THE CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC DIGEST

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In April...

Nonfarm Employment
  Connecticut 1,718,700
    Change over month .... +0.40%
    Change over year .... +0.70%

  United States 159,517,000
    Change over month .... +0.11%
    Change over year .... +1.19%

Unemployment Rate
  Connecticut 3.7%
  United States 4.2%

Consumer Price Index
  United States 320.795
    Change over year .... +2.3%

Connecticut Exports Grew for the Fourth Year

By Patrick J. Flaherty, Director of Research and Information

Connecticut exports grew for the fourth consecutive year in 2024. Commodity exports increased by more than $1.5 billion or 9.7% (the ninth fastest in the nation) after increasing 3.2% in 2023.[1] Many Connecticut companies export. The most recent data indicates that 4,714 companies exported from Connecticut in 2022. 89% of these companies were small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees. According to the most recent data, approximately 50,000 jobs were supported by Connecticut exports.[2]

Connecticut Export Composition

In 2024 at the two-digit Harmonized System (HS) commodity code level, Connecticut top five export commodities were (1) aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof; (2) industrial machinery, including computers (3) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, Parts; (4) optic, photo, medical or surgical instruments; and (5) special classification provisions, which typically consists of exports of repaired imports. This top five list is unchanged from 2023. Each of the top five export commodity sectors experienced increases in 2024. The state's aerospace sector increased by over $650 million in 2024 (+14.0%) and had the largest increase of any sector, although the sector remained below pre-pandemic levels. Industrial machinery including computers rose $323 million (+8.6%) while electrical machinery was up $206 million (+13.5%). The industrial machinery including computers

sector is up more than $1.8 billion (+81.6%) from ten years ago (2014).[3]

Connecticut Partner Countries

In 2024, the state's top ten commodity export destinations were Canada, Germany, Mexico, China, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, Singapore, Japan, and South Korea. The largest 2024 increases were exports to Mexico, China, Canada, Poland, Singapore, and Hong Kong which each saw exports increase by over $100 million followed by Brazil, the Philippines, and the Netherlands with increases of over $90 million each. Exports to Germany, France, and the United Kingdom decreased in 2024 although Connecticut exports to those countries still averaged over $1 billion each. Compared to ten years ago (2014) Connecticut exports more to the Netherlands, China, Singapore, Mexico, Canada, and the United Kingdom (up more than $300 million each) but less to France, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria and South Korea. Even with these changes the top 10 countries receiving the most Connecticut exports is largely unchanged from the 2014 top ten list with the exceptions of the United Arab Emirates (down from 5th to 15th) and Singapore (up from 12th to 8th).

Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts was the largest Connecticut export commodity to Canada in 2024 followed by industrial machinery, electrical machinery, and plastics. Aircraft and industrial machinery had the largest 2024 increases in exports to Canada. Aircraft and industrial machinery were also the

Connecticut Department of Labor

Town Unemployment Rates Remain Low in 2024

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In 2024, the annual average statewide unemployment rate was 3.2%, unchanged over the year. After two years of strong labor force growth when unemployment rates fell sharply in most towns, most towns saw small changes (up or down) in 2024, with 39 towns seeing no change from the 2023 level. The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) underwent a major change reflecting new geographies, so all 169 cities and towns were revised for 2016-2024.

2023 to 2024

The unemployment rate in 60% of the cities and towns in the state fell in 2024. Roxbury had the lowest unemployment rate of 1.9%, while the residents of both Hartford and Waterbury experienced the highest rate of 5.0% last year (see table on page 3 for the complete town data). Overall, a total of 129 cities and towns had jobless rates below the 2024 statewide figure of 3.2%, 29 had rates above it, and 11 had rates equal to it. By comparison, 122 cities and towns had rates below the 2023 statewide average of 3.2%, 39 above it, and 8 were the same.

Of the five largest cities in the state with a population of 100,000 or more, Stamford had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.8% in 2024. Hartford and Waterbury posted the highest jobless rate among the large cities at 5.0%. All but Stamford experienced over-the-year unemployment rate increases.

Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index

The Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index is calculated by subtracting the share of towns that experienced increases in their unemployment rates from the share that had rate decreases over the year.

The 2020 diffusion index value plunged to -100, as all 169 cities and towns experienced an increase in unemployment rate from the impact of the pandemic. However, the index bounced back in 2021 and completely in 2022 and continued in 2023 with +100, reflecting a strong labor market recovery. Last year, however, this robust momentum was halved, as the index fell to +50 (chart). And in the first months of 2025, the statewide unemployment rate started to trend up from unsustainably low levels. While there are persistent uncertainties regarding inflation and the national economy, Connecticut's unemployment rate has remained below 4.0% since mid-2022 through the first eight months of 2025 and has been below the national average for 32 months.■

Connecticut Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index, 2017-2024

Year	Index
2017	87
2018	94
2019	87
2020	-100
2021	99
2022	100
2023	100
2024	50
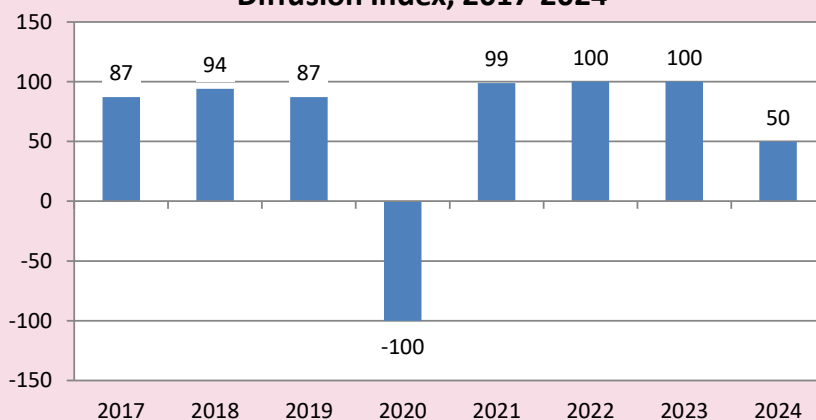
Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town, 2020-2024

