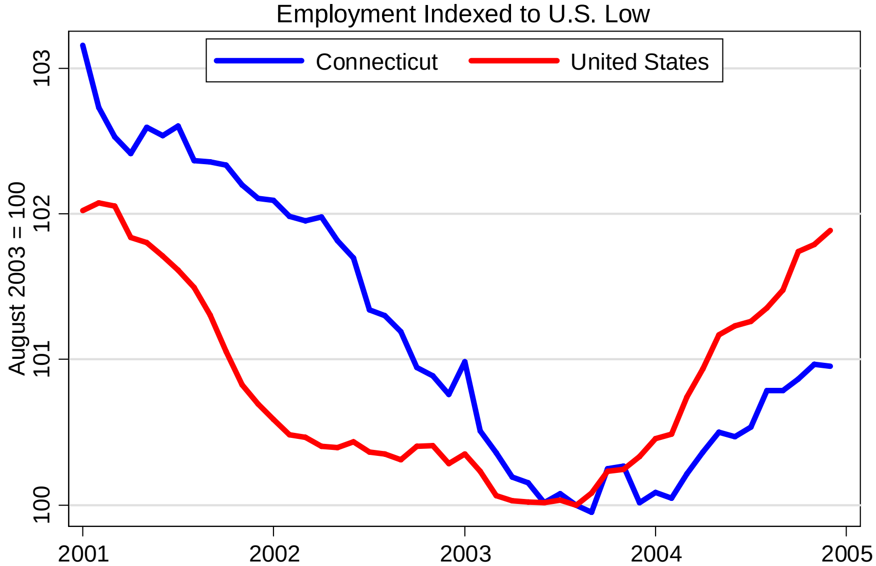


Early 2000's

In the 2000's recession, Connecticut had a milder version of the same story: a slightly longer recession, a somewhat larger job decline, and a slower bounce-back. The U.S. economy entered recession in early 2001 with jobs peaking in February. Connecticut employment had been falling since the previous July. U.S. jobs stopped falling in August 2003 but fell a month longer in Connecticut. The U.S. job decline was 2.0% while in Connecticut it was 3.7%. Three years later, U.S. jobs were 2.9% above the previous peak while Connecticut had recovered 67.2% of the jobs lost during the recession. (Chart 2)

Recent Recession

Connecticut's recession was (slightly) shorter than the nation's and, at first, Connecticut's recovery was stronger. Connecticut jobs peaked in March of 2008, two months later than in the country as a whole and both saw jobs stop falling in February 2010. National job losses were a bit less severe with the U.S. losing 6.3% of jobs compared to Connecticut's 7.1% decline. Coming out of the recession the pattern was, at first, also reversed. By October 2010 Connecticut had regained 21% of the jobs that had been lost while the U.S. had recovered less than 10%. Since then U.S. job growth has outpaced Connecticut's – as of May 2013 the U.S. had recovered 72% of the jobs lost during the recession while Connecticut has recovered 48% of its lost jobs. This, however, understates the strength of the Connecticut economy. In this recovery, job gains were concentrated in the private sector which has recovered 59% of its lost jobs in Connecticut. Additionally, there is

Chart 3: Connecticut vs. U.S. in Recession

Employment Indexed to U.S. Low

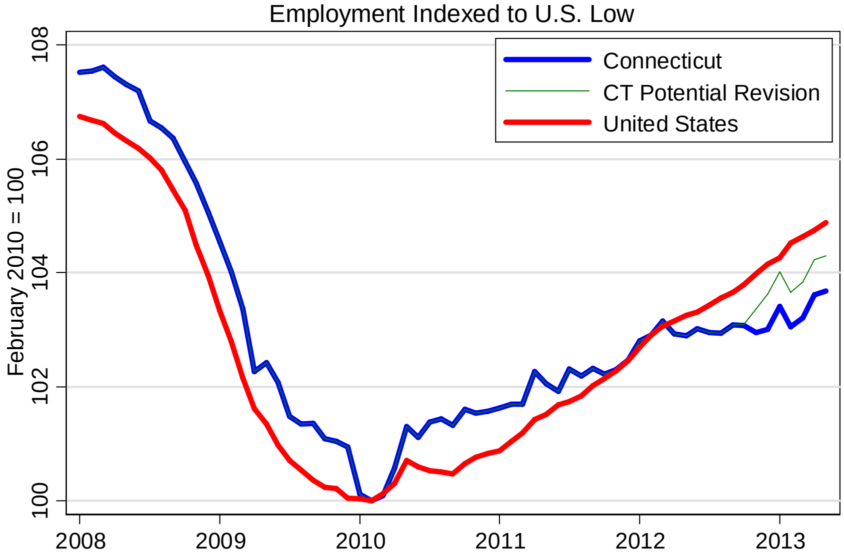


Chart 4: Change in Employment

March 2008 to February 2010

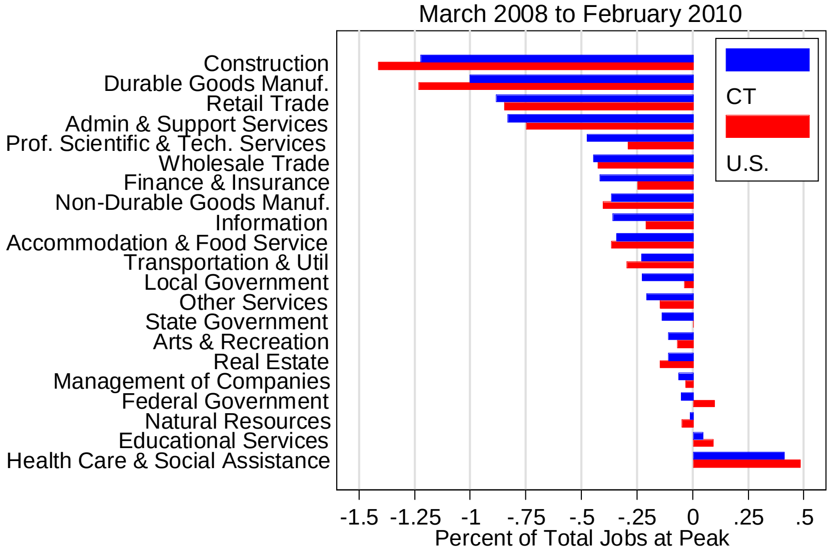
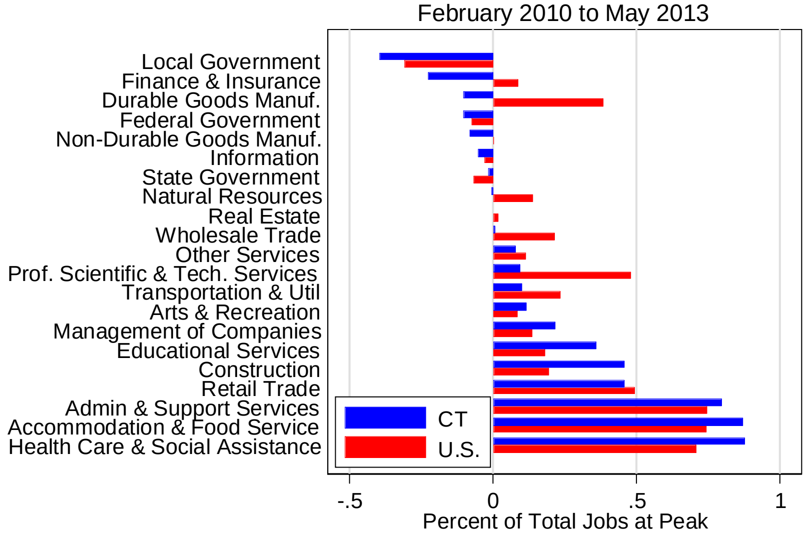


Chart 5: Change in Employment

February 2010 to May 2013



the potential for a significant upward revision to the current jobs total when the annual benchmarking takes place in early 2014. (Chart 3) The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), a comprehensive count of all payroll jobs in the state, has been showing more growth than the monthly numbers which are based on a survey of employers. (Unofficial CT Potential Revision through December 2012 was calculated using method described on pages 4 and 5 of the May "Connecticut Labor Situation" available at http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf. The 2013 levels are then calculated by the author using the (unrevised) reported monthly changes starting from the revised December level.)

Employment Change in Current Cycle

Connecticut's sector profile of employment losses during the recession is similar to that of the U.S. Every sector lost employment except Educational Services and Health Care & Social Assistance. The same can be said for the U.S. with the exception of the Federal Government which gained employment nationally while contracting in Connecticut. Connecticut lost proportionately fewer Construction and Manufacturing jobs, while our losses in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services and Finance & Insurance were greater. (Chart 4)

The recovery period has seen big differences, however. We have gained proportionately more jobs in the Construction, Education, Accommodation & Food Services, and Management of Companies sectors and fewer in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, and Wholesale Trade. In addition, the Finance & Insurance and Manufacturing sectors have gained jobs nationally while they have contracted in Connecticut. The government sector at all levels has contracted both nationally and in Connecticut. (Chart 5)

As described in last month's Digest, our outlook is for continued slow growth through the end of next year. However, some prominent forecasters believe employment growth in Connecticut will accelerate starting in 2015. ■

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the state is actively pursuing TOD opportunities at many different levels.

Public transit provides numerous economic benefits to both an individual and the economy as a whole. The benefits include regional access to employment, education, medical, social and recreational activities.

