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**In January...**

**Nonfarm Employment**

Connecticut ..... 1,697,800  
 Change over month ..... +0.06%  
 Change over year ..... +0.68%

United States ..... 150,574,000  
 Change over month ..... +0.20%  
 Change over year ..... +1.90%

**Unemployment Rate**

Connecticut ..... 3.8%  
 United States ..... 4.0%

**Consumer Price Index**

United States ..... 251.712  
 Change over year ..... +1.6%

## Connecticut's Overall Economy Improves in 2018

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**A**lthough employment growth slowed in Connecticut, the overall economy did pick up in 2018. The revised total nonfarm employment increased for the eighth consecutive year, while the unemployment rate has been falling since 2011. Moreover, real personal income has increased for the last five years, and the value of annual diffusion index of 57 state economic indicators rose higher than in 2016 and 2017.

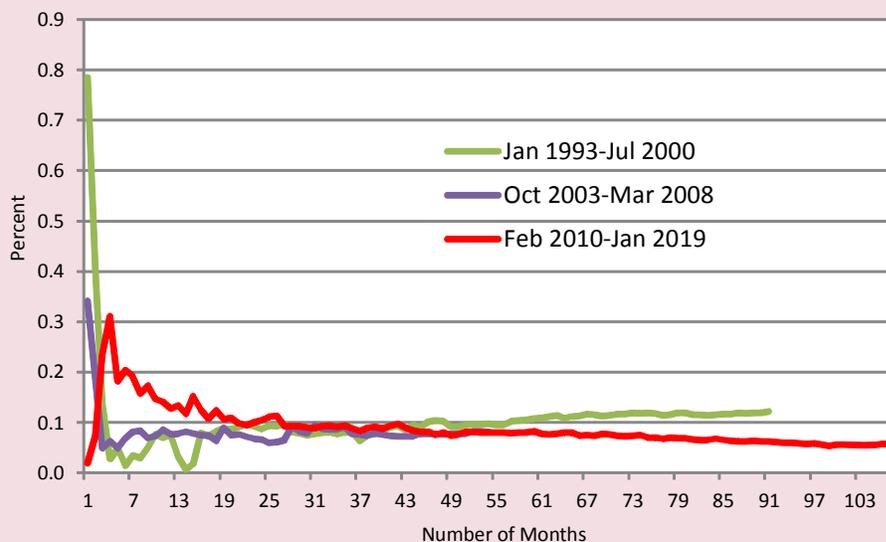
**Nonfarm Employment**

After our latest annual revision, Connecticut gained (based on annual average, not

seasonally adjusted data) 1,600 jobs (+0.1%) in 2018, which was fewer than the 3,500 jobs (+0.2%) in 2017. By contrast, employment grew much faster in the nation (1.6% in 2017 and 1.7% in 2018).

The past two years of Connecticut's employment recovery has been the slowest of the last eight years. In fact, the current 2010-2019 monthly job recovery rate has been trending downward, averaging below 0.1 percent throughout the most of its 107-month employment recovery so far through January 2019. In contrast, the 2003-2008 recovery period showed a rising recovery rate, and during the 1993-2000 period, the monthly job

**CHART 1. CT Monthly Job Recovery Rate (Cumulative Average)**



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growth rate rose steadily, increasing above the 0.1 percent threshold in later years of its employment recovery (Chart 1).

**Unemployment**

A number of unemployment indicators do point to a healthier labor market situation. Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) were again revised back to 2010, due to changes in one of the input components, nonfarm employment. The annual average unemployment rate has trended downward over the past eight years, with last year's 4.1% being the lowest since 2001 (3.1%). Meanwhile, the nation's rate fell from 4.4% in 2017 to 3.9% in 2018.

In addition, the U-6 rate, a broader measure of labor underutilization which also includes those who are marginally attached workers and part-timers that want full-time work, fell from 10.1% in 2017 to 8.9% in 2018 for the state, the lowest rate since 2007's 8.2%. Moreover, the number of average weekly initial claims for unemployment dropped in 2018 (3,515) for the seventh straight year to the lowest level since 2000 (3,426). Also, the insured unemployment rate fell for the ninth consecutive year to 2.18%

in 2018, the lowest rate since 2000 (1.77%).