Town/City	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Town/City	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Town/City	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Andover	7.1	5.1	3.3	3.0	2.5	Griswold	9.9	7.5	4.5	3.3	3.2	Prospect	7.0	5.8	4.1	3.2	3.1
Ansonia	9.6	8.0	4.9	3.9	4.0	Groton	8.7	6.6	3.7	2.8	2.7	Putnam	8.5	6.5	4.5	3.4	3.4
Ashford	7.9	6.2	4.4	3.4	3.5	Guilford	6.1	4.6	3.3	2.7	2.4	Redding	6.4	5.0	3.7	3.0	2.7
Avon	5.3	4.4	3.2	2.7	2.4	Haddam	6.3	5.1	3.3	2.6	2.7	Ridgefield	5.5	4.7	3.2	2.8	2.5
Barkhamsted	7.0	6.0	3.5	2.6	2.4	Hamden	7.3	6.0	3.9	3.1	3.1	Rocky Hill	6.4	5.2	3.6	2.7	2.7
Beacon Falls	6.9	5.6	3.6	3.0	2.9	Hampton	6.3	6.5	4.0	3.1	2.9	Roxbury	4.7	4.3	2.6	2.1	1.9
Berlin	6.5	5.5	3.6	2.8	2.7	Hartford	12.5	10.5	5.9	4.6	5.0	Salem	8.1	5.6	4.0	2.9	2.6
Bethany	5.6	4.1	3.2	2.5	2.5	Hartland	5.5	4.7	3.2	2.7	2.6	Salisbury	4.7	4.4	3.4	2.6	2.4
Bethel	7.3	5.2	3.5	2.8	2.7	Harwinton	5.6	4.5	3.8	2.6	2.6	Scotland	7.6	6.5	3.6	2.7	2.9
Bethlehem	6.7	5.7	4.5	3.5	3.1	Hebron	6.7	5.6	3.4	2.7	2.5	Seymour	7.6	5.8	4.3	3.4	3.2
Bloomfield	8.5	7.2	4.7	3.3	3.5	Kent	6.0	4.6	3.9	2.7	2.5	Sharon	4.3	3.8	2.5	2.1	2.0
Bolton	6.0	5.5	3.5	2.8	2.6	Killingly	8.4	6.9	4.4	3.6	3.5	Shelton	7.7	5.9	3.9	3.4	3.1
Bozrah	8.5	6.3	3.3	2.4	2.7	Killingworth	6.4	5.7	3.6	2.7	2.7	Sherman	6.1	4.6	3.3	2.6	2.4
Branford	7.1	5.6	3.5	2.9	2.7	Lebanon	7.6	6.9	4.1	3.1	3.1	Simsbury	5.7	4.7	3.2	2.7	2.4
Bridgeport	11.0	9.2	5.2	4.0	4.3	Ledyard	9.3	6.2	3.9	2.7	2.7	Somers	6.8	5.4	4.0	2.9	2.8
Bridgewater	6.1	4.9	3.8	2.4	3.3	Lisbon	9.9	7.9	5.3	3.6	3.2	South Windsor	6.5	5.0	3.4	2.7	2.6
Bristol	8.5	7.1	4.4	3.6	3.5	Litchfield	6.2	5.5	3.7	2.9	2.5	Southbury	6.4	5.0	3.6	2.9	2.7
Brookfield	7.4	5.7	3.6	3.0	2.9	Lyme	4.8	4.3	3.3	2.5	2.4	Southington	6.7	5.2	3.6	2.8	2.7
Brooklyn	7.5	5.9	4.3	3.3	3.0	Madison	5.5	4.4	3.1	2.6	2.3	Sprague	9.5	7.6	4.7	3.4	3.0
Burlington	6.2	5.4	3.4	2.7	2.6	Manchester	8.7	6.8	4.2	3.2	3.3	Stafford	7.9	6.7	4.6	3.4	3.2
Canaan	7.1	5.5	3.5	3.4	2.5	Mansfield	6.0	5.2	4.3	3.5	3.2	Stamford	7.4	5.4	3.4	2.8	2.8
Canterbury	7.7	5.6	3.7	3.1	3.1	Marlborough	6.2	5.2	3.5	2.8	2.9	Sterling	9.5	7.6	5.4	4.3	3.9
Canton	6.5	5.6	3.8	2.9	2.7	Meriden	9.2	8.1	4.7	3.8	4.0	Stonington	7.5	5.4	3.6	2.9	2.7
Chaplin	7.5	6.6	3.6	3.0	2.7	Middlebury	6.6	5.0	3.5	2.9	2.7	Stratford	9.1	7.4	4.6	3.7	3.6
Cheshire	6.0	4.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	Middlefield	7.2	5.6	3.8	2.9	2.9	Suffield	6.0	5.1	3.6	2.7	2.5
Chester	7.6	5.7	3.6	2.8	2.8	Middletown	7.3	6.3	3.9	3.1	3.1	Thomaston	7.2	6.0	4.0	3.3	3.3
Clinton	6.7	5.0	3.2	2.5	2.5	Milford	7.2	5.6	3.4	2.8	2.6	Thompson	6.7	5.7	3.9	3.2	2.8
Colchester	7.2	5.9	3.7	2.9	2.7	Monroe	6.7	5.3	3.7	3.1	2.8	Tolland	5.6	4.8	3.3	2.6	2.2
Colebrook	6.2	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.6	Montville	9.4	6.1	3.9	2.8	2.7	Torrington	8.4	7.0	4.4	3.4	3.3
Columbia	6.8	5.6	3.9	2.9	2.6	Morris	6.4	4.6	3.9	2.9	2.5	Trumbull	7.1	5.6	3.7	3.2	2.9
Cornwall	5.5	3.8	3.0	2.3	2.1	Naugatuck	8.0	6.6	4.2	3.5	3.5	Union	6.0	5.5	3.8	2.9	2.2
Coventry	7.0	6.0	4.3	3.1	3.1	New Britain	10.9	9.9	5.6	4.2	4.5	Vernon	8.3	6.5	4.1	3.1	3.2
Cromwell	7.4	5.7	3.9	3.1	2.9	New Canaan	5.3	4.3	3.3	2.9	2.6	Voluntown	7.9	6.1	3.7	2.8	2.4
Danbury	7.3	5.6	3.6	2.8	2.8	New Fairfield	7.4	5.8	4.2	3.1	3.0	Wallingford	7.0	5.6	3.7	2.8	2.7
Darien	4.7	4.2	2.9	2.7	2.4	New Hartford	6.0	5.1	3.2	2.6	2.4	Warren	6.1	5.9	4.1	2.9	2.3
Deep River	6.6	5.2	3.5	2.6	2.5	New Haven	8.7	7.8	4.5	3.4	3.6	Washington	5.5	4.9	3.3	2.3	2.4
Derby	9.6	7.7	4.8	4.0	4.4	New London	12.1	9.1	5.0	3.7	3.7	Waterbury	11.3	10.0	5.9	4.8	5.0
Durham	5.1	3.8	2.8	2.2	2.2	New Milford	7.6	6.0	3.8	2.9	2.9	Waterford	8.3	6.2	4.1	3.0	2.9
East Granby	7.0	5.8	3.6	2.9	2.9	Newington	7.5	5.6	3.6	2.7	2.6	Watertown	7.0	5.6	3.7	3.1	3.0
East Haddam	7.3	5.8	3.7	3.0	2.9	Newtown	6.4	5.3	3.5	2.8	2.8	West Hartford	6.1	4.9	3.2	2.6	2.5
East Hampton	6.9	5.9	3.9	2.7	2.9	Norfolk	6.4	4.9	3.4	2.6	2.9	West Haven	9.3	7.5	4.6	3.5	3.7
East Hartford	10.8	9.0	5.2	4.0	4.2	North Branford	6.6	5.6	4.0	3.0	2.9	Westbrook	6.5	5.3	3.5	2.8	2.3
East Haven	8.4	6.9	4.3	3.4	3.4	North Canaan	8.0	6.5	4.3	3.5	3.2	Weston	5.4	4.4	2.9	2.7	2.6
East Lyme	7.5	5.8	3.7	2.7	2.5	North Haven	6.9	5.2	3.6	2.8	2.7	Westport	5.7	4.5	3.2	2.9	2.7
East Windsor	7.5	6.3	4.3	3.1	3.2	North Stonington	7.3	5.7	3.9	2.9	2.7	Wethersfield	7.0	5.8	3.7	2.8	2.7
Eastford	6.0	5.3	3.9	2.8	2.4	Norwalk	8.0	6.0	3.6	3.0	3.0	Willington	7.5	6.6	4.0	3.1	3.1
Easton	6.1	5.0	3.5	2.9	2.6	Norwich	13.9	8.9	4.6	3.7	3.7	Wilton	5.2	4.3	2.9	2.5	2.5
Ellington	6.5	5.5	3.8	3.0	2.8	Old Lyme	6.2	5.0	3.5	2.8	2.6	Winchester	8.9	7.2	4.7	3.7	3.6
Enfield	7.7	6.3	4.2	3.1	3.1	Old Saybrook	6.1	5.1	3.6	2.6	2.6	Windham	10.0	9.4	5.7	4.2	4.1
Essex	5.6	4.1	2.9	2.5	2.2	Orange	6.3	4.5	3.0	2.5	2.3	Windsor	8.1	6.8	4.0	3.1	3.2
Fairfield	6.6	5.1	3.6	3.1	2.9	Oxford	6.5	5.3	3.6	2.8	2.8	Windsor Locks	8.3	6.7	4.2	3.2	3.3
Farmington	5.7	4.6	3.2	2.5	2.4	Plainfield	9.0	6.6	4.0	3.4	3.2	Wolcott	7.1	5.8	3.7	3.2	3.0
Franklin	8.3	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.9	Plainville	7.9	6.6	4.1	3.2	3.2	Woodbridge	5.6	4.2	3.2	2.5	2.3
Glastonbury	5.6	4.3	3.0	2.4	2.3	Plymouth	8.2	6.9	4.9	3.7	3.7	Woodbury	6.7	5.6	3.8	2.9	2.9
Goshen	5.0	4.5	3.3	2.4	2.1	Pomfret	5.4	4.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	Woodstock	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.0	2.7
Granby	5.9	5.2	3.2	2.7	2.5	Portland	6.9	5.4	3.8	3.1	2.9						
Greenwich	5.6	4.5	3.2	2.7	2.5	Preston	9.9	7.0	4.5	3.5	2.9	CONNECTICUT	8.0	6.5	4.1	3.2	3.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Research

Connecticut Exports by Commodity

Rank	Description	ANNUAL 2023	ANNUAL 2024	$2023-2024	%2023-2024
	TOTAL ALL COMMODITIES	15,846,199,458	17,382,116,184	1,535,916,726	9.69
1	Aircraft, Spacecraft, and Parts thereof	4,757,768,070	5,421,978,810	664,210,740	13.96
2	Industrial Machinery, Including Computers	3,768,554,192	4,092,467,401	323,913,209	8.60
3	Electric Machinery; Sound Equip; TV Equip; Parts	1,527,617,643	1,733,567,267	205,949,624	13.48
4	Optic, Photo Etc, Medical or Surgical Instruments	1,277,288,354	1,307,675,894	30,387,540	2.38
5	Special Classification Provisions	667,158,589	672,931,889	5,773,300	0.87
6	Plastics and articles thereof	542,980,858	602,720,190	59,739,332	11.00
7	Vehicles and Parts, (except Railway or Tramway)	170,210,167	227,667,679	57,457,512	33.76
8	Miscellaneous Chemical Products	217,915,698	217,120,949	-794,749	-0.36
9	Articles of Iron or Steel	207,900,135	202,740,733	-5,159,402	-2.48
10	Iron and Steel	181,951,398	185,790,080	3,838,682	2.11

Connecticut Exports by Partner Country

Rank	Description	ANNUAL 2023	ANNUAL 2024	$2023-2023	%2023-2024
	TOTAL ALL PARTNER COUNTRIES	15,846,199,458	17,382,116,184	1,535,916,726	9.69
1	Canada	2,117,446,509	2,306,377,880	188,931,371	8.92
2	Germany	2,099,324,543	1,789,416,229	-309,908,314	-14.76
3	Mexico	1,074,246,319	1,669,797,575	595,551,256	55.44
4	China	989,639,938	1,458,265,486	468,625,548	47.35
5	Netherlands	1,147,269,475	1,238,756,168	91,486,693	7.97
6	United Kingdom	1,098,135,450	1,026,880,717	-71,254,733	-6.49
7	France	1,057,573,423	830,534,271	-227,039,152	-21.47
8	Singapore	582,589,432	738,029,058	155,439,626	26.68
9	Japan	475,027,860	527,416,550	52,388,690	11.03
10	Republic of Korea	477,905,196	428,532,657	-49,372,539	-10.33

top two commodity exports to Germany followed by optic, photo, medical or surgical instruments, and electrical machinery. Electrical machinery was the top export commodity from Connecticut to Mexico followed by aircraft, industrial machinery, and sugars and sugar confectionary.

U.S. Exports

The annual U.S. trade deficit increased by $129 billion in 2024 after contracting $150 billion in 2023. Exports of goods and services increased $140 billion in 2024 while imports increased by $269 billion.[4] Commodities exports increased $46.5 billion to over $2 trillion with Canada and Mexico the top two destinations for U.S. exports with $348.5 and $334.0 billion respectively.[5] China was third at $143.5 billion followed by the Netherlands at $89.6 billion. The largest increases were Mexico (+$11.3 billion), Malaysia (+$8.3 billion), and the Netherlands (+$8.3 billion). Exports to Canada, Belgium, and China had the largest declines. Exports to China declined for the second consecutive year and fell below 7% of all U.S. commodities exports after being as high as 8.7% of commodities exports in 2020.

The top five U.S. export commodities were (1) mineral fuel, oil, bitumen substances, mineral wax; (2) industrial machinery, including computers; (3) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts; (4) vehicles, expert railway or tramway; and (5) aircraft, spacecraft, and parts. The largest increase was industrial machinery including computers which increased more than $19.0 billion. Electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts increased by $12.8 billion and aircraft, spacecraft, and parts increased by $8.9 billion.

For the second consecutive year, Connecticut rose one place in 2024 and now ranks 30th in the U.S. in state-by-state exports. Three of the four largest states also had the most exports: Texas, California, and New York. Texas, Kentucky, and New Mexico had the largest increases in exports, up more the $7 billion each. As mentioned above, Connecticut exports increased more than $1.5 billion, a 9.7% increase – ninth fastest in the nation.