Most TOD projects have a housing component. One success story is 570 State Street in Bridgeport, CT. The mixed-use building will provide commercial and residential space in an area that had been empty for years. The building will be Connecticut's first Energy Star Multifamily High Rise which will provide 30 integrated supportive affordable apartments.[6]

Harbor Point in Stamford, CT is another example of 80 acres of mixed-use new development, all within a 10-minute walk from the Stamford Transportation Center. This TOD includes 4,000 housing units (10% affordable housing units), in addition to office, retail, and hotel space. The work began in 2008 and is near completion. Once in full operation, Harbor Point is expected to generate $22.6 million in annual property tax revenue, $18 million in sales and other taxes in fees and create 2,900 permanent jobs in the City of Stamford.[7]

Last year Governor Malloy announced plans to create a new interagency work group to address the state's transit-oriented development needs. DECD will serve as the lead agency for the panel. The panel will "make sure that a constant and ongoing conversation takes place regarding spin-off development from major transportation projects."[8]

Conclusion

The housing market in 2012 showed signs of recovery with moderate permit growth, increased home sales and growing builder confidence. Early data seems to indicate that the gradual growth will continue in 2013. At the national level, for example, home prices soared 12.1% in April from a year ago, the biggest gain since February 2006[9], and consumer confidence jumped to 76.2, the highest level in five years. In Connecticut, the state's residential permits through April 2013 rose nearly 12% compared to the same period a year ago.

David Crowe, Chief Economist of NAHB, may have said it best: "While there is still much room for improvement, the consistent upward trend in builder confidence over the past year is indicative of the gradual recovery that has been taking place in housing markets nationwide and that we expect to continue in 2013." ■

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[1] Decennial Census 2010 did not survey housing units by type. DECD applied American Community Survey (ACS) housing units 2006-2010 5-year estimates for the 2010 state housing stock. The housing permit net gains of 2011 and 2012 were added to 2010 housing stock and derived the estimated 2012 Connecticut housing inventory of 1,481,396 units.

[2] Lis Pendens filings indicate a pending action against the property owner. It is not a guarantee of pre-foreclosure activity.

[3] Foreclosure Deeds filing defines as the deeds transfer title to the lender after the mortgage is foreclosed.

[4] CHFA 4Q 2012 Update

[5] Partnership for Strong Communities, *Transit-Oriented Development Toolkit for CT, 2013*

[6] Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust

[7] *Meriden Transit Oriented Development Master Plan*, Chapter 4 – Market Analysis, Appendix 2: Regional and National Comparables, April 2012.

[8] Mark Zaretsky, "Malloy announces new panel to address transit development in Connecticut," *New Haven Register*, December 10, 2012.

[9] Associated Press, "Home prices jump in April by most in 7 years", June 4, 2013.

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

(Seasonally adjusted)	1Q 2013	1Q 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	4Q 2012
General Drift Indicator (1986=100)*					
Leading	107.7	105.3	2.4	2.3	106.1
Coincident	108.0	108.0	0.0	0.0	108.2
Farmington Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**	125.0	124.3	0.7	0.6	125.4
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (July 1992=100)***	**MAY**	**MAY**			**APR**
(Seasonally adjusted)	**2013**	**2012**			**2013**
Connecticut	155.14	150.99	4.15	2.8	154.79
United States	153.75	149.68	4.07	2.7	153.46

*Sources: *The Connecticut Economy, University of Connecticut **Farmington Bank ***Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*

The Connecticut Economy's **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 four leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, Hartford help-wanted advertising, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 1986 = 100.

The **Farmington 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

(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM	1,650.4	1,637.9	12.5	0.8	1,649.4
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-16.7	0.5
Construction	55.7	51.0	4.7	9.2	55.7
Manufacturing	161.9	165.6	-3.7	-2.2	163.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	296.4	295.8	0.6	0.2	296.1
Information	30.9	31.2	-0.3	-1.0	31.0
Financial Activities	130.2	132.7	-2.5	-1.9	130.8
Professional and Business Services	205.2	203.3	1.9	0.9	202.9
Education and Health Services	324.0	317.2	6.8	2.1	322.3
Leisure and Hospitality	147.6	142.0	5.6	3.9	147.8
Other Services	61.5	61.3	0.2	0.3	61.3
Government*	236.5	237.2	-0.7	-0.3	237.9

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

Initial claims for unemployment insurance decreased from a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

(Seasonally adjusted)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
Unemployment Rate, resident (%)	8.0	8.4	-0.4	---	8.0
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,852.3	1,883.0	-30.7	-1.6	1,847.8
Employed (000s)	1,703.2	1,725.1	-21.9	-1.3	1,700.7
Unemployed (000s)	149.0	157.8	-8.8	-5.6	147.1
Average Weekly Initial Claims	4,583	4,936	-353	-7.2	4,900
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	3.35	3.38	-0.03	---	3.21
	1Q2013	1Q2012			2012
U-6 Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	14.8	0.0	---	14.7

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

The production worker weekly earnings fell over the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

(Not seasonally adjusted)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013	MAR 2013
Production Worker Avg Weekly Hours	40.5	40.5	0.0	0.0	40.8	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	21.81	24.25	-2.44	-10.1	22.14	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	883.31	982.13	-98.82	-10.1	903.31	--
CT Mfg. Production Index (2005=100)	88.8	91.0	-2.2	-2.4	89.4	82.0
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,961	4,235	-274	-6.5	3,978	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	286	297	-10.8	-3.7	289	255

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

Personal income for fourth quarter 2013 is forecasted to increase 2.1 percent from a year earlier.

INCOME

(Seasonally adjusted) (Annualized; $ Millions)	4Q* 2013	4Q 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	3Q* 2013
Personal Income	$220,336	$215,787	4,549	2.1	$218,552
UI Covered Wages	$103,892	$102,220	1,672	1.6	$103,147

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

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations rose over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
New Housing Permits*	MAY 2013	488	36.3	2,361	1,470	60.6
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	APR 2013	2,329	9.7	9,874	9,495	4.0
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	MAY 2013	433.0	47.2	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	MAY 2013	22,372	18.5	79,997	76,442	4.7
Air Cargo Tons (000s)	MAY 2013	11,678	-4.3	52,875	57,884	-8.7
Exports (Bil. $)	1Q2013	4.20	5.4	4.20	3.99	5.4
S&P 500: Monthly Close	MAY 2013	1,630.74	24.5	---	---	---

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; Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports
** 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 % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	MAY 2013	2,513	-0.7	12,147	12,716	-4.5
Department of Labor	4Q2012	1,387	-7.7	7,312	7,391	-1.1
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	MAY 2013	840	-11.3	5,144	5,044	2.0
Department of Labor	4Q2012	2,308	-22.4	7,056	8,554	-17.5

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

STATE REVENUES

Total revenues were down from a year ago.

(Millions of dollars)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	% CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	974.4	992.0	-1.8	8,214.5	7,589.3	8.2
Corporate Tax	24.7	20.1	22.9	318.3	308.3	3.2
Personal Income Tax	484.3	524.7	-7.7	4,689.9	4,310.2	8.8
Real Estate Conv. Tax	13.8	11.6	19.0	55.2	47.1	17.2
Sales & Use Tax	330.5	317.0	4.3	1,653.5	1,694.6	-2.4
Indian Gaming Payments**	25.9	28.2	-8.2	121.2	139.7	-13.3

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

Indian gaming slots fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
Info Center Visitors***	MAY 2013	17,824	-20.6	52,714	71,053	-25.8
Major Attraction Visitors	MAY 2013	154,954	1.2	536,859	574,234	-6.5
Air Passenger Count	MAY 2013	483,658	0.8	2,144,615	2,207,578	-2.9
Indian Gaming Slots (Mil.$)*	MAY 2013	1,213	-3.8	5,756	6,319	-8.9
Travel and Tourism Index**	1Q2013	---	-3.7	---	---	---

Sources: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports; Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism; Division of Special Revenue
**See page 23 for explanation* ***The Connecticut Economy, University of Connecticut*
****Due to state budget cuts CT Info Centers suspended some services causing a drop in visitors.*

Compensation cost for the nation rose 1.7 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
Private Industry Workers	**MAR**	**DEC**	**3-Mo**	**MAR**	**MAR**	**12-Mo**
(Dec. 2005 = 100)	**2013**	**2012**	**% Chg**	**2013**	**2012**	**% Chg**
UNITED STATES TOTAL	117.7	117.3	0.3	117.7	115.7	1.7
Wages and Salaries	117.3	116.7	0.5	117.3	115.3	1.7
Benefit Costs	118.4	118.8	-0.3	118.6	116.9	1.5
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	118.6	116.5	1.8
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	117.6	115.8	1.6

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

U.S. inflation rate increased 1.4 percent over the year.