**Employment by Industry**

As shown in the table on page 3, Connecticut has added jobs for the eighth year. Seven of the ten major industry sectors gained jobs over the year, up from five in 2017.

Manufacturing, once again, led the employment growth (1.0%), adding 1,600 jobs, after breaking a five-year losing streak in 2017. Education and health services and leisure and hospitality continued to add jobs last year as well.

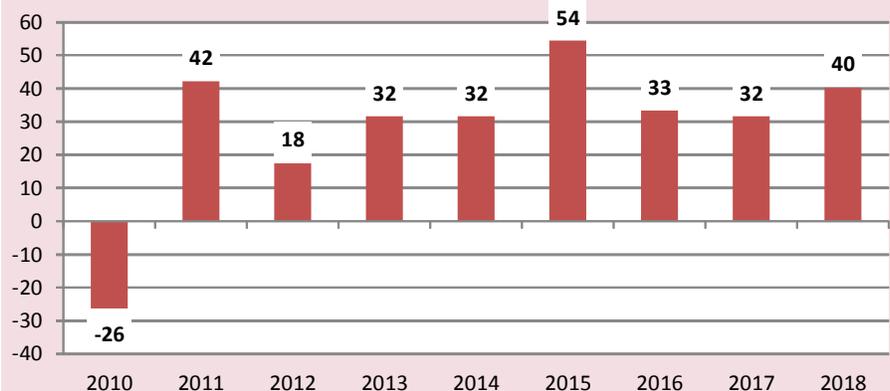
On the other hand, the financial activities sector has lost jobs three years in a row, and experienced the fastest employment decline (-1.4%) from 2017. The government sector also continued to shed jobs, losing employment every year since 2009.

**Employment by LMA**

In 2018, six of nine labor market areas (LMAs) in Connecticut added jobs, up from four in 2017. The biggest job growth occurred in the Waterbury LMA, while the Norwich-New London-Westerly region lost employment last

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**CHART 2. CT Annual Diffusion Index (ADI) of 57 Economic Indicators, 2010-2018**