New England Exports

In 2024, the New England region's top five export commodities were (1) industrial machinery, including computer; (2) optic, photo, medical or surgical instruments; (3) electric machinery, sound equipment, TV equipment, parts; (4) aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof, (5) pharmaceutical products. Precious stones and metals had the largest increase in 2024 followed by industrial machinery including computers and aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof. Exports of pharmaceuticals declined in 2024 but remained about 2022 and were more than twice the level that prevailed before 2021.

As a region, New England's commodity exports increased by $629 million in 2024 and totaled more than $67.3 billion. The top five export destinations for New England Commodities were Canda, Mexico, China, Germany, and the United Kingdom. In 2024 the exports to the United Kingdom, Mexico, Singapore, and China increased by more than $1 billion each. Switzerland saw the fifth largest increase with New England exports up by over $760 million.

Connecticut Exports Change
All Commodities

they would pose downside risks for Connecticut. On the other hand, Connecticut exporters are well-positioned to take advantage of opportunities that might arise with new agreements with these and other trading partners. ∎

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1 U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division via wisertrade.org

2 https://www.trade.gov/data-visualization/state-trade-and-economy-factsheets

3 This and the following information regarding commodities exports U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division via wisertrade.org

4 https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/index.html

5 This and the following information regarding commodities exports U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division via wisertrade.org

2025 and Beyond

For the first five months of 2025 (latest available) U.S. exports of goods and services were up $73.6 billion (5.5%) above the same period of 2024. If this growth continues, Connecticut and New England should have another year of expanding exports. There remains considerable uncertainty about the future of U.S. trade policy and the reaction to those policy changes by our trading partners. If there are trade conflicts between the U.S. and Connecticut's largest trading partners (Canada, Mexico, and countries in the European Union)

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

(Seasonally adjusted)	4Q 2024	4Q 2023	YoY CHG NO.	YoY CHG %	3Q 2024	QoQ CHG NO.	QoQ CHG %
General Drift Indicator (2007=100)*							
Leading	114.1	109.6	4.4	4.1	113.9	0.2	0.16
Coincident	98.5	97.3	1.2	1.3	98.1	0.4	0.44
Real Gross Domestic Product**	**4Q 2024**	**4Q 2023**	**YoY CHG NO.**	**%**	**3Q 2024**	**QoQ CHG NO.**	**%**
(Millions of chained 2017 dollars)							
Connecticut	296,626	291,291	5,335	1.8	295,295	1,331	0.5
United States	23,542,349	22,960,600	581,749	2.5	23,400,294	142,055	0.6
New England	1,213,169	1,181,916	31,253	2.6	1,207,363	5,805	0.5
Per Capita Personal Income**	**4Q 2024**	**4Q 2023**	**YoY CHG NO.**	**%**	**3Q 2024**	**QoQ CHG NO.**	**%**
(Current $, SAAR)							
Connecticut	94,192	90,596	3,596	4.0	93,408	784	0.8
United States	73,251	70,340	2,911	4.1	72,537	714	1.0
New England	88,544	84,927	3,617	4.3	87,696	848	1.0
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***	**Apr 2025**	**Apr 2024**	**YoY CHG NO.**	**%**	**Mar 2025**	**MoM CHG NO.**	**%**
Connecticut	134.76	133.05	1.70	1.3	134.75	0.01	0.0
United States	147.03	143.66	3.37	2.3	146.69	0.34	0.2

*Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut, https://steven-lanza.uconn.edu/the-connecticut-green-sheet/*
***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 increased over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM	1,718.7	1,706.7	12.0	0.7	1,711.8
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Construction	62.0	63.0	-1.0	-1.6	61.9
Manufacturing	154.3	156.4	-2.1	-1.3	154.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	302.1	298.8	3.3	1.1	300.4
Information	30.3	30.7	-0.4	-1.3	30.5
Financial Activities	119.2	117.7	1.5	1.3	119.6
Professional and Business Services	223.3	220.5	2.8	1.3	220.0
Education and Health Services	372.0	364.5	7.5	2.1	370.2
Leisure and Hospitality	155.6	154.4	1.2	0.8	155.4
Other Services	64.3	63.6	0.7	1.1	63.9
Government*	235.1	236.6	-1.5	-0.6	235.0

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

Average weekly initial claims fell from a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

(Seasonally adjusted)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,960.2	1,936.4	23.8	1.2	1,956.4
Employed (000s)	1,888.0	1,875.6	12.4	0.7	1,886.9
Unemployed (000s)	72.2	60.8	11.4	18.8	69.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.1	0.6	---	3.6
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	65.0	64.7	0.3	---	64.9
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	62.6	62.7	-0.1	---	62.6
Average Weekly Initial Claims (NSA)	3,322	3,324	-2	-0.1	2,534
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%, NSA)	1.50	1.55	-0.05	---	1.89
	1Q 2025	**1Q 2024**			**2024**
U-6 Rate (%)	7.4	7.2	0.2	---	7.1

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)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025	Feb 2025
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	39.8	38.6	1.2	3.1	40.1	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	30.20	31.83	-1.63	-5.1	30.78	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,201.96	1,228.64	-26.68	-2.2	1,234.28	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index (2012=100)	98.5	95.5	3.02	3.2	97.0	91.7
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,650	3,679	-29	-0.8	3,745	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	212	207	5	2.4	205	190
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, 12-MMA (2012=100)	99.0	98.4	0.62	0.6	98.7	98.5

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

Personal income increased 4.7 percent from a year earlier.

INCOME

($ Millions, SA, annualized)	4Q 2024	4Q 2023	CHANGE NO.	%	3Q 2024
Personal Income	$346,759.7	$331,213.4	$15,546.3	4.7	$343,488.5
Wages and Salaries	$153,967.2	$146,753.6	$7,213.6	4.9	$152,504.6

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations increased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
New Housing Permits*	Apr 2025	621	11.5	1,643	1,828	-10.1
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Mar 2025	2,110	1.3	6,943	6,715	3.4
Construction Contracts						
Index (1980=100)	Apr 2025	513.4	-0.3	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Apr 2025	16,938	14.6	69,316	62,766	10.4
Exports (Bil. $)	1Q 2025	4.57	3.2	4.57	4.43	3.2
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Apr 2025	5,569.06	10.6	---	---	---

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; Wisertrade.org
* Estimated by the Bureau of the Census

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

Business formation, seasonally adjusted, was up over the year.

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	Y/Y % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
STARTS						
Business Formation, SA	Apr 2025	3,961	7.2	15,408	15,486	-0.5
Business Formation, NSA	Apr 2025	5,019	33.8	18,224	17,440	4.5
Department of Labor, NSA	3Q 2024	3,304	-2.2	11,525	11,865	-2.9
TERMINATIONS						
Department of Labor, NSA	3Q 2024	2,054	-23.8	6,106	6,929	-11.9

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

STATE REVENUES

Total all revenues was up from a year ago.

(Millions of dollars)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	% CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	4,127.6	3,746.1	10.2	11,110.2	10,277.8	8.1
Corporate Tax	182.6	262.2	-30.4	902.0	885.3	1.9
Personal Income Tax	2,611.9	2,161.9	20.8	6,057.1	5,291.1	14.5
Real Estate Conv. Tax	20.4	17.3	17.9	83.1	68.6	21.1
Sales & Use Tax	545.7	678.0	-19.5	2,102.5	2,202.0	-4.5
Gaming Payments**	17.3	17.4	-0.6	69.0	69.5	-0.7

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 was down over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y % CHG	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Apr 2025	61.4	1.2	54.5	53.3	2.3
Tourism Website Visitors	Apr 2025	569,273	30.4	1,266,055	1,317,734	-3.9
Air Passenger Count	Mar 2025	554,981	5.0	1,470,937	1,414,502	4.0
Gaming Slots (Mil.$)***	Apr 2025	809.0	-2.1	3,280.4	3,303.9	-0.7

Sources: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports; Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism; Division of Special Revenue
*STR, Inc. Due to layoffs, Info Center Visitors data are no longer published.
***See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 3.4 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar	Dec	3-Mo	Mar	Mar	12-Mo
(Dec. 2005 = 100)	2025	2024	%Chg	2025	2024	%Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	169.2	167.8	0.8	169.4	163.8	3.4
Wages and Salaries	171.8	170.5	0.8	171.9	166.3	3.4
Benefit Costs	163.2	161.3	1.2	163.5	157.9	3.5
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	170.5	165.0	3.3
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	172.0	166.1	3.6

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

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

CONSUMER NEWS

			% CHANGE	
(Not seasonally adjusted)	MO/QTR	LEVEL	Y/Y	P/P*
CONSUMER PRICES				
CPI-U (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Apr 2025	320.795	2.3	0.3
Purchasing Power of $ (1982-84=$1.00)	Apr 2025	0.312	-2.3	-0.3
Northeast Region	Apr 2025	333.065	3.1	0.3
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Apr 2025	344.047	3.9	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Mar 2025	343.972	2.5	0.1
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Apr 2025	314.243	2.1	0.3

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 6.73 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Apr 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2024
Prime	7.50	7.50	8.50
Federal Funds	4.33	4.33	5.33
3 Month Treasury Bill	4.32	4.34	5.44
6 Month Treasury Bill	4.20	4.27	5.38
1 Year Treasury Note	3.95	4.06	5.14
3 Year Treasury Note	3.78	3.96	4.71
5 Year Treasury Note	3.91	4.04	4.56
7 Year Treasury Note	4.08	4.16	4.56
10 Year Treasury Note	4.28	4.28	4.54
20 Year Treasury Note	4.74	4.63	4.77
Conventional Mortgage	6.73	6.65	6.99

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

All states in the region gained jobs over the year.

(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
Connecticut	1,718.7	1,706.7	12.0	0.7	1,711.8
Maine	658.7	654.7	4.0	0.6	657.9
Massachusetts	3,724.8	3,719.1	5.7	0.2	3,717.1
New Hampshire	709.6	701.6	8.0	1.1	710.7
New Jersey	4,398.3	4,362.3	36.0	0.8	4,393.5
New York	9,974.3	9,860.0	114.3	1.2	9,958.9
Pennsylvania	6,223.8	6,128.1	95.7	1.6	6,215.3
Rhode Island	516.0	511.7	4.3	0.8	515.7
Vermont	313.7	311.0	2.7	0.9	314.3
United States	159,517.0	157,635.0	1,882.0	1.2	159,340.0

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

LABOR FORCE

All but two states in the region posted increases in the labor force from last year.