CONSUMER NEWS

			% CHANGE	
(Not seasonally adjusted)	**MO/QTR**	**LEVEL**	**Y/Y**	**P/P***
CONSUMER PRICES				
CPI-U (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	MAY 2013	232.945	1.4	0.2
Purchasing Power of $ (1982-84=$1.00)	MAY 2013	0.429	-1.3	-0.2
Northeast Region	MAY 2013	248.584	1.2	0.0
NY-Northern NJ-Long Island	MAY 2013	256.270	1.4	0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua**	MAY 2013	250.036	1.4	-0.3
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	MAY 2013	229.399	1.2	0.2

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; The Conference Board
**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 rose to 3.54 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	**MAY 2013**	**APR 2013**	**MAY 2012**
Prime	3.25	3.25	3.25
Federal Funds	0.11	0.15	0.16
3 Month Treasury Bill	0.04	0.06	0.09
6 Month Treasury Bill	0.08	0.09	0.15
1 Year Treasury Note	0.12	0.12	0.19
3 Year Treasury Note	0.40	0.34	0.39
5 Year Treasury Note	0.84	0.71	0.76
7 Year Treasury Note	1.31	1.15	1.21
10 Year Treasury Note	1.93	1.76	1.80
20 Year Treasury Note	2.73	2.55	2.53
Conventional Mortgage	3.54	3.45	3.80

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

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

(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
Connecticut	1,650.4	1,637.9	12.5	0.8	1,649.4
Maine	600.4	599.0	1.4	0.2	598.0
Massachusetts	3,313.6	3,264.0	49.6	1.5	3,310.1
New Hampshire	641.5	631.7	9.8	1.6	639.0
New Jersey	3,962.2	3,887.6	74.6	1.9	3,947.9
New York	8,897.1	8,801.7	95.4	1.1	8,897.3
Pennsylvania	5,740.4	5,735.7	4.7	0.1	5,749.6
Rhode Island	466.9	465.3	1.6	0.3	467.1
Vermont	305.1	301.7	3.4	1.1	307.1
United States	135,637.0	133,522.0	2,115.0	1.6	135,462.0

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

LABOR FORCE

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

(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
Connecticut	1,852.3	1,883.0	-30.7	-1.6	1,847.8
Maine	708.9	706.2	2.7	0.4	706.5
Massachusetts	3,481.7	3,474.1	7.6	0.2	3,472.8
New Hampshire	744.6	741.9	2.7	0.4	744.2
New Jersey	4,611.4	4,582.2	29.2	0.6	4,610.7
New York	9,571.6	9,589.9	-18.3	-0.2	9,562.2
Pennsylvania	6,521.0	6,475.9	45.1	0.7	6,505.1
Rhode Island	558.9	559.4	-0.5	-0.1	558.3
Vermont	351.4	356.0	-4.6	-1.3	351.1
United States	155,658.0	154,998.0	660.0	0.4	155,238.0

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

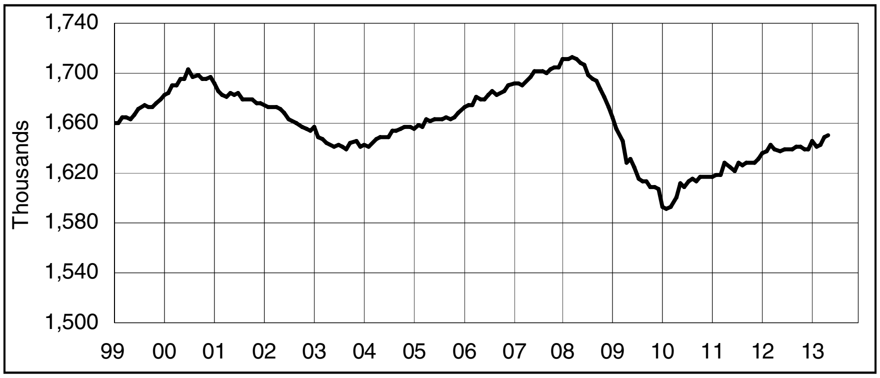
All nine states showed a decrease in its unemployment rate over the year.

(Seasonally adjusted)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE	APR 2013
Connecticut	8.0	8.4	-0.4	8.0
Maine	6.8	7.3	-0.5	6.9
Massachusetts	6.6	6.7	-0.1	6.5
New Hampshire	5.3	5.5	-0.2	5.5
New Jersey	8.6	9.5	-0.9	8.7
New York	7.6	8.6	-1.0	7.8
Pennsylvania	7.5	7.9	-0.4	7.6
Rhode Island	8.9	10.6	-1.7	8.8
Vermont	4.1	5.0	-0.9	4.0
United States	7.6	8.2	-0.6	7.5

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

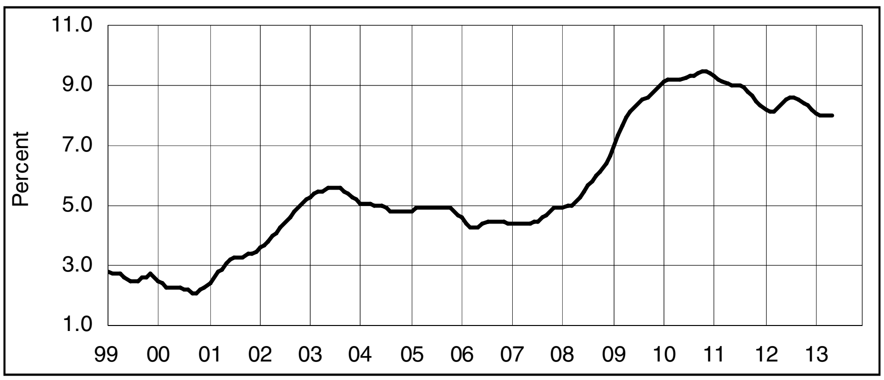
STATE ECONOMIC INDICATOR TRENDS

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT *(Seasonally adjusted)*



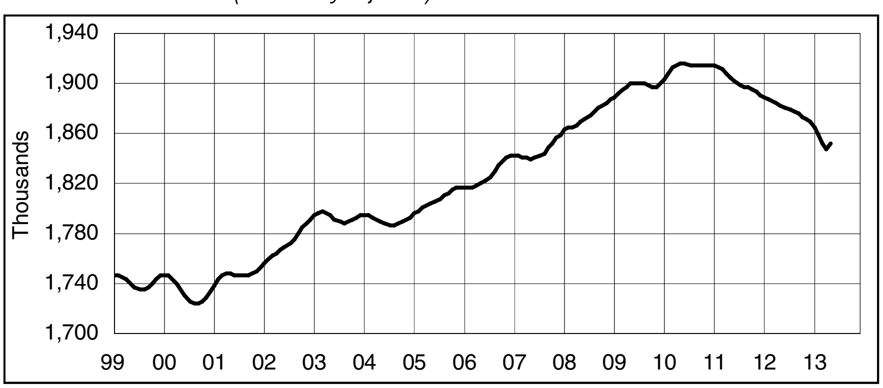
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	1,617.6	1,636.5	1,646.1
Feb	1,618.8	1,638.0	1,640.4
Mar	1,618.7	1,642.0	1,643.0
Apr	1,628.0	1,638.5	1,649.4
May	1,624.6	1,637.9	1,650.4
Jun	1,622.3	1,639.9	
Jul	1,628.6	1,638.8	
Aug	1,626.7	1,638.6	
Sep	1,628.8	1,641.0	
Oct	1,627.2	1,640.7	
Nov	1,628.4	1,638.8	
Dec	1,631.1	1,639.7	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *(Seasonally adjusted)*



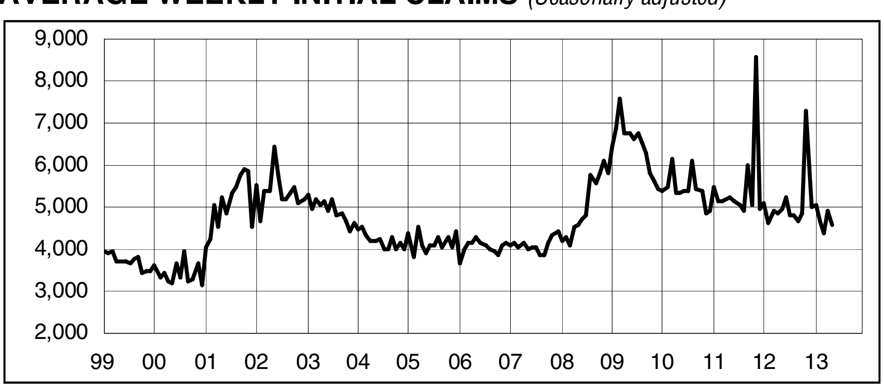
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	9.3	8.2	8.1
Feb	9.2	8.1	8.0
Mar	9.1	8.1	8.0
Apr	9.0	8.2	8.0
May	9.0	8.4	8.0
Jun	9.0	8.5	
Jul	9.0	8.6	
Aug	8.9	8.6	
Sep	8.8	8.5	
Oct	8.6	8.4	
Nov	8.5	8.3	
Dec	8.3	8.2	

LABOR FORCE *(Seasonally adjusted)*



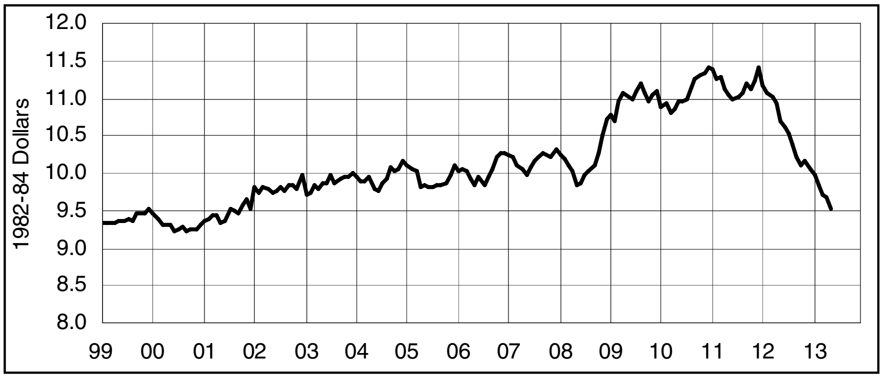
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	1,913.9	1,888.7	1,865.3
Feb	1,913.4	1,887.0	1,857.8
Mar	1,911.6	1,885.9	1,852.6
Apr	1,908.4	1,884.6	1,847.8
May	1,904.5	1,883.0	1,852.3
Jun	1,900.9	1,881.2	
Jul	1,898.5	1,879.3	
Aug	1,897.1	1,877.4	
Sep	1,896.2	1,875.5	
Oct	1,895.2	1,873.5	
Nov	1,893.5	1,871.4	
Dec	1,891.1	1,869.7	

AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS *(Seasonally adjusted)*



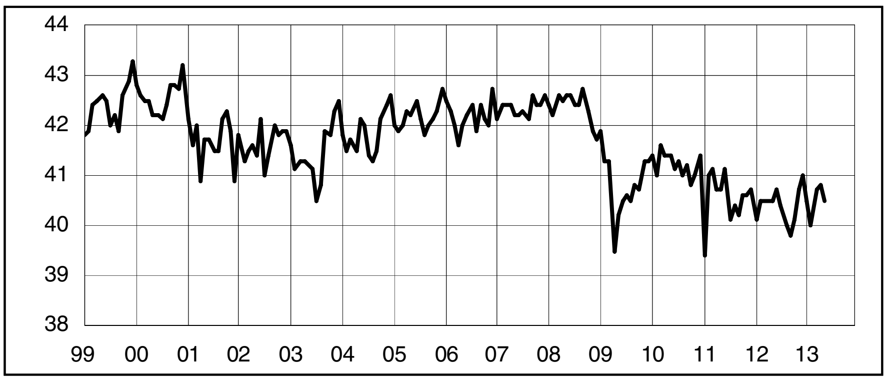
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	5,490	5,089	5,037
Feb	5,152	4,623	4,673
Mar	5,159	4,913	4,398
Apr	5,177	4,844	4,900
May	5,247	4,936	4,583
Jun	5,122	5,219	
Jul	5,031	4,805	
Aug	4,922	4,794	
Sep	5,978	4,667	
Oct	5,068	4,876	
Nov	8,565	7,300	
Dec	4,955	5,022	

REAL AVG MANUFACTURING HOURLY EARNINGS *(Not seasonally adjusted)*



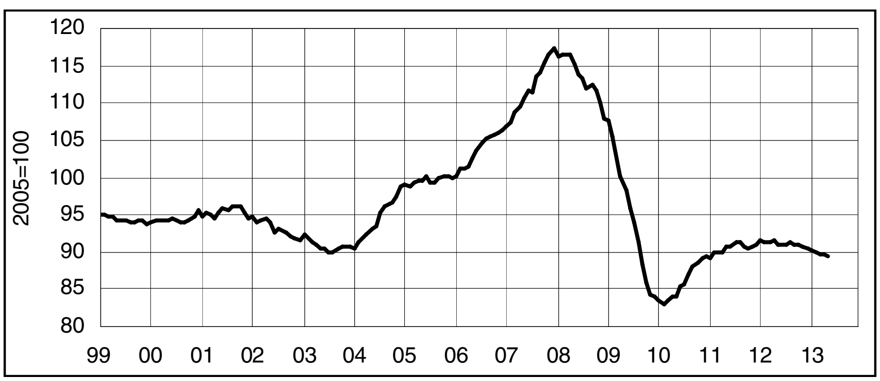
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	$11.40	$11.17	$9.96
Feb	$11.26	$11.07	$9.83
Mar	$11.29	$11.00	$9.72
Apr	$11.13	$10.94	$9.67
May	$11.03	$10.70	$9.51
Jun	$10.99	$10.61	
Jul	$11.02	$10.53	
Aug	$11.07	$10.37	
Sep	$11.20	$10.22	
Oct	$11.13	$10.12	
Nov	$11.22	$10.15	
Dec	$11.41	$10.05	

AVG MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS *(Not seasonally adjusted)*



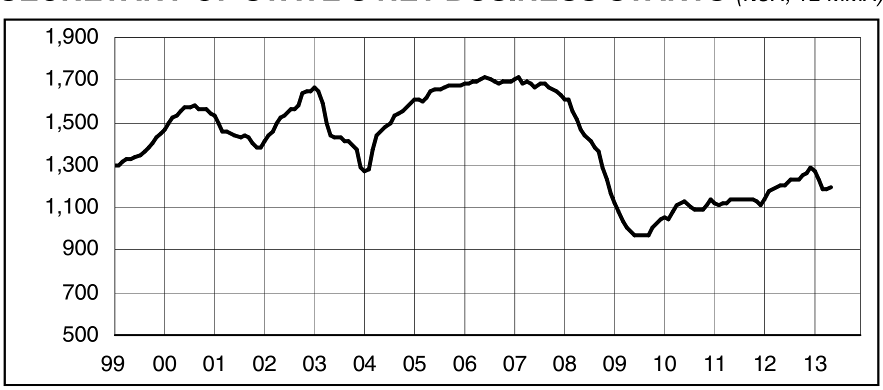
Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	39.4	40.1	40.5
Feb	41.0	40.5	40.0
Mar	41.1	40.5	40.7
Apr	40.7	40.5	40.8
May	40.7	40.5	40.5
Jun	41.1	40.7	
Jul	40.1	40.4	
Aug	40.4	40.0	
Sep	40.2	39.8	
Oct	40.6	40.1	
Nov	40.6	40.7	
Dec	40.7	41.0	

CT MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION INDEX *(NSA, 12 MMA)*



Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	89.2	91.4	90.3
Feb	89.9	91.3	90.0
Mar	90.1	91.2	89.6
Apr	89.9	91.5	89.7
May	90.9	91.0	89.5
Jun	90.7	91.1	
Jul	91.3	91.0	
Aug	91.1	91.2	
Sep	90.7	91.0	
Oct	90.4	91.0	
Nov	90.9	90.7	
Dec	91.0	90.6	

SECRETARY OF STATE'S NET BUSINESS STARTS *(NSA, 12 MMA)*



Month	2011	2012	2013
Jan	1,119	1,137	1,273
Feb	1,115	1,175	1,229
Mar	1,124	1,190	1,184
Apr	1,125	1,197	1,190
May	1,136	1,205	1,198
Jun	1,137	1,208	
Jul	1,138	1,229	
Aug	1,142	1,237	
Sep	1,142	1,230	
Oct	1,138	1,249	
Nov	1,131	1,262	
Dec	1,115	1,285	

CONNECTICUT

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**1,660,600**	**1,648,600**	**12,000**	**0.7**	**1,648,800**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**1,419,900**	**1,407,200**	**12,700**	**0.9**	**1,406,600**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**217,500**	**217,500**	**0**	**0.0**	**215,800**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**55,600**	**52,100**	**3,500**	**6.7**	**53,400**
MANUFACTURING	**161,900**	**165,400**	**-3,500**	**-2.1**	**162,400**
Durable Goods	**124,900**	**128,400**	**-3,500**	**-2.7**	**125,900**
Fabricated Metal	29,100	29,100	0	0.0	29,200
Machinery	14,300	14,500	-200	-1.4	14,400
Computer and Electronic Product	12,600	13,100	-500	-3.8	12,700
Transportation Equipment	41,700	42,100	-400	-1.0	41,700
Aerospace Product and Parts	29,100	30,400	-1,300	-4.3	29,300
Non-Durable Goods	**37,000**	**37,000**	**0**	**0.0**	**36,500**
Chemical	11,300	11,400	-100	-0.9	11,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**1,443,100**	**1,431,100**	**12,000**	**0.8**	**1,433,000**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**297,200**	**295,800**	**1,400**	**0.5**	**293,300**
Wholesale Trade	62,300	63,500	-1,200	-1.9	62,400
Retail Trade	184,300	181,500	2,800	1.5	181,200
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	20,300	20,300	0	0.0	20,100
Building Material	15,500	15,900	-400	-2.5	15,000
Food and Beverage Stores	45,100	43,300	1,800	4.2	44,000
General Merchandise Stores	28,000	27,300	700	2.6	27,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	50,600	50,800	-200	-0.4	49,700
Utilities	7,400	7,600	-200	-2.6	7,600
Transportation and Warehousing	43,200	43,200	0	0.0	42,100
INFORMATION	**30,800**	**31,200**	**-400**	**-1.3**	**30,900**
Telecommunications	9,100	9,200	-100	-1.1	9,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**130,100**	**132,200**	**-2,100**	**-1.6**	**130,400**
Finance and Insurance	111,200	113,400	-2,200	-1.9	111,800
Credit Intermediation	25,400	25,500	-100	-0.4	25,600
Securities and Commodity Contracts	22,200	22,600	-400	-1.8	22,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	59,000	60,400	-1,400	-2.3	59,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18,900	18,800	100	0.5	18,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**207,100**	**204,500**	**2,600**	**1.3**	**204,700**
Professional, Scientific	86,300	89,100	-2,800	-3.1	87,300
Legal Services	12,700	12,900	-200	-1.6	12,700
Computer Systems Design	22,900	23,200	-300	-1.3	23,000
Management of Companies	30,600	29,800	800	2.7	30,400
Administrative and Support	90,200	85,600	4,600	5.4	87,000
Employment Services	30,100	27,800	2,300	8.3	28,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**324,600**	**318,800**	**5,800**	**1.8**	**325,500**
Educational Services	64,700	63,000	1,700	2.7	68,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	259,900	255,800	4,100	1.6	257,500
Hospitals	61,700	62,000	-300	-0.5	61,800
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	63,200	61,700	1,500	2.4	62,200
Social Assistance	52,300	49,400	2,900	5.9	51,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**150,900**	**145,900**	**5,000**	**3.4**	**144,800**
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	25,900	26,100	-200	-0.8	22,600
Accommodation and Food Services	125,000	119,800	5,200	4.3	122,200
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places	113,200	108,200	5,000	4.6	110,700
OTHER SERVICES	**61,700**	**61,300**	**400**	**0.7**	**61,200**
GOVERNMENT	**240,700**	**241,400**	**-700**	**-0.3**	**242,200**
Federal Government	17,000	17,600	-600	-3.4	17,200
State Government	66,400	64,600	1,800	2.8	69,500
Local Government**	157,300	159,200	-1,900	-1.2	155,500