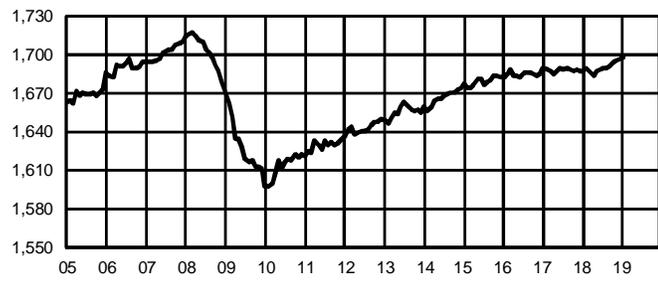


## Connecticut Economic Indicators, 2009-2018 (Annual Averages/Totals)

| STATEWIDE   | 2009       | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (000s)</b>                      |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| TOTAL NONFARM.....                                    | 1,630.8    | 1,612.3    | 1,628.3    | 1,642.2    | 1,654.8    | 1,666.1    | 1,678.9    | 1,683.9    | 1,687.4    | 1,689.0    |
| TOTAL PRIVATE.....                                    | 1,376.1    | 1,361.5    | 1,381.3    | 1,396.6    | 1,409.5    | 1,421.2    | 1,435.2    | 1,443.0    | 1,448.9    | 1,452.3    |
| GOODS PRODUCING.....                                  | 223.6      | 213.3      | 215.4      | 213.9      | 214.2      | 213.4      | 215.5      | 216.3      | 217.7      | 219.4      |
| SERVICE PROVIDING.....                                | 1,407.1    | 1,399.0    | 1,412.9    | 1,428.3    | 1,440.5    | 1,452.7    | 1,463.4    | 1,467.6    | 1,469.7    | 1,469.6    |
| MINING.....   | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.5        |
| CONSTRUCTION.....                                     | 54.6       | 50.0       | 51.5       | 51.4       | 53.4       | 55.6       | 58.0       | 59.2       | 58.4       | 58.6       |
| MANUFACTURING.....                                    | 168.4      | 162.8      | 163.4      | 161.9      | 160.3      | 157.3      | 157.0      | 156.5      | 158.7      | 160.3      |
| Durable Goods.....                                    | 131.9      | 127.4      | 128.5      | 128.4      | 127.1      | 124.1      | 123.6      | 122.8      | 124.3      | 125.9      |
| Non-Durable Goods.....                                | 36.5       | 35.4       | 34.9       | 33.5       | 33.1       | 33.2       | 33.3       | 33.7       | 34.4       | 34.4       |
| TRADE, TRANSPORT., UTILITIES.....                     | 288.2      | 285.1      | 288.0      | 290.5      | 293.2      | 295.0      | 296.3      | 297.3      | 297.1      | 296.5      |
| Wholesale Trade.....                                  | 64.1       | 61.9       | 62.2       | 62.2       | 62.1       | 61.8       | 61.6       | 61.5       | 61.5       | 61.5       |
| Retail Trade.....                                     | 178.5      | 178.3      | 180.1      | 181.8      | 183.1      | 184.3      | 184.7      | 184.7      | 183.5      | 180.7      |
| Transport., Warehousing, & Utilities.....             | 45.7       | 45.0       | 45.8       | 46.6       | 47.9       | 48.8       | 50.1       | 51.1       | 52.1       | 54.3       |
| INFORMATION.....                                      | 34.4       | 31.8       | 31.4       | 31.4       | 32.1       | 32.1       | 32.5       | 32.4       | 31.6       | 31.9       |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....                             | 137.6      | 135.2      | 135.0      | 133.1      | 130.6      | 128.7      | 130.1      | 129.5      | 127.9      | 126.1      |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERV.....                     | 194.9      | 194.9      | 201.1      | 207.0      | 210.2      | 215.1      | 219.2      | 219.1      | 219.6      | 220.5      |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERV.....                        | 302.4      | 306.9      | 313.0      | 317.1      | 320.4      | 324.1      | 326.6      | 329.8      | 333.3      | 334.9      |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....                          | 133.7      | 133.6      | 137.1      | 142.2      | 146.8      | 149.9      | 151.2      | 154.0      | 156.6      | 157.7      |
| OTHER SERVICES.....                                   | 61.3       | 60.5       | 60.3       | 61.5       | 61.9       | 62.9       | 63.9       | 64.7       | 65.1       | 65.4       |