(Seasonally adjusted)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
Connecticut	1,960,194	1,936,386	23,808	1.2	1,956,443
Maine	707,600	702,185	5,415	0.8	708,710
Massachusetts	3,943,948	3,891,099	52,849	1.4	3,936,075
New Hampshire	777,157	768,997	8,160	1.1	777,476
New Jersey	4,899,755	4,895,749	4,006	0.1	4,897,266
New York	9,877,792	9,823,074	54,718	0.6	9,863,196
Pennsylvania	6,548,403	6,602,080	-53,677	-0.8	6,542,329
Rhode Island	588,068	590,770	-2,702	-0.5	588,955
Vermont	355,436	355,015	421	0.1	356,232
United States	171,109,000	167,988,000	3,121,000	1.9	170,591,000

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

(Seasonally adjusted)	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE	Mar 2025
Connecticut	3.7	3.1	0.6	3.6
Maine	3.5	2.8	0.7	3.5
Massachusetts	4.6	3.9	0.7	4.4
New Hampshire	3.1	2.4	0.7	3.1
New Jersey	4.8	4.5	0.3	4.7
New York	4.2	4.2	0.0	4.2
Pennsylvania	3.9	3.6	0.3	3.8
Rhode Island	4.9	4.2	0.7	4.8
Vermont	2.7	2.1	0.6	2.6
United States	4.2	3.9	0.3	4.2

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

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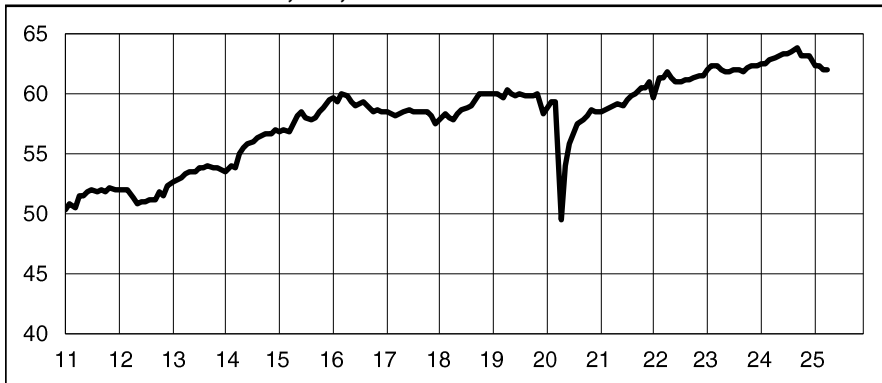
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Jan	61.9	62.5	62.3
Feb	62.2	62.5	62.2
Mar	62.2	62.8	61.9
Apr	61.9	63.0	62.0
May	61.7	63.1	
Jun	61.7	63.3	
Jul	62.0	63.3	
Aug	62.0	63.5	
Sep	61.8	63.7	
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Dec	62.3	63.1	

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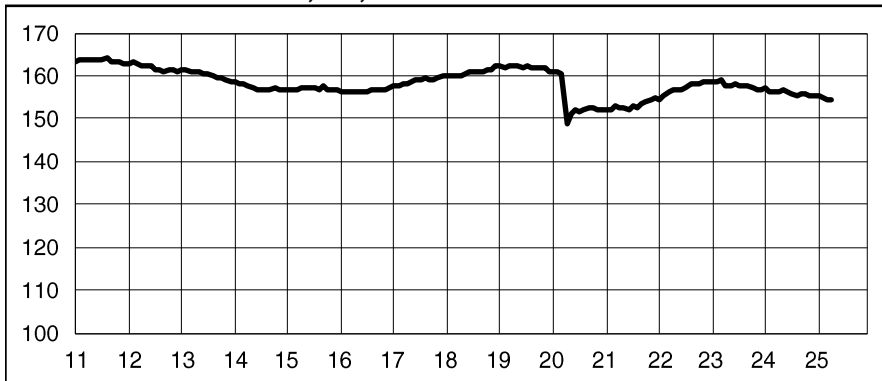
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	158.8	157.1	155.2
Feb	158.8	156.3	154.7
Mar	159.0	156.1	154.4
Apr	157.6	156.4	154.3
May	157.7	156.6	
Jun	157.9	156.3	
Jul	157.8	155.8	
Aug	157.8	155.4	
Sep	157.6	155.6	
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Nov	156.7	155.5	
Dec	156.8	155.4	

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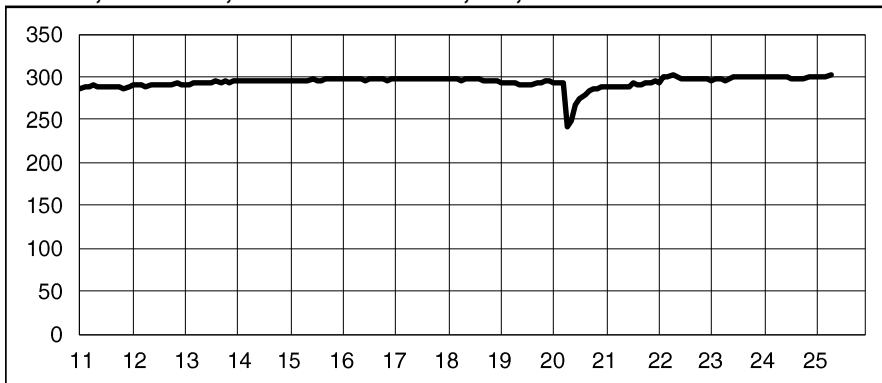
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	296.1	299.1	300.1
Feb	297.3	299.2	299.9
Mar	297.8	299.3	300.4
Apr	295.9	298.8	302.1
May	298.4	299.6	
Jun	298.7	298.9	
Jul	300.5	298.3	
Aug	299.9	298.0	
Sep	300.1	298.3	
Oct	299.9	298.3	
Nov	299.9	298.9	
Dec	299.4	299.6	

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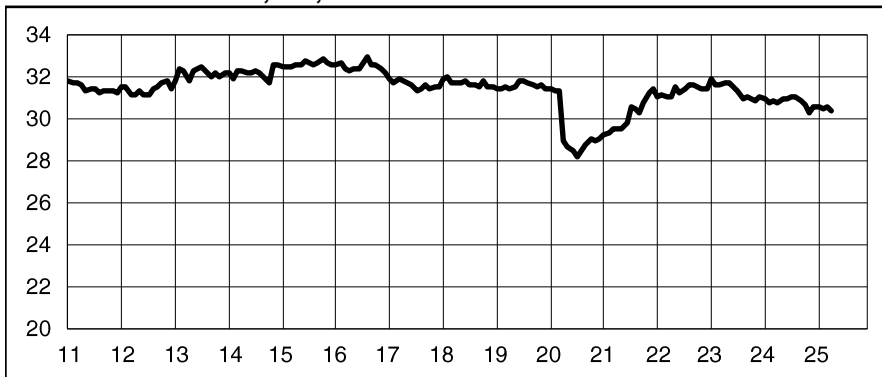
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	31.9	30.9	30.5
Feb	31.6	30.7	30.4
Mar	31.6	30.8	30.5
Apr	31.7	30.7	30.3
May	31.7	30.9	
Jun	31.5	30.9	
Jul	31.3	31.0	
Aug	30.9	31.0	
Sep	31.0	30.8	
Oct	30.9	30.6	
Nov	30.8	30.2	
Dec	31.0	30.5	

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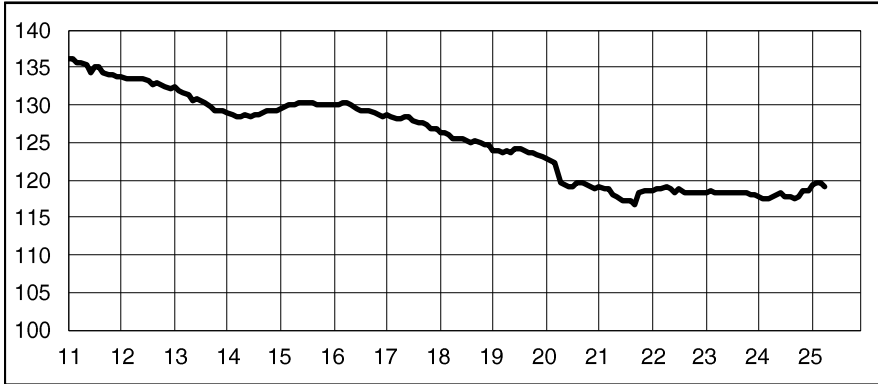
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	118.3	117.8	119.3
Feb	118.5	117.6	119.5
Mar	118.4	117.6	119.6
Apr	118.3	117.7	119.2
May	118.3	117.9	
Jun	118.4	118.2	
Jul	118.3	117.8	
Aug	118.3	117.7	
Sep	118.3	117.4	
Oct	118.2	117.8	
Nov	118.0	118.5	
Dec	118.1	118.6	

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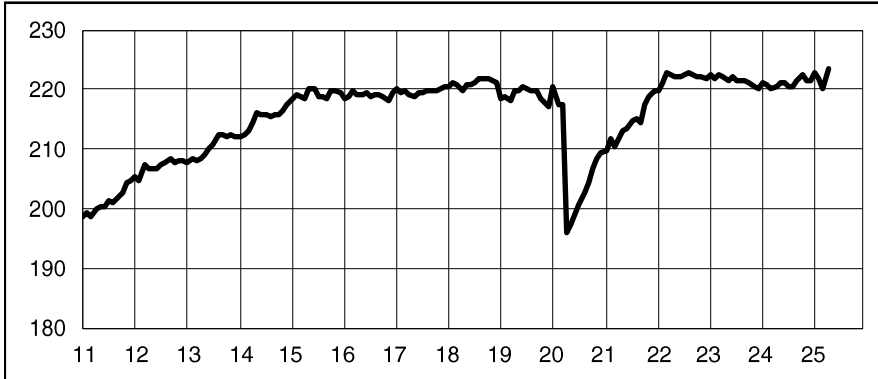
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	222.5	221.1	222.7
Feb	221.9	220.9	221.8
Mar	222.5	220.2	220.0
Apr	222.0	220.5	223.3
May	221.6	221.1	
Jun	222.1	221.1	
Jul	221.3	220.6	
Aug	221.5	220.3	
Sep	221.4	221.3	
Oct	221.0	222.4	
Nov	220.3	221.6	
Dec	220.0	221.4	