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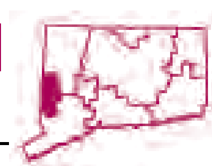
BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
	Not Seasonally Adjusted				
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**413,100**	**408,000**	**5,100**	**1.3**	**407,100**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**366,600**	**361,900**	**4,700**	**1.3**	**361,000**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**45,500**	**45,800**	**-300**	**-0.7**	**45,200**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**12,200**	**11,800**	**400**	**3.4**	**11,900**
MANUFACTURING	**33,300**	**34,000**	**-700**	**-2.1**	**33,300**
Durable Goods	**24,600**	**25,600**	**-1,000**	**-3.9**	**24,800**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**367,600**	**362,200**	**5,400**	**1.5**	**361,900**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**71,000**	**71,500**	**-500**	**-0.7**	**69,400**
Wholesale Trade	13,500	13,500	0	0.0	13,500
Retail Trade	47,600	47,400	200	0.4	46,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	9,900	10,600	-700	-6.6	9,700
INFORMATION	**11,000**	**11,000**	**0**	**0.0**	**11,000**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**40,100**	**41,000**	**-900**	**-2.2**	**40,100**
Finance and Insurance	34,300	35,000	-700	-2.0	34,400
Credit Intermediation	8,900	8,700	200	2.3	8,900
Securities and Commodity Contracts	17,800	18,400	-600	-3.3	17,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**71,000**	**68,800**	**2,200**	**3.2**	**69,800**
Professional, Scientific	28,100	29,400	-1,300	-4.4	28,500
Administrative and Support	27,900	25,800	2,100	8.1	26,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**71,400**	**68,900**	**2,500**	**3.6**	**70,800**
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,800	57,700	2,100	3.6	58,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**39,700**	**38,100**	**1,600**	**4.2**	**38,000**
Accommodation and Food Services	30,300	28,800	1,500	5.2	29,600
OTHER SERVICES	**16,900**	**16,800**	**100**	**0.6**	**16,700**
GOVERNMENT	**46,500**	**46,100**	**400**	**0.9**	**46,100**
Federal	2,500	2,600	-100	-3.8	2,600
State & Local	44,000	43,500	500	1.1	43,500

DANBURY LMA



	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
	Not Seasonally Adjusted				
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**68,900**	**67,800**	**1,100**	**1.6**	**68,200**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**60,100**	**59,000**	**1,100**	**1.9**	**59,500**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**11,900**	**11,500**	**400**	**3.5**	**11,900**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**57,000**	**56,300**	**700**	**1.2**	**56,300**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**15,700**	**15,000**	**700**	**4.7**	**15,800**
Retail Trade	12,200	11,400	800	7.0	12,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**7,900**	**7,800**	**100**	**1.3**	**7,800**
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**6,400**	**6,200**	**200**	**3.2**	**6,200**
GOVERNMENT	**8,800**	**8,800**	**0**	**0.0**	**8,700**
Federal	600	600	0	0.0	600
State & Local	8,200	8,200	0	0.0	8,100

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HARTFORD LMA

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**547,900**	**543,000**	**4,900**	**0.9**	**549,500**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**465,200**	**460,800**	**4,400**	**1.0**	**462,800**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**76,600**	**74,900**	**1,700**	**2.3**	**75,800**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**20,000**	**17,300**	**2,700**	**15.6**	**19,100**
MANUFACTURING	**56,600**	**57,600**	**-1,000**	**-1.7**	**56,700**
Durable Goods	**47,300**	**48,200**	**-900**	**-1.9**	**47,500**
Non-Durable Goods	**9,300**	**9,400**	**-100**	**-1.1**	**9,200**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**471,300**	**468,100**	**3,200**	**0.7**	**473,700**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**88,100**	**87,200**	**900**	**1.0**	**87,100**
Wholesale Trade	17,900	18,100	-200	-1.1	17,900
Retail Trade	55,200	53,600	1,600	3.0	54,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	15,000	15,500	-500	-3.2	14,700
Transportation and Warehousing	12,300	12,600	-300	-2.4	12,000
INFORMATION	**10,900**	**10,700**	**200**	**1.9**	**10,900**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**59,800**	**60,700**	**-900**	**-1.5**	**60,200**
Depository Credit Institutions	6,500	6,600	-100	-1.5	6,500
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	39,900	40,700	-800	-2.0	40,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**63,400**	**63,300**	**100**	**0.2**	**63,900**
Professional, Scientific	28,800	29,700	-900	-3.0	29,800
Management of Companies	7,400	7,300	100	1.4	7,400
Administrative and Support	27,200	26,300	900	3.4	26,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**100,000**	**98,100**	**1,900**	**1.9**	**100,500**
Educational Services	14,300	13,500	800	5.9	15,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	85,700	84,600	1,100	1.3	85,400
Ambulatory Health Care	26,600	26,600	0	0.0	26,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**46,100**	**45,300**	**800**	**1.8**	**44,200**
Accommodation and Food Services	39,000	37,300	1,700	4.6	38,000
OTHER SERVICES	**20,300**	**20,600**	**-300**	**-1.5**	**20,200**
GOVERNMENT	**82,700**	**82,200**	**500**	**0.6**	**86,700**
Federal	4,900	5,000	-100	-2.0	4,900
State & Local	77,800	77,200	600	0.8	81,800

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Market Areas	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	**409,500**	**405,200**	**4,300**	**1.1**	**408,000**
DANBURY LMA	**68,400**	**67,300**	**1,100**	**1.6**	**68,500**
HARTFORD LMA	**546,800**	**540,300**	**6,500**	**1.2**	**547,600**
NEW HAVEN LMA	**272,100**	**271,900**	**200**	**0.1**	**270,300**
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	**125,100**	**128,100**	**-3,000**	**-2.3**	**127,200**
WATERBURY LMA	**62,600**	**62,900**	**-300**	**-0.5**	**62,500**

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NEW HAVEN LMA

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**274,000**	**274,500**	**-500**	**-0.2**	**271,600**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**240,900**	**240,700**	**200**	**0.1**	**238,600**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**34,400**	**35,200**	**-800**	**-2.3**	**34,000**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**8,900**	**9,100**	**-200**	**-2.2**	**8,500**
MANUFACTURING	**25,500**	**26,100**	**-600**	**-2.3**	**25,500**
Durable Goods	**18,800**	**19,200**	**-400**	**-2.1**	**18,800**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**239,600**	**239,300**	**300**	**0.1**	**237,600**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**48,900**	**49,400**	**-500**	**-1.0**	**48,600**
Wholesale Trade	11,200	11,300	-100	-0.9	11,200
Retail Trade	28,400	29,200	-800	-2.7	28,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	9,300	8,900	400	4.5	9,100
INFORMATION	**4,200**	**4,300**	**-100**	**-2.3**	**4,200**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**12,000**	**12,100**	**-100**	**-0.8**	**12,000**
Finance and Insurance	8,500	8,600	-100	-1.2	8,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**27,200**	**27,800**	**-600**	**-2.2**	**26,500**
Administrative and Support	14,200	14,200	0	0.0	13,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**78,400**	**77,700**	**700**	**0.9**	**78,600**
Educational Services	29,300	29,200	100	0.3	30,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	49,100	48,500	600	1.2	48,200
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**25,400**	**23,700**	**1,700**	**7.2**	**24,300**
Accommodation and Food Services	19,500	20,200	-700	-3.5	18,600
OTHER SERVICES	**10,400**	**10,500**	**-100**	**-1.0**	**10,400**
GOVERNMENT	**33,100**	**33,800**	**-700**	**-2.1**	**33,000**
Federal	4,800	4,800	0	0.0	4,800
State & Local	28,300	29,000	-700	-2.4	28,200

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

HELP WANTED ONLINE

CT Online Labor Demand Fell 3,200 in May 2013

The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) data reported that there were 62,100 advertisements for Connecticut-based jobs in May, a 4.9 percent decrease over the month and a 1.6 percent decrease over the year. There were 3.36 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Connecticut's labor force, lower than a month ago but slightly higher than a year ago. Hartford's labor demand rate fell to 4.01 over the month and over the year. Nationally, it was 3.11 percent. Among the New England states, Massachusetts had the highest vacancy rate, while Maine had the lowest vacancy rate in May.

(Seasonally adjusted)	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	APR 2013
CT Vacancies (000s)	62.1	63.1	65.3
Hartford Vac. (000s)	23.5	24.0	24.8
Labor Demand Rate *			
Connecticut	3.36	3.35	3.54
Hartford	4.01	4.04	4.22
United States	3.11	3.01	3.21
Maine	3.02	2.88	3.22
Massachusetts	4.13	4.01	4.30
New Hampshire	3.16	3.28	3.28
Rhode Island	3.34	3.22	3.38
Vermont	3.36	3.60	3.42

** A percent of advertised vacancies per 100 persons in labor force*
Source: The Conference Board

***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. Background information and technical notes and discussion of revisions to the series are available at: www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm.*