| GOVERNMENT.....                                       | 254.7      | 250.8      | 247.0      | 245.6      | 245.3      | 244.8      | 243.7      | 240.9      | 238.5      | 236.7      |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN LABOR MARKET AREAS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Bridgeport-Stamford.....                              | 390.9      | 389.1      | 393.2      | 397.9      | 402.3      | 405.7      | 409.7      | 410.5      | 407.6      | 408.1      |
| Danbury.....  | 73.2       | 72.5       | 74.0       | 75.2       | 76.3       | 77.4       | 78.3       | 78.3       | 77.9       | 77.4       |
| Hartford.....   | 554.9      | 549.5      | 554.2      | 558.9      | 563.7      | 569.1      | 574.5      | 575.9      | 578.3      | 581.9      |
| New Haven.....  | 267.4      | 265.1      | 267.4      | 271.9      | 274.9      | 277.5      | 279.5      | 281.8      | 284.1      | 285.4      |
| Norwich-New London-Westerly.....                      | 131.9      | 130.1      | 129.5      | 128.3      | 128.1      | 127.0      | 127.4      | 128.4      | 130.2      | 129.9      |
| Waterbury.....  | 66.3       | 65.0       | 65.7       | 66.7       | 67.3       | 67.4       | 67.4       | 67.7       | 67.8       | 68.9       |
| Enfield.....  | 45.3       | 44.2       | 44.8       | 45.1       | 44.5       | 44.9       | 45.5       | 44.9       | 44.9       | 45.0       |
| Torrington-Northwest.....                             | 33.0       | 32.3       | 32.5       | 32.7       | 32.9       | 33.0       | 33.1       | 33.0       | 32.5       | 32.7       |
| Danielson-Northeast.....                              | 26.1       | 25.7       | 25.9       | 26.1       | 26.8       | 27.2       | 27.0       | 27.0       | 26.9       | 26.8       |
| <b>ALL EMPLOYEES HOURS &amp; EARNINGS</b>             |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Total Private Average Weekly Hours.....               | 33.0       | 33.3       | 33.9       | 34.0       | 33.6       | 33.6       | 33.5       | 33.6       | 33.7       | 33.9       |
| Real Tot Priv Avg Hrlly Earn (82-84\$).....           | \$12.96    | \$12.88    | \$12.56    | \$12.26    | \$12.01    | \$11.90    | \$12.29    | \$12.68    | \$12.71    | \$12.76    |
| Real Tot Priv Avg Wkly Earn (82-84\$).....            | \$427.84   | \$428.84   | \$425.63   | \$416.72   | \$403.37   | \$399.72   | \$411.87   | \$425.95   | \$428.49   | \$432.50   |
| <b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>                                   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Labor Force (000s).....                               | 1,891.1    | 1,911.7    | 1,914.8    | 1,887.4    | 1,863.3    | 1,887.4    | 1,888.9    | 1,891.3    | 1,896.9    | 1,905.3    |
| Employed (000s).....                                  | 1,741.0    | 1,737.4    | 1,746.0    | 1,729.8    | 1,717.8    | 1,762.6    | 1,780.8    | 1,793.9    | 1,807.5    | 1,827.1    |
| Unemployed (000s).....                                | 150.1      | 174.3      | 168.8      | 157.6      | 145.6      | 124.9      | 108.0      | 97.4       | 89.4       | 78.2       |
| Unemployment Rate.....                                | 7.9%       | 9.1%       | 8.8%       | 8.3%       | 7.8%       | 6.6%       | 5.7%       | 5.1%       | 4.7%       | 4.1%       |
| Average Weekly Initial Claims.....                    | 6,414      | 5,414      | 5,450      | 5,081      | 4,792      | 4,290      | 3,910      | 3,879      | 3,716      | 3,515      |
| Insured Unemployment Rate.....                        | 5.14%      | 4.32%      | 3.79%      | 3.57%      | 3.34%      | 3.02%      | 2.61%      | 2.50%      | 2.36%      | 2.18%      |
| U-6 Rate.....   | 14.4%      | 15.7%      | 15.4%      | 14.7%      | 13.9%      | 12.6%      | 10.9%      | 10.8%      | 10.1%      | 8.9%       |