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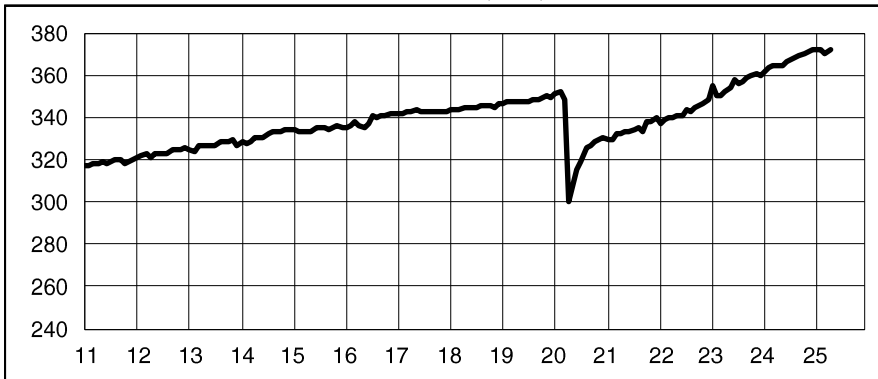
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	354.5	361.8	371.9
Feb	350.3	363.3	372.3
Mar	350.1	364.4	370.2
Apr	352.4	364.5	372.0
May	353.6	364.8	
Jun	357.9	366.1	
Jul	356.0	367.3	
Aug	356.6	368.2	
Sep	358.6	368.9	
Oct	359.5	370.0	
Nov	360.6	370.8	
Dec	360.1	371.7	

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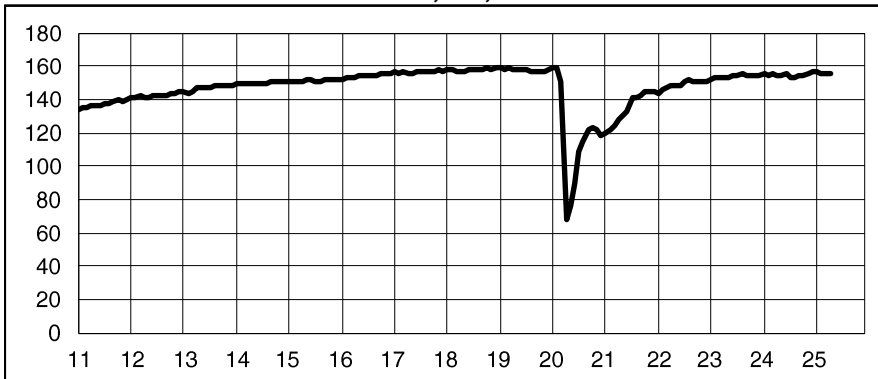
Month	2023	2024	2025
Jan	152.4	155.2	156.3
Feb	153.0	154.7	155.9
Mar	153.1	155.0	155.4
Apr	152.7	154.4	155.6
May	153.1	154.6	
Jun	154.3	155.1	
Jul	153.9	153.4	
Aug	154.9	153.0	
Sep	153.8	154.4	
Oct	154.4	154.3	
Nov	154.2	154.9	
Dec	154.8	156.9	

CONNECTICUT

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT................	**1,710,400**	**1,700,100**	**10,300**	**0.6**	**1,693,300**
TOTAL PRIVATE...	**1,471,000**	**1,459,900**	**11,100**	**0.8**	**1,454,400**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES..............	**215,500**	**219,000**	**-3,500**	**-1.6**	**211,900**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING........	**62,100**	**63,200**	**-1,100**	**-1.7**	**57,900**
MANUFACTURING.......................................	**153,400**	**155,800**	**-2,400**	**-1.5**	**154,000**
Durable Goods......................................	**120,400**	**122,300**	**-1,900**	**-1.6**	**120,900**
Fabricated Metal.................................	26,600	26,900	-300	-1.1	26,700
Machinery...	12,900	13,200	-300	-2.3	13,000
Computer and Electronic Product............	9,900	10,000	-100	-1.0	9,900
Transportation Equipment	46,800	47,300	-500	-1.1	47,000
Aerospace Product and Parts................	28,300	29,300	-1,000	-3.4	28,500
Non-Durable Goods................................	**33,000**	**33,500**	**-500**	**-1.5**	**33,100**
Chemical...	7,500	7,800	-300	-3.8	7,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES..............	**1,494,900**	**1,481,100**	**13,800**	**0.9**	**1,481,400**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	**296,200**	**291,600**	**4,600**	**1.6**	**296,700**
Wholesale Trade..................................	61,600	60,700	900	1.5	61,100
Retail Trade.......................................	163,700	163,300	400	0.2	162,800
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.............	21,700	21,500	200	0.9	21,700
Building Material..................................	16,300	15,900	400	2.5	15,100
Food and Beverage Stores....................	40,800	40,200	600	1.5	40,700
General Merchandise Stores..................	28,100	28,600	-500	-1.7	28,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	70,900	67,600	3,300	4.9	72,800
Utilities...	5,200	5,100	100	2.0	5,200
Transportation and Warehousing............	65,700	62,500	3,200	5.1	67,600
INFORMATION...	**30,200**	**30,500**	**-300**	**-1.0**	**30,300**
Telecommunications.............................	5,700	5,900	-200	-3.4	5,700
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.............................	**118,500**	**117,000**	**1,500**	**1.3**	**119,300**
Finance and Insurance..........................	98,700	97,700	1,000	1.0	99,500
Credit Intermediation and Related...........	19,600	19,600	0	0.0	19,800
Financial Investments and Related..........	23,600	23,100	500	2.2	23,700
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	55,500	55,000	500	0.9	56,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.........	19,800	19,300	500	2.6	19,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**223,400**	**220,900**	**2,500**	**1.1**	**216,100**
Professional, Scientific..........................	102,300	101,500	800	0.8	101,300
Legal Services....................................	12,100	11,700	400	3.4	11,900
Computer Systems Design.....................	21,300	21,800	-500	-2.3	21,100
Management of Companies.....................	30,700	30,900	-200	-0.6	30,800
Administrative and Support.....................	90,400	88,500	1,900	2.1	84,000
Employment Services...........................	25,000	24,300	700	2.9	23,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.......	**373,600**	**366,900**	**6,700**	**1.8**	**370,600**
Educational Services............................	77,900	77,200	700	0.9	74,200
Health Care and Social Assistance...........	295,700	289,700	6,000	2.1	296,400
Hospitals...	66,600	64,700	1,900	2.9	66,600
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.......	57,900	56,100	1,800	3.2	57,800
Social Assistance................................	72,600	71,000	1,600	2.3	73,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.......................	**149,800**	**150,800**	**-1,000**	**-0.7**	**146,900**
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation..........	25,200	27,000	-1,800	-6.7	23,800
Accommodation and Food Services..........	124,600	123,800	800	0.6	123,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	115,700	114,700	1,000	0.9	114,400
OTHER SERVICES.....................................	**63,800**	**63,200**	**600**	**0.9**	**62,600**
GOVERNMENT	**239,400**	**240,200**	**-800**	**-0.3**	**238,900**
Federal Government..............................	18,100	18,600	-500	-2.7	18,400
State Government.................................	76,100	75,800	300	0.4	75,300
Local Government.................................	145,200	145,800	-600	-0.4	145,200

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2024.

BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD-DANBURY LMA

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT………………	**409,300**	**405,700**	**3,600**	**0.9**	**403,400**
TOTAL PRIVATE……………………………………	**363,700**	**360,300**	**3,400**	**0.9**	**358,300**
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES……………	**40,800**	**41,500**	**-700**	**-1.7**	**39,700**
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING……..	**14,100**	**14,400**	**-300**	**-2.1**	**13,000**
MANUFACTURING…………………………………	**26,700**	**27,100**	**-400**	**-1.5**	**26,700**
Durable Goods……………………………………	**19,500**	**20,100**	**-600**	**-3.0**	**19,600**
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES……………	**368,500**	**364,200**	**4,300**	**1.2**	**363,700**
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES…..	**67,700**	**67,200**	**500**	**0.7**	**67,100**
Wholesale Trade…………………………………	13,700	13,400	300	2.2	13,600
Retail Trade……………………………………	43,700	44,000	-300	-0.7	43,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities…..	10,300	9,800	500	5.1	10,500
INFORMATION……………………………………	**12,600**	**12,800**	**-200**	**-1.6**	**12,600**
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES…………………………	**35,100**	**34,400**	**700**	**2.0**	**35,300**
Finance and Insurance…………………………	29,800	29,000	800	2.8	30,100
Credit Intermediation and Related………..	7,100	6,900	200	2.9	7,100
Financial Investments and Related……….	17,200	16,600	600	3.6	17,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	**61,700**	**60,900**	**800**	**1.3**	**59,700**
Professional, Scientific……………………….	29,700	29,200	500	1.7	29,300
Administrative and Support………………….	21,400	21,300	100	0.5	19,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES…….	**84,800**	**83,200**	**1,600**	**1.9**	**84,700**
Health Care and Social Assistance………..	69,900	69,000	900	1.3	70,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY…………………	**42,800**	**42,200**	**600**	**1.4**	**41,400**
Accommodation and Food Services……….	33,300	32,400	900	2.8	32,400
OTHER SERVICES………………………………	**18,200**	**18,100**	**100**	**0.6**	**17,800**
GOVERNMENT …………………………………	**45,600**	**45,400**	**200**	**0.4**	**45,100**
Federal…………………………………………….	2,600	2,700	-100	-3.7	2,600
State & Local……………………………………	43,000	42,700	300	0.7	42,500

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HARTFORD- WEST HARTFORD- EAST HARTFORD LMA