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

NORWICH - NEW LONDON LMA

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**126,600**	**129,300**	**-2,700**	**-2.1**	**126,000**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**92,800**	**94,200**	**-1,400**	**-1.5**	**91,900**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**17,900**	**17,600**	**300**	**1.7**	**17,700**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**3,700**	**3,400**	**300**	**8.8**	**3,600**
MANUFACTURING	**14,200**	**14,200**	**0**	**0.0**	**14,100**
Durable Goods	**11,000**	**10,600**	**400**	**3.8**	**10,900**
Non-Durable Goods	**3,200**	**3,600**	**-400**	**-11.1**	**3,200**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**108,700**	**111,700**	**-3,000**	**-2.7**	**108,300**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**22,700**	**23,000**	**-300**	**-1.3**	**22,500**
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700	0	0.0	2,700
Retail Trade	15,100	15,400	-300	-1.9	15,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4,900	4,900	0	0.0	4,800
INFORMATION	**1,400**	**1,400**	**0**	**0.0**	**1,400**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**3,100**	**3,100**	**0**	**0.0**	**3,100**
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**8,900**	**9,100**	**-200**	**-2.2**	**8,800**
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**21,300**	**21,100**	**200**	**0.9**	**21,300**
Health Care and Social Assistance	18,600	18,300	300	1.6	18,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**14,200**	**15,600**	**-1,400**	**-9.0**	**13,800**
Accommodation and Food Services	13,200	13,200	0	0.0	12,800
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places	11,000	11,000	0	0.0	10,600
OTHER SERVICES	**3,300**	**3,300**	**0**	**0.0**	**3,300**
GOVERNMENT	**33,800**	**35,100**	**-1,300**	**-3.7**	**34,100**
Federal	2,500	2,600	-100	-3.8	2,600
State & Local**	31,300	32,500	-1,200	-3.7	31,500

WATERBURY LMA

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**62,900**	**63,300**	**-400**	**-0.6**	**62,500**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**52,900**	**53,200**	**-300**	**-0.6**	**52,500**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**9,700**	**9,900**	**-200**	**-2.0**	**9,700**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**2,200**	**2,300**	**-100**	**-4.3**	**2,100**
MANUFACTURING	**7,500**	**7,600**	**-100**	**-1.3**	**7,600**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**53,200**	**53,400**	**-200**	**-0.4**	**52,800**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**12,400**	**12,300**	**100**	**0.8**	**12,200**
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	2,100
Retail Trade	8,600	8,500	100	1.2	8,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,700	1,700	0	0.0	1,600
INFORMATION	**600**	**600**	**0**	**0.0**	**600**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**2,000**	**2,000**	**0**	**0.0**	**2,000**
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**4,400**	**4,500**	**-100**	**-2.2**	**4,400**
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**16,400**	**16,200**	**200**	**1.2**	**16,400**
Health Care and Social Assistance	14,700	14,600	100	0.7	14,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**5,100**	**5,300**	**-200**	**-3.8**	**4,900**
OTHER SERVICES	**2,300**	**2,400**	**-100**	**-4.2**	**2,300**
GOVERNMENT	**10,000**	**10,100**	**-100**	**-1.0**	**10,000**
Federal	400	500	-100	-20.0	400
State & Local	9,600	9,600	0	0.0	9,600

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

SMALLER LMAS

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA	**45,300**	**45,100**	**200**	**0.4**	**46,200**
TORRINGTON LMA	**36,500**	**35,900**	**600**	**1.7**	**35,700**
WILLIMANTIC - DANIELSON LMA	**37,300**	**36,700**	**600**	**1.6**	**36,700**

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.

For further information on these nonfarm employment estimates contact Lincoln Dyer at (860) 263-6292.

SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	**285,500**	**287,600**	**-2,100**	**-0.7**	**283,700**
TOTAL PRIVATE	**236,500**	**238,900**	**-2,400**	**-1.0**	**234,800**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	**41,100**	**41,900**	**-800**	**-1.9**	**40,300**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	**10,300**	**10,300**	**0**	**0.0**	**9,600**
MANUFACTURING	**30,800**	**31,600**	**-800**	**-2.5**	**30,700**
Durable Goods	**20,800**	**21,100**	**-300**	**-1.4**	**20,700**
Non-Durable Goods	**10,000**	**10,500**	**-500**	**-4.8**	**10,000**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	**244,400**	**245,700**	**-1,300**	**-0.5**	**243,400**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	**58,200**	**57,400**	**800**	**1.4**	**57,100**
Wholesale Trade	10,800	11,200	-400	-3.6	10,700
Retail Trade	35,200	34,100	1,100	3.2	34,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,200	12,100	100	0.8	11,900
INFORMATION	**3,700**	**3,900**	**-200**	**-5.1**	**3,700**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	**14,800**	**15,000**	**-200**	**-1.3**	**14,700**
Finance and Insurance	11,900	12,000	-100	-0.8	11,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	7,400	7,500	-100	-1.3	7,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**24,200**	**24,300**	**-100**	**-0.4**	**24,200**
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	**57,500**	**58,300**	**-800**	**-1.4**	**58,500**
Educational Services	10,600	11,200	-600	-5.4	11,500
Health Care and Social Assistance	46,900	47,100	-200	-0.4	47,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	**27,800**	**28,800**	**-1,000**	**-3.5**	**27,200**
OTHER SERVICES	**9,200**	**9,300**	**-100**	**-1.1**	**9,100**
GOVERNMENT	**49,000**	**48,700**	**300**	**0.6**	**48,900**
Federal	5,700	6,000	-300	-5.0	5,700
State & Local	43,300	42,700	600	1.4	43,200

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** New England City and Town Area

(Not seasonally adjusted)	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	APR 2013
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,862,300	1,886,400	-24,100	-1.3	1,832,100
	Employed	1,711,500	1,730,400	-18,900	-1.1	1,688,600
	Unemployed	150,800	156,000	-5,200	-3.3	143,500
	Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.3	-0.2	---	7.8
BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	476,500	481,000	-4,500	-0.9	465,800
	Employed	440,700	443,800	-3,100	-0.7	432,000
	Unemployed	35,800	37,200	-1,400	-3.8	33,800
	Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.7	-0.2	---	7.3
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	91,800	92,300	-500	-0.5	90,000
	Employed	86,000	86,200	-200	-0.2	84,500
	Unemployed	5,800	6,100	-300	-4.9	5,600
	Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.6	-0.2	---	6.2
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	48,800	49,900	-1,100	-2.2	48,300
	Employed	45,000	46,000	-1,000	-2.2	44,500
	Unemployed	3,800	3,900	-100	-2.6	3,800
	Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.8	0.0	---	7.8
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	587,800	593,600	-5,800	-1.0	582,800
	Employed	540,000	544,200	-4,200	-0.8	537,200
	Unemployed	47,800	49,400	-1,600	-3.2	45,600
	Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.3	-0.2	---	7.8
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	312,300	317,700	-5,400	-1.7	306,600
	Employed	285,900	290,500	-4,600	-1.6	281,700
	Unemployed	26,300	27,200	-900	-3.3	24,900
	Unemployment Rate	8.4	8.6	-0.2	---	8.1
NORWICH - NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	145,200	149,900	-4,700	-3.1	142,900
	Employed	133,100	137,200	-4,100	-3.0	131,400
	Unemployed	12,200	12,700	-500	-3.9	11,500
	Unemployment Rate	8.4	8.5	-0.1	---	8.1
TORRINGTON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	54,100	54,700	-600	-1.1	52,800
	Employed	50,200	50,600	-400	-0.8	49,000
	Unemployed	3,900	4,100	-200	-4.9	3,900
	Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.6	-0.3	---	7.3
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	99,800	101,400	-1,600	-1.6	98,100
	Employed	89,000	90,400	-1,400	-1.5	87,800
	Unemployed	10,800	10,900	-100	-0.9	10,400
	Unemployment Rate	10.8	10.8	0.0	---	10.6
WILLIMANTIC-DANIELSON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	57,600	58,000	-400	-0.7	56,500
	Employed	52,400	52,500	-100	-0.2	51,500
	Unemployed	5,300	5,500	-200	-3.6	5,000
	Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.5	-0.3	---	8.9
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	155,734,000	154,998,000	736,000	0.5	154,739,000
	Employed	144,432,000	142,727,000	1,705,000	1.2	143,724,000
	Unemployed	11,302,000	12,271,000	-969,000	-7.9	11,014,000
	Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.9	-0.6	---	7.1

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS MAY 2013	2012	CHG Y/Y	APR 2013	AVG WEEKLY HOURS MAY 2013	2012	CHG Y/Y	APR 2013	AVG HOURLY EARNINGS MAY 2013	2012	CHG Y/Y	APR 2013
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	**$883.31**	**$982.13**	**-$98.82**	**$903.31**	**40.5**	**40.5**	**0.0**	**40.8**	**$21.81**	**$24.25**	**-$2.44**	**$22.14**
DURABLE GOODS	**906.12**	**1,054.39**	**-148.27**	**925.60**	**41.3**	**41.3**	**0.0**	**41.6**	**21.94**	**25.53**	**-3.59**	**22.25**
NON-DUR. GOODS	**809.17**	**747.46**	**61.71**	**833.41**	**37.9**	**38.0**	**-0.1**	**38.3**	**21.35**	**19.67**	**1.68**	**21.76**
CONSTRUCTION	**1,024.49**	**980.63**	**43.86**	**983.99**	**38.5**	**37.5**	**1.0**	**37.6**	**26.61**	**26.15**	**0.46**	**26.17**
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	**935.76**	**942.25**	**-6.49**	**943.49**	**33.6**	**33.7**	**-0.1**	**33.6**	**27.85**	**27.96**	**-0.11**	**28.08**
GOODS PRODUCING	**1,180.87**	**1,176.80**	**4.07**	**1,178.30**	**39.6**	**38.8**	**0.8**	**39.7**	**29.82**	**30.33**	**-0.51**	**29.68**
Construction	1,155.41	1,069.64	85.76	1,120.54	39.1	37.4	1.7	38.8	29.55	28.60	0.95	28.88
Manufacturing	1,187.63	1,208.79	-21.16	1,194.80	39.8	39.4	0.4	40.0	29.84	30.68	-0.84	29.87
SERVICE PROVIDING	**891.15**	**900.36**	**-9.21**	**901.23**	**32.5**	**32.8**	**-0.3**	**32.5**	**27.42**	**27.45**	**-0.03**	**27.73**
Trade, Transp., Utilities	821.44	870.00	-48.56	836.06	34.0	34.8	-0.8	34.0	24.16	25.00	-0.84	24.59
Financial Activities	1,580.06	1,500.23	79.82	1,607.54	36.9	36.6	0.3	37.1	42.82	40.99	1.83	43.33
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,064.00	1,053.74	10.26	1,065.75	35.0	34.8	0.2	35.0	30.40	30.28	0.12	30.45
Education & Health Ser.	782.79	809.10	-26.31	792.20	31.1	31.0	0.1	31.3	25.17	26.10	-0.93	25.31
Leisure & Hospitality	401.65	391.64	10.00	400.66	26.2	25.8	0.4	26.0	15.33	15.18	0.15	15.41
Other Services	665.24	618.46	46.78	640.10	30.6	30.8	-0.2	29.8	21.74	20.08	1.66	21.48
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,050.49	1,069.72	-19.23	1,062.36	34.9	34.1	0.8	34.9	30.10	31.37	-1.27	30.44
Danbury	943.72	906.69	37.03	932.50	32.7	33.2	-0.5	32.3	28.86	27.31	1.55	28.87
Hartford	969.74	1,010.45	-40.71	976.86	34.4	35.0	-0.6	34.3	28.19	28.87	-0.68	28.48
New Haven	877.81	876.48	1.33	889.34	33.2	33.2	0.0	33.7	26.44	26.40	0.04	26.39
Norwich-New London	869.13	761.22	107.91	865.64	33.3	31.3	2.0	33.5	26.10	24.32	1.78	25.84
Waterbury	788.17	773.89	14.28	787.63	33.2	33.3	-0.1	32.9	23.74	23.24	0.50	23.94