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT………………	608,900	605,600	3,300	0.5	603,400
TOTAL PRIVATE……………………………………	508,500	504,800	3,700	0.7	503,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES……………	81,200	82,500	-1,300	-1.6	79,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING………	22,200	22,800	-600	-2.6	20,300
MANUFACTURING………………………………	59,000	59,700	-700	-1.2	59,100
Durable Goods……………………………	48,700	49,200	-500	-1.0	48,800
Non-Durable Goods…………………………	10,300	10,500	-200	-1.9	10,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES…………	527,700	523,100	4,600	0.9	524,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES…..	100,100	97,900	2,200	2.2	100,300
Wholesale Trade………………………………	19,700	19,300	400	2.1	19,500
Retail Trade……………………………………	52,700	52,100	600	1.2	52,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities…..	27,700	26,500	1,200	4.5	28,300
Transportation and Warehousing…………	26,700	25,500	1,200	4.7	27,300
INFORMATION…………………………………	5,600	5,800	-200	-3.4	5,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES………………………	51,500	51,700	-200	-0.4	52,100
Depository Credit Institutions………………	4,700	4,600	100	2.2	4,700
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities…..	35,600	35,900	-300	-0.8	36,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	79,300	77,700	1,600	2.1	76,100
Professional, Scientific………………………	38,300	37,500	800	2.1	37,300
Management of Companies………………	13,200	12,700	500	3.9	13,100
Administrative and Support………………	27,800	27,500	300	1.1	25,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES…….	119,200	116,000	3,200	2.8	119,200
Educational Services………………………	16,000	15,500	500	3.2	15,700
Health Care and Social Assistance………	103,200	100,500	2,700	2.7	103,500
Ambulatory Health Care……………………	34,600	34,200	400	1.2	34,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY…………………	47,800	50,000	-2,200	-4.4	47,500
Accommodation and Food Services………	41,900	41,900	0	0.0	41,600
OTHER SERVICES……………………………	23,800	23,200	600	2.6	23,400
GOVERNMENT …………………………………	100,400	100,800	-400	-0.4	99,800
Federal……………………………………………	5,500	5,800	-300	-5.2	5,600
State & Local…………………………………	94,900	95,000	-100	-0.1	94,200

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

NEW HAVEN LMA

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	294,600	293,900	700	0.2	290,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	260,400	259,200	1,200	0.5	256,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	30,300	29,600	700	2.4	29,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	10,500	10,000	500	5.0	9,800
MANUFACTURING	19,800	19,600	200	1.0	19,800
Durable Goods	13,700	13,900	-200	-1.4	13,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	264,300	264,300	0	0.0	261,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	57,000	56,200	800	1.4	56,900
Wholesale Trade	10,200	10,300	-100	-1.0	10,100
Retail Trade	25,900	26,100	-200	-0.8	25,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	20,900	19,800	1,100	5.6	21,200
INFORMATION	3,300	3,400	-100	-2.9	3,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	10,800	10,800	0	0.0	10,800
Finance and Insurance	6,700	6,900	-200	-2.9	6,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	32,100	32,600	-500	-1.5	31,600
Administrative and Support	16,300	16,700	-400	-2.4	15,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	92,800	91,600	1,200	1.3	90,400
Educational Services	37,200	37,300	-100	-0.3	34,500
Health Care and Social Assistance	55,600	54,300	1,300	2.4	55,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	23,500	24,100	-600	-2.5	23,100
Accommodation and Food Services	19,900	20,200	-300	-1.5	19,800
OTHER SERVICES	10,600	10,900	-300	-2.8	10,400
GOVERNMENT	34,200	34,700	-500	-1.4	34,500
Federal	4,800	5,000	-200	-4.0	5,100
State & Local	29,400	29,700	-300	-1.0	29,400

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HELP WANTED ONLINE

Connecticut HWOL: April 2025

Workforce Area	April 2025 Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads Count	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads Count
Eastern	6,448	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,573	Registered Nurses	374
North Central	26,198	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,137	Registered Nurses	1,473
Northwest	10,009	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,861	Registered Nurses	798
South Central	13,644	Health Care and Social Assistance	3,378	Registered Nurses	963
Southwest	16,410	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,939	Registered Nurses	894

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.**

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WILLIMANTIC LMA

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT................	127,600	126,100	1,500	1.2	127,000
TOTAL PRIVATE.......................................	100,100	98,500	1,600	1.6	99,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES..............	24,900	24,500	400	1.6	24,700
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING........	3,600	3,700	-100	-2.7	3,400
MANUFACTURING...................................	21,300	20,800	500	2.4	21,300
Durable Goods....................................	18,300	17,800	500	2.8	18,300
Non-Durable Goods..............................	3,000	3,000	0	0.0	3,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES..............	102,700	101,600	1,100	1.1	102,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	20,200	20,000	200	1.0	20,300
Wholesale Trade..................................	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,600
Retail Trade.......................................	13,900	14,000	-100	-0.7	13,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	3,700	3,400	300	8.8	3,800
INFORMATION.......................................	1,300	1,300	0	0.0	1,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.............................	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	10,300	9,900	400	4.0	10,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.......	23,500	23,100	400	1.7	23,600
Health Care and Social Assistance...........	20,400	19,800	600	3.0	20,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....................	14,100	14,100	0	0.0	13,800
Accommodation and Food Services..........	12,300	12,100	200	1.7	12,000
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	10,900	10,800	100	0.9	10,700
OTHER SERVICES...................................	3,200	3,000	200	6.7	3,100
GOVERNMENT	27,500	27,600	-100	-0.4	27,600
Federal...	2,800	2,900	-100	-3.4	2,900
State & Local......................................	24,700	24,700	0	0.0	24,700

WATERBURY-SHELTON LMA

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	%	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT................	161,100	159,300	1,800	1.1	159,600
TOTAL PRIVATE.......................................	140,000	138,700	1,300	0.9	138,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES..............	25,800	25,900	-100	-0.4	25,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING........	8,100	7,600	500	6.6	7,500
MANUFACTURING...................................	17,700	18,300	-600	-3.3	17,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES..............	135,300	133,400	1,900	1.4	134,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	30,300	29,600	700	2.4	30,300
Wholesale Trade..................................	6,700	6,500	200	3.1	6,600
Retail Trade.......................................	18,300	18,000	300	1.7	18,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	5,300	5,100	200	3.9	5,400
INFORMATION.......................................	4,600	4,700	-100	-2.1	4,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.............................	5,400	5,400	0	0.0	5,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	18,700	18,900	-200	-1.1	18,100
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.......	36,600	35,600	1,000	2.8	36,500
Health Care and Social Assistance...........	33,500	32,600	900	2.8	33,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....................	13,400	13,500	-100	-0.7	13,000
OTHER SERVICES...................................	5,200	5,100	100	2.0	5,100
GOVERNMENT	21,100	20,600	500	2.4	21,300
Federal...	800	800	0	0.0	800
State & Local......................................	20,300	19,800	500	2.5	20,500

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MICROPOLITAN AREAS

	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	Mar 2025
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
PUTNAM-NORTHEAST	28,500	29,000	-500	-1.7	28,100
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST	37,600	36,900	700	1.9	37,000

NOTE: More industry detail data is available for the State and its five metropolitan and two micropolitan 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.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Labor Market Areas	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE NO.	CHANGE %	Mar 2025
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD-DANBURY............	411,700	407,700	4,000	1.0	409,300
HARTFORD-W.HARTFORD-E.HARTFORD......	609,600	608,600	1,000	0.2	607,400
NEW HAVEN LMA.....................................	294,900	293,600	1,300	0.4	292,900
NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WILLIMANTIC......	128,500	127,100	1,400	1.1	128,300
WATERBURY-SHELTON.............................	162,000	160,400	1,600	1.0	161,200
PUTNAM-NORTHEAST*..............................	28,500	29,000	-500	-1.7	28,100
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST*.......................	37,600	36,900	700	1.9	37,000

* Not seasonally adjusted

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Labor Market Area (Not seasonally adjusted)	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	CHANGE		Mar 2025
				NO.	%	
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,955,400	1,916,200	39,200	2.0	1,947,200
	Employed	1,888,200	1,864,700	23,500	1.3	1,867,400
	Unemployed	67,200	51,500	15,700	30.5	79,800
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	2.7	0.7	---	4.1
Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury	Civilian Labor Force	519,800	509,600	10,200	2.0	517,100
	Employed	502,800	496,900	5,900	1.2	496,800
	Unemployed	17,100	12,700	4,400	34.6	20,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.5	0.8	---	3.9
Hartford-W.Hartford-E.Hartford	Civilian Labor Force	616,400	604,800	11,600	1.9	614,800
	Employed	595,100	588,100	7,000	1.2	589,700
	Unemployed	21,300	16,700	4,600	27.5	25,100
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	2.8	0.7	---	4.1
New Haven	Civilian Labor Force	318,900	313,500	5,400	1.7	316,900
	Employed	308,100	305,200	2,900	1.0	304,200
	Unemployed	10,800	8,200	2,600	31.7	12,700
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	2.6	0.8	---	4.0
Norwich-New London-Willimantic	Civilian Labor Force	143,800	140,200	3,600	2.6	143,800
	Employed	139,200	136,400	2,800	2.1	138,200
	Unemployed	4,700	3,800	900	23.7	5,600
	Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.7	0.5	---	3.9
Putnam-Northeast	Civilian Labor Force	42,700	41,700	1,000	2.4	42,100
	Employed	41,100	40,700	400	1.0	40,300
	Unemployed	1,600	1,100	500	45.5	1,900
	Unemployment Rate	3.7	2.6	1.1	---	4.4
Torrington-Northwest	Civilian Labor Force	46,600	45,300	1,300	2.9	46,200
	Employed	45,100	44,200	900	2.0	44,200
	Unemployed	1,500	1,100	400	36.4	2,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.5	0.8	---	4.3
Waterbury-Shelton	Civilian Labor Force	242,300	237,000	5,300	2.2	241,700
	Employed	232,800	229,600	3,200	1.4	230,400
	Unemployed	9,500	7,400	2,100	28.4	11,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.1	0.8	---	4.7
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	170,622,000	167,484,000	3,138,000	1.9	170,653,000
	Employed	164,043,000	161,590,000	2,453,000	1.5	163,412,000
	Unemployed	6,580,000	5,894,000	686,000	11.6	7,242,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.5	0.4	---	4.2

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Apr 2025	2024	CHG Y/Y	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	2024	CHG Y/Y	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	2024	CHG Y/Y	Mar 2025
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	$1,201.96	$1,228.64	-$26.68	$1,234.28	39.8	38.6	1.2	40.1	$30.20	$31.83	-$1.63	$30.78
DURABLE GOODS	1,249.08	1,309.77	-60.69	1,282.62	38.9	38.5	0.4	39.2	32.11	34.02	-1.91	32.72
NON-DUR. GOODS	1,069.73	998.95	70.77	1,086.29	42.5	38.9	3.6	42.7	25.17	25.68	-0.51	25.44
CONSTRUCTION	1,555.36	1,459.37	96.00	1,581.60	38.3	37.7	0.6	39.1	40.61	38.71	1.90	40.45
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,287.41	1,266.38	21.03	1,306.61	33.5	33.6	-0.1	33.4	38.43	37.69	0.74	39.12
GOODS PRODUCING	1,535.77	1,494.21	41.56	1,544.81	38.5	38.6	-0.1	38.2	39.89	38.71	1.18	40.44
Construction	1,617.46	1,502.34	115.12	1,617.92	37.2	36.5	0.7	37.4	43.48	41.16	2.32	43.26
Manufacturing	1,484.41	1,459.53	24.88	1,485.69	39.5	38.9	0.6	38.7	37.58	37.52	0.06	38.39
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,243.04	1,225.60	17.44	1,266.84	32.6	32.7	-0.1	32.6	38.13	37.48	0.65	38.86
Trade, Transp., Utilities	1,025.90	972.87	53.03	1,004.56	31.9	31.7	0.2	31.8	32.16	30.69	1.47	31.59
Financial Activities	2,143.64	2,219.96	-76.32	2,170.94	37.1	38.0	-0.9	38.1	57.78	58.42	-0.64	56.98
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,578.96	1,584.07	-5.11	1,641.67	36.0	36.1	-0.1	36.2	43.86	43.88	-0.02	45.35
Education & Health Ser.	1,198.22	1,130.77	67.45	1,192.29	32.9	32.7	0.2	33.0	36.42	34.58	1.84	36.13
Leisure & Hospitality	649.97	614.64	35.33	634.92	26.4	26.0	0.4	26.0	24.62	23.64	0.98	24.42
Other Services	862.51	934.51	-72.00	863.08	28.4	30.7	-2.3	28.4	30.37	30.44	-0.07	30.39
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury	1,325.68	1,305.46	20.22	1,377.08	33.2	33.1	0.1	33.4	39.93	39.44	0.49	41.23
Hartford-W.Hartford-E.Hartford	1,287.41	1,293.29	-5.88	1,313.76	33.5	33.9	-0.4	33.6	38.43	38.15	0.28	39.10
New Haven	1,271.66	1,186.64	85.02	1,241.02	33.5	32.6	0.9	33.2	37.96	36.40	1.56	37.38
Norwich-New London-Willimantic	1,145.66	1,087.72	57.94	1,155.01	32.4	32.2	0.2	32.2	35.36	33.78	1.58	35.87
Waterbury-Shelton	1,165.88	1,090.32	75.56	1,163.14	34.1	33.6	0.5	34.2	34.19	32.45	1.74	34.01

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- Groton-based Electric Boat gets $12.4 billion contract modification for Virginia-class submarines

- Five Iron Golf picks Norwalk for first Connecticut location this fall

- PeoplesBank continues 2025 expansion into Connecticut with two new branches

Layoffs and Closures

- Smithland Pet & Garden Centers to close 13 stores in Connecticut and Massachusetts

- Rite Aid is closing stores, including in Connecticut

- Antique flea market in Bridgeport to close

- TransAxle LLC, a manufacturer of heavy-duty truck parts, in Killingly to close

- Liberty Bank to close three Connecticut branches

- Rosemary's Bakery in Watertown to close this summer

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

APRIL 2025

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD-DANBURY				
	519,841	**502,790**	**17,051**	**3.3**
BETHEL	12,182	11,754	428	3.5
BRIDGEPORT	78,597	74,970	3,627	4.6
BRIDGEWATER	903	881	22	2.4
BROOKFIELD	9,618	9,310	308	3.2
DANBURY	49,596	48,118	1,478	3.0
DARIEN	10,524	10,279	245	2.3
EASTON	4,008	3,897	111	2.8
FAIRFIELD	32,175	31,222	953	3.0
GREENWICH	31,534	30,668	866	2.7
MONROE	10,842	10,533	309	2.9
NEW CANAAN	9,495	9,224	271	2.9
NEW FAIRFIELD	7,011	6,788	223	3.2
NEW MILFORD	15,840	15,333	507	3.2
NEWTOWN	14,901	14,498	403	2.7
NORWALK	54,515	52,776	1,739	3.2
REDDING	4,352	4,207	145	3.3
RIDGEFIELD	12,579	12,239	340	2.7
SHERMAN	2,052	1,997	55	2.7
STAMFORD	82,421	79,898	2,523	3.1
STRATFORD	29,360	28,224	1,136	3.9
TRUMBULL	18,925	18,337	588	3.1
WESTON	5,424	5,286	138	2.5
WESTPORT	13,047	12,667	380	2.9
WILTON	9,937	9,683	254	2.6
HARTFORD-WEST HARTFORD-EAST HARTFORD				
	616,438	**595,116**	**21,322**	**3.5**
ANDOVER	1,845	1,797	48	2.6
AVON	9,678	9,412	266	2.7
BERLIN	11,559	11,207	352	3.0
BLOOMFIELD	11,689	11,272	417	3.6
BOLTON	2,728	2,650	78	2.9
CANTON	5,100	4,942	158	3.1
CHESTER	1,927	1,871	56	2.9
CLINTON	7,778	7,591	187	2.4
COLUMBIA	2,771	2,688	83	3.0
COVENTRY	6,574	6,365	209	3.2
CROMWELL	7,468	7,201	267	3.6
DURHAM	4,468	4,373	95	2.1
EAST GRANBY	2,735	2,660	75	2.7
EAST HADDAM	4,654	4,506	148	3.2
EAST HAMPTON	7,045	6,818	227	3.2
EAST HARTFORD	26,514	25,261	1,253	4.7
EAST WINDSOR	6,496	6,264	232	3.6
ELLINGTON	9,048	8,765	283	3.1
ENFIELD	21,747	20,995	752	3.5
ESSEX	3,886	3,794	92	2.4
FARMINGTON	14,972	14,572	400	2.7
GLASTONBURY	19,432	18,955	477	2.5
GRANBY	6,122	5,952	170	2.8
HADDAM	4,804	4,685	119	2.5
HARTFORD	56,982	53,879	3,103	5.4

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
HARTFORD-WEST HARTFORD-EAST HARTFORD cont...				
HEBRON	4,924	4,780	144	2.9
KILLINGWORTH	3,088	3,015	73	2.4
LYME	1,292	1,256	36	2.8
MANCHESTER	32,513	31,301	1,212	3.7
MANSFIELD	11,749	11,384	365	3.1
MARLBOROUGH	3,283	3,176	107	3.3
MIDDLEFIELD	2,304	2,241	63	2.7
MIDDLETOWN	27,177	26,278	899	3.3
NEW BRITAIN	37,782	35,864	1,918	5.1
NEWINGTON	17,589	17,109	480	2.7
OLD LYME	4,036	3,934	102	2.5
OLD SAYBROOK	5,739	5,604	135	2.4
PLAINVILLE	10,428	10,068	360	3.5
PORTLAND	5,137	4,987	150	2.9
ROCKY HILL	11,340	10,996	344	3.0
DEEP RIVER	2,628	2,545	83	3.2
SIMSBURY	13,270	12,917	353	2.7
SOMERS	5,011	4,862	149	3.0
SOUTHINGTON	24,679	24,002	677	2.7
SOUTH WINDSOR	14,400	13,985	415	2.9
STAFFORD	6,225	6,001	224	3.6
SUFFIELD	8,040	7,808	232	2.9
TOLLAND	8,426	8,204	222	2.6
VERNON	16,875	16,243	632	3.7
WESTBROOK	3,950	3,838	112	2.8
WEST HARTFORD	34,817	33,876	941	2.7
WETHERSFIELD	14,886	14,462	424	2.8
WILLINGTON	2,942	2,856	86	2.9
WINDSOR	16,650	16,068	582	3.5
WINDSOR LOCKS	7,236	6,984	252	3.5
NEW HAVEN				
	318,942	**308,095**	**10,847**	**3.4**
BETHANY	3,384	3,306	78	2.3
BRANFORD	16,568	16,069	499	3.0
EAST HAVEN	16,273	15,684	589	3.6
GUILFORD	11,493	11,178	315	2.7
HAMDEN	34,741	33,606	1,135	3.3
MADISON	9,637	9,389	248	2.6
MERIDEN	32,545	31,187	1,358	4.2
MILFORD	32,640	31,727	913	2.8
NEW HAVEN	72,176	69,333	2,843	3.9
NORTH BRANFORD	7,689	7,435	254	3.3
NORTH HAVEN	14,122	13,720	402	2.8
ORANGE	7,810	7,607	203	2.6
WALLINGFORD	25,595	24,835	760	3.0
WEST HAVEN	29,548	28,415	1,133	3.8
WOODBRIDGE	4,720	4,605	115	2.4

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.

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LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WILLIMANTIC				
	143,819	**139,161**	**4,658**	**3.2**
BOZRAH	1,397	1,351	46	3.3
COLCHESTER	8,663	8,391	272	3.1
EAST LYME	9,355	9,106	249	2.7
FRANKLIN	983	944	39	4.0
GRISWOLD	6,631	6,406	225	3.4
GROTON	17,984	17,470	514	2.9
LEBANON	3,947	3,844	103	2.6
LEDYARD	8,039	7,790	249	3.1
LISBON	2,112	2,050	62	2.9
MONTVILLE	9,712	9,441	271	2.8
NEW LONDON	13,704	13,201	503	3.7
NORTH STONINGTON	2,791	2,717	74	2.7
NORWICH	20,336	19,561	775	3.8
PRESTON	2,450	2,367	83	3.4
SALEM	2,284	2,225	59	2.6
SPRAGUE	1,610	1,550	60	3.7
STONINGTON	9,725	9,413	312	3.2
WATERFORD	10,339	10,031	308	3.0
WINDHAM	11,757	11,303	454	3.9

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
PUTNAM-NORTHEAST				
	51,555	**49,700**	**1,855**	**3.6**
ASHFORD	2,021	1,962	59	2.9
BROOKLYN	4,178	4,036	142	3.4
CANTERBURY	2,737	2,654	83	3.0
CHAPLIN	1,305	1,264	41	3.1
EASTFORD	939	903	36	3.8
HAMPTON	915	892	23	2.5
KILLINGLY	9,179	8,788	391	4.3
PLAINFIELD	8,306	8,007	299	3.6
POMFRET	2,318	2,258	60	2.6
PUTNAM	4,861	4,681	180	3.7
SCOTLAND	825	792	33	4.0
STERLING	1,737	1,660	77	4.4
THOMPSON	5,619	5,408	211	3.8
UNION	424	405	19	4.5
VOLUNTOWN	1,558	1,517	41	2.6
WOODSTOCK	4,633	4,473	160	3.5