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

- In May 2013, NewOak Capital announced it will expand in Danbury and create 100 jobs over the next three years. Also, Cannondale Sports Unlimited plans to create a new headquarters in Wilton and add 75 jobs over the next four years. Wing It On will open a new restaurant in Watertown this summer, adding 12 jobs.

- In May, ESPN cut 100 jobs at its Bristol location to manage costs. Lebon Press, a commercial printer in Hartford, closed and 20 people lost jobs. In June, First Student, a transportation service provider, will end its contract with both Trumbull and Shelton schools, affecting 104 and 70 jobs, respectively. Also in June, Carter's, a children's clothing company, will close its office in Shelton and 95 jobs will be cut.

Business & Employment Changes Announced in the News Media lists start-ups, expansions, staff reductions, and layoffs reported by the media, both current and future. The report provides company name, the number of workers involved, date of the action, the principal product or service of the company, a brief synopsis of the action, and the source and date of the media article. This publication is available in both HTML and PDF formats at the Connecticut Department of Labor Web site, http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/busemp.htm.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MAY 2013

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD				
	476,495	**440,704**	**35,791**	**7.5**
Ansonia	10,227	9,228	999	9.8
Bridgeport	66,269	58,306	7,963	12.0
Darien	9,277	8,745	532	5.7
Derby	6,994	6,405	589	8.4
Easton	3,736	3,523	213	5.7
Fairfield	29,099	27,065	2,034	7.0
Greenwich	29,635	27,867	1,768	6.0
Milford	30,060	27,831	2,229	7.4
Monroe	10,510	9,834	676	6.4
New Canaan	8,798	8,269	529	6.0
Newtown	14,501	13,639	862	5.9
Norwalk	49,079	45,758	3,321	6.8
Oxford	7,328	6,877	451	6.2
Redding	4,808	4,526	282	5.9
Ridgefield	11,906	11,225	681	5.7
Seymour	9,265	8,552	713	7.7
Shelton	22,554	20,967	1,587	7.0
Southbury	9,023	8,427	596	6.6
Stamford	67,726	63,283	4,443	6.6
Stratford	27,043	24,687	2,356	8.7
Trumbull	18,199	17,058	1,141	6.3
Weston	4,871	4,579	292	6.0
Westport	12,531	11,779	752	6.0
Wilton	8,380	7,871	509	6.1
Woodbridge	4,675	4,402	273	5.8
DANBURY	**91,821**	**85,986**	**5,835**	**6.4**
Bethel	10,885	10,182	703	6.5
Bridgewater	931	882	49	5.3
Brookfield	9,129	8,574	555	6.1
Danbury	45,557	42,663	2,894	6.4
New Fairfield	7,459	6,998	461	6.2
New Milford	15,962	14,915	1,047	6.6
Sherman	1,899	1,772	127	6.7
ENFIELD	**48,836**	**45,030**	**3,806**	**7.8**
East Windsor	6,394	5,885	509	8.0
Enfield	23,100	21,225	1,875	8.1
Somers	4,852	4,453	399	8.2
Suffield	7,571	7,078	493	6.5
Windsor Locks	6,918	6,388	530	7.7
HARTFORD	**587,807**	**540,024**	**47,783**	**8.1**
Andover	1,989	1,873	116	5.8
Ashford	2,493	2,329	164	6.6
Avon	9,387	8,887	500	5.3
Barkhamsted	2,228	2,073	155	7.0
Berlin	10,961	10,223	738	6.7
Bloomfield	10,008	9,000	1,008	10.1
Bolton	2,897	2,707	190	6.6
Bristol	33,347	30,543	2,804	8.4
Burlington	5,311	5,010	301	5.7

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
HARTFORD cont...				
Canton	5,746	5,418	328	5.7
Colchester	8,913	8,330	583	6.5
Columbia	3,083	2,872	211	6.8
Coventry	7,029	6,524	505	7.2
Cromwell	7,895	7,389	506	6.4
East Granby	2,897	2,730	167	5.8
East Haddam	5,227	4,892	335	6.4
East Hampton	7,135	6,612	523	7.3
East Hartford	26,527	23,707	2,820	10.6
Ellington	9,266	8,669	597	6.4
Farmington	12,823	12,023	800	6.2
Glastonbury	18,498	17,453	1,045	5.6
Granby	6,223	5,861	362	5.8
Haddam	5,114	4,817	297	5.8
Hartford	49,884	42,280	7,604	15.2
Hartland	1,175	1,123	52	4.4
Harwinton	3,109	2,908	201	6.5
Hebron	5,567	5,291	276	5.0
Lebanon	4,210	3,920	290	6.9
Manchester	32,905	30,403	2,502	7.6
Mansfield	13,803	12,805	998	7.2
Marlborough	3,571	3,376	195	5.5
Middlefield	2,403	2,259	144	6.0
Middletown	26,297	24,227	2,070	7.9
New Britain	35,569	31,566	4,003	11.3
New Hartford	3,870	3,568	302	7.8
Newington	16,824	15,656	1,168	6.9
Plainville	10,145	9,353	792	7.8
Plymouth	6,781	6,181	600	8.8
Portland	5,241	4,881	360	6.9
Rocky Hill	10,946	10,301	645	5.9
Simsbury	11,756	11,070	686	5.8
Southington	24,180	22,557	1,623	6.7
South Windsor	14,315	13,435	880	6.1
Stafford	6,894	6,327	567	8.2
Thomaston	4,524	4,158	366	8.1
Tolland	8,409	7,896	513	6.1
Union	524	495	29	5.5
Vernon	16,797	15,497	1,300	7.7
West Hartford	29,840	27,795	2,045	6.9
Wethersfield	13,436	12,432	1,004	7.5
Willington	3,716	3,497	219	5.9
Windsor	16,119	14,825	1,294	8.0

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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)

MAY 2013

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	**312,268**	**285,929**	**26,339**	**8.4**
Bethany	3,081	2,880	201	6.5
Branford	16,415	15,282	1,133	6.9
Cheshire	14,470	13,539	931	6.4
Chester	2,330	2,192	138	5.9
Clinton	7,597	7,122	475	6.3
Deep River	2,498	2,341	157	6.3
Durham	4,200	3,962	238	5.7
East Haven	16,200	14,838	1,362	8.4
Essex	3,676	3,449	227	6.2
Guilford	12,691	11,969	722	5.7
Hamden	32,009	29,460	2,549	8.0
Killingworth	3,592	3,374	218	6.1
Madison	9,564	9,034	530	5.5
Meriden	32,405	29,038	3,367	10.4
New Haven	58,137	51,236	6,901	11.9
North Branford	8,145	7,645	500	6.1
North Haven	12,963	12,063	900	6.9
Old Saybrook	5,282	4,910	372	7.0
Orange	7,185	6,735	450	6.3
Wallingford	25,116	23,270	1,846	7.3
West Haven	30,932	28,042	2,890	9.3
Westbrook	3,779	3,549	230	6.1
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON				
	133,494	**122,214**	**11,280**	**8.4**
Bozrah	1,489	1,372	117	7.9
Canterbury	2,999	2,783	216	7.2
East Lyme	9,326	8,688	638	6.8
Franklin	1,113	1,040	73	6.6
Griswold	7,107	6,504	603	8.5
Groton	18,356	16,689	1,667	9.1
Ledyard	8,042	7,409	633	7.9
Lisbon	2,464	2,295	169	6.9
Lyme	1,227	1,157	70	5.7
Montville	10,261	9,398	863	8.4
New London	13,874	12,288	1,586	11.4
No. Stonington	3,126	2,898	228	7.3
Norwich	21,715	19,618	2,097	9.7
Old Lyme	4,038	3,768	270	6.7
Preston	2,586	2,399	187	7.2
Salem	2,465	2,304	161	6.5
Sprague	1,701	1,536	165	9.7
Stonington	9,905	9,305	600	6.1
Voluntown	1,507	1,383	124	8.2
Waterford	10,192	9,379	813	8.0

*Connecticut portion only. For whole NECTA, including Rhode Island town, see below.