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST				
	46,597	**45,059**	**1,538**	**3.3**
BARKHAMSTED	2,088	2,034	54	2.6
BURLINGTON	5,421	5,264	157	2.9
CANAAN	572	554	18	3.1
COLEBROOK	820	801	19	2.3
CORNWALL	862	845	17	2.0
GOSHEN	1,909	1,855	54	2.8
HARTLAND	1,153	1,124	29	2.5
HARWINTON	3,257	3,161	96	2.9
KENT	1,438	1,396	42	2.9
LITCHFIELD	4,503	4,381	122	2.7
MORRIS	1,283	1,240	43	3.4
NEW HARTFORD	3,990	3,878	112	2.8
NORFOLK	857	829	28	3.3
NORTH CANAAN	1,448	1,407	41	2.8
ROXBURY	1,395	1,361	34	2.4
SALISBURY	2,028	1,977	51	2.5
SHARON	1,606	1,569	37	2.3
TORRINGTON	19,700	18,961	739	3.8
WARREN	735	712	23	3.1
WASHINGTON	2,023	1,959	64	3.2
WINCHESTER	5,418	5,212	206	3.8

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
WATERBURY-SHELTON				
	242,293	**232,792**	**9,501**	**3.9**
ANSONIA	10,637	10,198	439	4.1
BEACON FALLS	3,622	3,502	120	3.3
BETHLEHEM	1,833	1,771	62	3.4
BRISTOL	35,019	33,750	1,269	3.6
CHESHIRE	14,303	13,898	405	2.8
DERBY	6,697	6,409	288	4.3
MIDDLEBURY	4,085	3,967	118	2.9
NAUGATUCK	18,662	17,962	700	3.8
OXFORD	7,296	7,089	207	2.8
PLYMOUTH	6,701	6,440	261	3.9
PROSPECT	4,915	4,774	141	2.9
SEYMOUR	9,631	9,316	315	3.3
SHELTON	23,027	22,279	748	3.2
SOUTHBURY	10,068	9,725	343	3.4
THOMASTON	4,438	4,286	152	3.4
WATERBURY	53,687	50,614	3,073	5.7
WATERTOWN	12,692	12,306	386	3.0
WOLCOTT	9,635	9,319	316	3.3
WOODBURY	5,346	5,187	159	3.0

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,955,400	1,888,200	67,200	3.4
UNITED STATES	170,622,000	164,043,000	6,580,000	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,960,200	1,888,000	72,200	3.7
UNITED STATES	171,109,000	163,944,000	7,165,000	4.2

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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.

HOUSING PERMIT ACTIVITY BY TOWN

TOWN	APR 2025	YR TO DATE 2025	2024	TOWN	APR 2025	YR TO DATE 2025	2024	TOWN	APR 2025	YR TO DATE 2025	2024
Andover	0	0	0	Griswold	1	3	2	Preston	1	2	1
Ansonia	1	4	1	Groton	3	3	1	Prospect	0	3	0
Ashford	0	0	0	Guilford	3	14	3	Putnam	0	0	1
Avon	1	4	2	Haddam	2	6	1	Redding	1	2	1
Barkhamsted	0	2	1	Hamden	4	20	0	Ridgefield	0	2	1
Beacon Falls	1	2	1	Hampton	1	1	0	Rocky Hill	0	0	0
Berlin	3	17	1	Hartford	0	12	11	Roxbury	2	3	1
Bethany	0	0	1	Hartland	0	0	1	Salem	0	2	0
Bethel	14	43	6	Harwinton	1	9	1	Salisbury	0	0	0
Bethlehem	1	1	0	Hebron	2	5	1	Scotland	0	1	0
Bloomfield	0	24	0	Kent	1	3	1	Seymour	0	4	0
Bolton	0	0	0	Killingly	3	7	5	Sharon	0	2	1
Bozrah	0	1	0	Killingworth	1	5	1	Shelton	3	7	0
Branford	0	9	1	Lebanon	0	3	2	Sherman	1	3	1
Bridgeport	0	13	5	Ledyard	0	0	3	Simsbury	1	36	1
Bridgewater	0	2	1	Lisbon	0	2	1	Somers	1	2	0
Bristol	0	5	3	Litchfield	0	1	0	South Windsor	1	4	2
Brookfield	1	10	1	Lyme	0	1	1	Southbury	1	5	1
Brooklyn	5	11	1	Madison	0	2	1	Southington	10	23	19
Burlington	4	7	1	Manchester	0	8	2	Sprague	0	1	0
Canaan	0	0	0	Mansfield	0	0	31	Stafford	3	3	1
Canterbury	1	2	0	Marlborough	0	0	0	Stamford	170	187	4
Canton	3	5	1	Meriden	2	3	1	Sterling	1	8	1
Chaplin	0	0	0	Middlebury	2	7	0	Stonington	4	13	3
Cheshire	10	28	10	Middlefield	1	3	1	Stratford	0	1	0
Chester	0	0	0	Middletown	2	5	2	Suffield	2	2	2
Clinton	0	7	1	Milford	10	36	9	Thomaston	0	0	0
Colchester	2	5	2	Monroe	3	5	2	Thompson	1	3	1
Colebrook	0	0	0	Montville	1	4	2	Tolland	2	13	0
Columbia	0	1	0	Morris	1	2	1	Torrington	1	2	1
Cornwall	0	0	0	Naugatuck	1	5	1	Trumbull	1	2	1
Coventry	2	9	2	New Britain	1	1	0	Union	0	0	0
Cromwell	1	4	1	New Canaan	0	8	7	Vernon	0	1	0
Danbury	3	12	1	New Fairfield	0	0	0	Voluntown	0	2	1
Darien	1	7	2	New Hartford	1	2	1	Wallingford	2	7	2
Deep River	0	0	1	New Haven	86	192	89	Warren	1	1	0
Derby	0	34	14	New London	1	2	0	Washington	0	1	1
Durham	1	3	0	New Milford	4	16	4	Waterbury	1	1	5
East Granby	6	7	1	Newington	0	4	1	Waterford	11	15	0
East Haddam	1	6	3	Newtown	0	13	1	Watertown	0	6	6
East Hampton	4	7	2	Norfolk	0	0	1	West Hartford	79	212	1
East Hartford	0	2	1	North Branford	0	4	0	West Haven	2	3	3
East Haven	0	0	7	North Canaan	1	1	0	Westbrook	0	4	1
East Lyme	8	19	1	North Haven	1	2	0	Weston	0	4	0
East Windsor	1	1	4	North Stonington	11	16	0	Westport	11	23	1
Eastford	1	1	1	Norwalk	27	107	1	Wethersfield	1	2	1
Easton	1	1	1	Norwich	0	7	0	Willington	0	2	0
Ellington	1	8	1	Old Lyme	11	18	1	Wilton	0	0	0
Enfield	0	1	0	Old Saybrook	6	11	6	Winchester	0	0	0
Essex	0	1	0	Orange	0	0	0	Windham	1	1	1
Fairfield	3	13	94	Oxford	1	4	1	Windsor	3	5	2
Farmington	0	4	1	Plainfield	3	8	0	Windsor Locks	0	1	0
Franklin	1	3	1	Plainville	0	0	1	Wolcott	2	6	2
Glastonbury	3	6	2	Plymouth	0	2	1	Woodbridge	3	12	3
Goshen	3	5	2	Pomfret	1	3	2	Woodbury	1	3	2
Granby	0	2	87	Portland	1	3	1	Woodstock	1	3	1
Greenwich	6	34	4								

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS
Registrations and terminations of business entities as recorded with the U.S. Census Bureau 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 Census's business formations include limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and foreign-owned (out-of-state) and domestic-owned (in-state) corporations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LABOR MARKET AREAS
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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.....	4.1	CT Mfg. Production Index.........	3.2	Occupancy Rate...................	1.2
Coincident General Drift Indicator.	1.3	Production Worker Hours........	-0.8	Tourism Website Visitors........	30.4
Connecticut Real GDP................	1.8	Industrial Electricity Sales........	2.4	Air Passenger Count............	5.0
United States Real GDP.............	2.5			Gaming Slots......................	-2.1
New England Real GDP.............	2.6	**Personal Income....................**	4.7		
Connecticut PCPI.......................	4.0	**UI Covered Wages..................**	4.9	**Employment Cost Index (U.S.)**	
United States PCPI....................	4.1			Total...................................	3.4
New England PCPI....................	4.3	**Business Activity**		Wages & Salaries................	3.4
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index....	1.3	New Housing Permits...........	11.5	Benefit Costs......................	3.5
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index...	2.3	Electricity Sales...................	1.3	**Consumer Prices**	
		Construction Contracts Index.	-0.3	U.S. City Average................	2.3
		New Auto Registrations........	14.6	Northeast Region................	3.1
Total Nonfarm Employment......	0.7	Exports.............................	3.2	NY-Newark-Jersey City.........	3.9
		S&P 500: Monthly Close.......	10.6	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	2.5
Labor Force............................	1.2	**Business Starts**		**Interest Rates**	
Employed..............................	0.7	Business Formation.............	7.2	Prime................................	-1.00 *
Unemployed...........................	18.8	Dept. of Labor.....................	-23.8	Conventional Mortgage........	-0.26 *
Unemployment Rate................	0.6 *				
Labor Force Participation Rate...	0.3 *	**Business Terminations**			
Employment-Population Ratio...	-0.1 *	Dept. of Labor.....................	-23.8		
Average Weekly Initial Claims..	-0.1	**State Revenues...................**	10.2		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate........	-0.05 *	Corporate Tax......................	-30.4		
U-6 Rate................................	0.2 *	Personal Income Tax............	20.8		
		Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	17.9	*Percentage point change*	
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs......	3.1	Sales & Use Tax...................	-19.5	*Less than 0.05 percent*	
PW Avg Hourly Earnings..........	-5.1	Gaming Payments...............	-0.6	*NA = Not Available*	
PW Avg Weekly Earnings........	-2.2				

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