NORWICH-NEW LONDON				
	145,213	**133,053**	**12,160**	**8.4**
Westerly, RI	11,719	10,839	880	7.5

Labor Force estimates are prepared following statistical procedures developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
TORRINGTON	**54,126**	**50,185**	**3,941**	**7.3**
Bethlehem	2,001	1,890	111	5.5
Canaan	662	632	30	4.5
Colebrook	811	754	57	7.0
Cornwall	782	742	40	5.1
Goshen	1,523	1,420	103	6.8
Kent	1,574	1,495	79	5.0
Litchfield	4,239	3,966	273	6.4
Morris	1,289	1,208	81	6.3
Norfolk	976	902	74	7.6
North Canaan	1,688	1,573	115	6.8
Roxbury	1,313	1,249	64	4.9
Salisbury	1,810	1,710	100	5.5
Sharon	1,423	1,339	84	5.9
Torrington	19,608	17,888	1,720	8.8
Warren	781	732	49	6.3
Washington	1,863	1,754	109	5.9
Winchester	6,195	5,684	511	8.2
Woodbury	5,585	5,245	340	6.1
WATERBURY	**99,813**	**89,049**	**10,764**	**10.8**
Beacon Falls	3,304	3,070	234	7.1
Middlebury	3,885	3,640	245	6.3
Naugatuck	16,522	14,939	1,583	9.6
Prospect	5,088	4,732	356	7.0
Waterbury	50,266	43,613	6,653	13.2
Watertown	11,909	10,934	975	8.2
Wolcott	8,836	8,120	716	8.1
WILLIMANTIC-DANIELSON				
	57,645	**52,354**	**5,291**	**9.2**
Brooklyn	4,030	3,662	368	9.1
Chaplin	1,309	1,215	94	7.2
Eastford	968	899	69	7.1
Hampton	1,063	982	81	7.6
Killingly	9,240	8,347	893	9.7
Plainfield	8,379	7,494	885	10.6
Pomfret	2,308	2,117	191	8.3
Putnam	5,295	4,841	454	8.6
Scotland	989	933	56	5.7
Sterling	2,112	1,945	167	7.9
Thompson	5,379	4,927	452	8.4
Windham	12,124	10,832	1,292	10.7
Woodstock	4,450	4,161	289	6.5

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	**1,862,300**	**1,711,500**	**150,800**	**8.1**
UNITED STATES	**155,734,000**	**144,432,000**	**11,302,000**	**7.3**
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	**1,852,300**	**1,703,200**	**149,000**	**8.0**
UNITED STATES	**155,658,000**	**143,898,000**	**11,760,000**	**7.6**

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

HOUSING PERMIT ACTIVITY BY TOWN

TOWN	MAY 2013	YR TO DATE 2013	YR TO DATE 2012	TOWN	MAY 2013	YR TO DATE 2013	YR TO DATE 2012	TOWN	MAY 2013	YR TO DATE 2013	YR TO DATE 2012
Andover	1	1	2	Griswold	na	na	na	Preston	3	7	2
Ansonia	1	1	2	Groton	2	7	4	Prospect	na	na	na
Ashford	1	1	3	Guilford	4	12	6	Putnam	0	0	2
Avon	5	18	9	Haddam	1	2	8	Redding	na	na	na
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	1	1	3	Ridgefield	2	6	2
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	1	2	2	Rocky Hill	1	52	6
Berlin	7	50	28	Hartford	2	15	8	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	na	na	na	Salem	0	2	3
Bethel	5	19	12	Harwinton	0	0	5	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	na	na	na	Scotland	0	0	0
Bloomfield	na	na	na	Kent	0	1	0	Seymour	0	10	11
Bolton	1	7	2	Killingly	3	6	7	Sharon	0	0	1
Bozrah	0	0	0	Killingworth	na	na	na	Shelton	7	12	271
Branford	na	na	na	Lebanon	0	1	0	Sherman	na	na	na
Bridgeport	19	76	60	Ledyard	6	17	8	Simsbury	8	43	4
Bridgewater	na	na	na	Lisbon	1	2	1	Somers	3	5	3
Bristol	0	11	8	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	5	9	4
Brookfield	na	na	na	Lyme	0	0	2	Southbury	3	13	3
Brooklyn	2	5	12	Madison	2	8	9	Southington	13	43	37
Burlington	2	13	10	Manchester	2	8	6	Sprague	2	3	0
Canaan	0	0	0	Mansfield	2	4	4	Stafford	na	na	na
Canterbury	1	4	1	Marlborough	0	1	1	Stamford	2	26	14
Canton	1	5	4	Meriden	8	10	2	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	0	0	0	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	1	13	17
Cheshire	5	29	6	Middlefield	2	5	1	Stratford	0	125	2
Chester	na	na	na	Middletown	1	9	6	Suffield	2	9	11
Clinton	2	7	11	Milford	17	59	51	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	6	20	11	Monroe	1	2	2	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	0	0	0	Montville	0	5	6	Tolland	1	4	5
Columbia	0	1	3	Morris	0	0	0	Torrington	0	1	1
Cornwall	0	0	11	Naugatuck	2	7	1	Trumbull	1	4	2
Coventry	1	8	5	New Britain	na	na	na	Union	0	2	1
Cromwell	4	16	18	New Canaan	4	17	14	Vernon	4	27	40
Danbury	15	28	141	New Fairfield	na	na	na	Voluntown	0	1	0
Darien	na	na	na	New Hartford	3	4	3	Wallingford	3	15	20
Deep River	1	4	1	New Haven	2	12	6	Warren	0	0	0
Derby	na	na	na	New London	4	17	12	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	1	1	1	New Milford	0	10	9	Waterbury	12	16	6
East Granby	0	4	3	Newington	0	0	0	Waterford	1	6	6
East Haddam	1	2	3	Newtown	3	8	5	Watertown	1	11	7
East Hampton	5	7	5	Norfolk	0	0	0	West Hartford	6	25	30
East Hartford	na	na	na	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	1	10	4	North Canaan	0	0	0	Westbrook	1	3	1
East Lyme	6	19	13	North Haven	3	10	6	Weston	na	na	na
East Windsor	3	10	6	North Stonington	0	1	1	Westport	7	39	25
Eastford	0	3	1	Norwalk	3	64	38	Wethersfield	na	na	na
Easton	1	3	1	Norwich	2	5	2	Willington	0	1	1
Ellington	7	18	14	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	na	na	na
Enfield	na	na	na	Old Saybrook	2	8	5	Winchester	4	8	1
Essex	1	4	4	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	1	4	3
Fairfield	66	93	18	Oxford	3	10	5	Windsor	na	na	na
Farmington	6	22	18	Plainfield	3	6	6	Windsor Locks	na	na	na
Franklin	0	1	0	Plainville	2	4	5	Wolcott	1	8	7
Glastonbury	4	12	17	Plymouth	0	4	3	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	1	2	2	Pomfret	0	0	1	Woodbury	1	6	2
Granby	0	2	1	Portland	0	4	3	Woodstock	1	2	0
Greenwich	8	32	23								

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (860) 270-8167.

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 June 1989 when the ECI is 100.

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.

INDIAN 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.

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. Beginning with the publication of January 2005 data, an improved methodology is being used to develop labor force estimates, by which monthly state model-based employment and unemployment estimates are controlled to add to the national CPS levels. This will ensure that national economic events are reflected in the state estimates, and it will significantly reduce end-of-year revisions. (For more information, please see the Connecticut Economic Digest, December 2004 issue.) 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

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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. Call (860) 263-6275 for a more comprehensive breakout of nonfarm employment estimates. 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 4-8 for reference months or quarters)

Leading General Drift Indicator	**+2.3**
Coincident General Drift Indicator	**0.0**
Farmington Bank Bus. Barometer	**+0.6**
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index	**+2.8**
Total Nonfarm Employment	**+0.8**
Unemployment Rate	**-0.4***
Labor Force	-1.6
Employed	-1.3
Unemployed	-5.6
Average Weekly Initial Claims	**-7.2**
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate	**-0.03***
U-6 Unemployment Rate	**0.0***
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs, Mfg	**0.0**
PW Avg Hourly Earnings, Mfg	**-10.1**
PW Avg Weekly Earnings, Mfg	**-10.1**
CT Mfg. Production Index	**-2.4**
Production Worker Hours	-6.5
Industrial Electricity Sales	-3.7
Personal Income	**+2.1**
UI Covered Wages	**+1.6**

Business Activity	
New Housing Permits	+36.3
Electricity Sales	+9.7
Construction Contracts Index	+47.2
New Auto Registrations	+18.5
Air Cargo Tons	-4.3
Exports	+5.4
S&P 500: Monthly Close	+24.5
Business Starts	
Secretary of the State	-0.7
Dept. of Labor	-7.7
Business Terminations	
Secretary of the State	-11.3
Dept. of Labor	-22.4
State Revenues	**-1.8**
Corporate Tax	+22.9
Personal Income Tax	-7.7
Real Estate Conveyance Tax	+19.0
Sales & Use Tax	+4.3
Indian Gaming Payments	-8.2

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

Tourism and Travel	
Info Center Visitors	-20.6
Attraction Visitors	+1.2
Air Passenger Count	+0.8
Indian Gaming Slots	-3.8
Travel and Tourism Index	-3.7
Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
Total	+1.7
Wages & Salaries	+1.7
Benefit Costs	+1.5
Consumer Prices	
U.S. City Average	+1.4
Northeast Region	+1.2
NY-NJ-Long Island	+1.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua	+1.4
Interest Rates	
Prime	0.00*
Conventional Mortgage	-0.26*

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