| <b>MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY</b>                         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Average Weekly Hours.....                             | 40.8       | 41.2       | 40.6       | 40.5       | 41.1       | 40.8       | 40.5       | 42.6       | 41.6       | 41.3       |
| Real Average Hourly Earnings (82-84\$).....           | \$11.00    | \$11.07    | \$11.19    | \$10.58    | \$9.50     | \$9.62     | \$11.07    | \$11.41    | \$10.46    | \$10.67    |
| Real Average Weekly Earnings (82-84\$).....           | \$448.81   | \$456.24   | \$454.26   | \$428.68   | \$390.51   | \$392.44   | \$448.38   | \$486.13   | \$435.21   | \$440.82   |
| CT Mfg. Production Index (2009=100).....              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>INCOME (mil.\$)</b>                                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Real Personal Income, SA (1982-84 \$).....            | \$99,621   | \$102,078  | \$101,848  | \$101,785  | \$98,409   | \$101,318  | \$103,795  | \$103,961  | \$105,138  | \$105,491  |
| Real UI Covered Wages, SA (1982-84 \$).....           | \$43,385   | \$43,449   | \$43,787   | \$43,879   | \$43,763   | \$44,532   | \$45,842   | \$45,701   | \$45,304   | \$45,752   |
| <b>OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS</b>                      |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| New Housing Permits.....                              | 3,343      | 3,765      | 3,113      | 5,240      | 5,762      | 5,297      | 5,883      | 5,341      | 4,606      | 4,570      |
| Construction Contracts (1980=100).....                | 284.5      | 280.7      | 283.4      | 269.2      | 389.2      | 320.6      | 412.6      | 321.8      | 456.0      | 382.2      |
| New Auto Registrations.....                           | 146,994    | 152,079    | 178,571    | 186,452    | 195,819    | 197,779    | 168,269    | 267,284    | 223,577    | 222,223    |
| Exports (bil.\$).....                                 | \$13.98    | \$16.03    | \$16.23    | \$15.87    | \$16.43    | \$15.96    | \$15.24    | \$14.39    | \$14.78    | \$17.40    |
| S&P 500: Monthly Close (December).....                | 1,115.10   | 1,257.64   | 1,257.60   | 1,426.19   | 1,848.36   | 2,058.90   | 2,043.94   | 2,238.83   | 2,673.61   | 2,506.85   |
| Total All Taxes (mil.\$).....                         | \$12,188.1 | \$12,862.7 | \$14,337.7 | \$15,825.5 | \$16,892.6 | \$16,379.1 | \$18,563.9 | \$17,302.4 | \$17,770.1 | \$19,854.9 |
| Corporate Tax (mil.\$).....                           | \$646.3    | \$645.1    | \$801.0    | \$717.5    | \$852.5    | \$691.3    | \$846.3    | \$988.6    | \$968.9    | \$1,297.2  |
| Personal Income Tax (mil.\$).....                     | \$6,324.7  | \$6,766.0  | \$7,672.3  | \$8,300.6  | \$8,819.3  | \$8,790.7  | \$9,913.9  | \$9,158.5  | \$9,436.0  | \$10,496.8 |
| Real Estate Conveyance Tax (mil.\$).....              | \$87.6     | \$94.8     | \$112.1    | \$140.4    | \$168.7    | \$182.8    | \$212.6    | \$207.5    | \$201.5    | \$212.2    |
| Sales & Use Tax (mil.\$).....                         | \$3,214.8  | \$3,233.3  | \$3,532.1  | \$3,958.4  | \$4,079.0  | \$4,134.8  | \$4,690.0  | \$4,283.4  | \$4,359.0  | \$4,707.0  |
| Gaming Payments (mil.\$).....                         | \$364.9    | \$360.7    | \$354.6    | \$318.7    | \$289.3    | \$273.0    | \$266.0    | \$266.5    | \$273.7    | \$266.1    |
| Occupancy Rate.....                                   | 51.2%      | 54.8%      | 58.6%      | 58.3%      | 58.8%      | 59.6%      | 60.2%      | 60.6%      | 61.6%      | 62.2%      |
| Gaming Slots (mil.\$).....                            | \$17,161.0 | \$17,062.0 | \$16,306.0 | \$14,772.0 | \$13,778.1 | \$13,066.4 | \$12,837.9 | \$13,032.0 | \$13,348.8 | \$13,051.2 |

# Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment Trends by Labor Market Area, 2005 - Jan. 2019

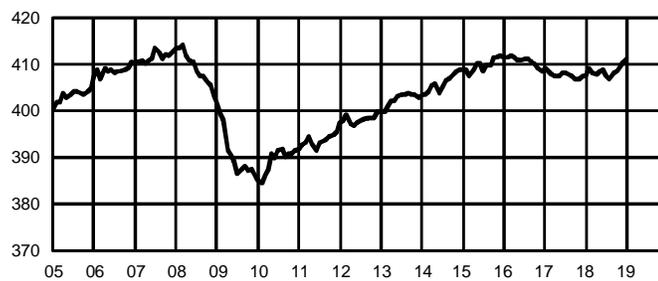
**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, SA, 000s**



**NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA EMP., SA, 000s**



**BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA EMP., SA, 000s**



**WATERBURY LMA EMP., SA, 000s**



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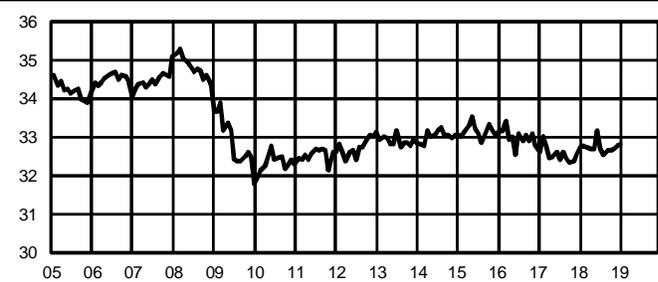
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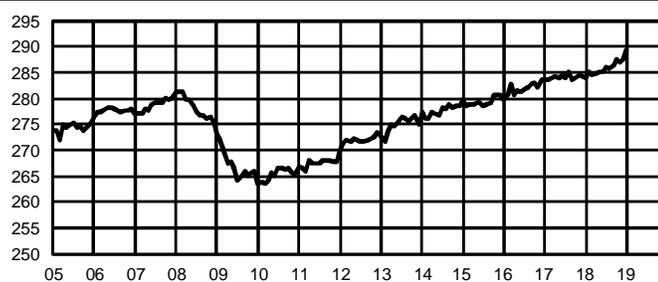
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\* Unofficial seasonally adjusted estimates produced by the Connecticut Department of Labor

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year, after three years of gains. The charts on page 4 also show long-term seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment trends of Connecticut and all its nine LMAs from 2005 to January 2019.

### Other Economic Indicators

In addition to employment and unemployment data, other economic indicators showed mixed results last year. The good news is that, as the table on page 3 shows, inflation-adjusted total personal income of state residents rose for five consecutive years, and real Unemployment Insurance covered wages finally turned around in 2018, after two years of decline. Both total taxes collected and exports increased for the second year.

However, the number of new housing permits, construction contracts, and the new auto registrations total were down over the year. Moreover, the stock market, and revenues from both gaming payments and slots all fell in 2018.

### Annual Diffusion Index

An Annual Diffusion Index (ADI) is one way to measure overall economic activity by summarizing all 57 economic indicators on page 3. For each economic indicator, the movement is up, down, or unchanged over the year. Results are reported as a diffusion index that is calculated by subtracting the share of indicators with negative economic movement from the share that moved in a positive economic direction.

For example, out of 57 indicators, 20 (35%) went up and 35 (61%) went down in 2010. The ADI is then calculated by subtracting 61 from 35, resulting in an indicator of -26. If an ADI is positive, then that is generally interpreted as an expansion in economic activity (because more indicators are improving), while negative values are interpreted as a contraction (because more indicators are deteriorating) for that year. This value of -26

makes sense, given that 2010 was the year coming out of the last economic recession in Connecticut. As Chart 2 shows, the ADI rising from 32 in 2017 to 40 in 2018 suggests a slight improvement in state's overall economic condition last year.

### Looking Ahead

More new jobs are expected this year and in the near future. For example, it was announced in the media that Electric Boat, a submarine manufacturer based in Groton, will add 900 jobs this year. Indeed, a job-search firm, plans to add another 500 employees in its Stamford location. Gartner Inc., a research and information technology company, plans to expand its Stamford headquarters and add 400 jobs in Connecticut over the next five years.

Despite a job slowdown in 2018, growth in manufacturing and the low unemployment rate suggest Connecticut is poised for future growth. ■

## GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|  | 4Q    | 4Q    | CHANGE |     | 3Q    |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-----|-------|
|  | 2018  | 2017  | NO.    | %   | 2018  |
| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>                             |       |       |        |     |       |
| <b>General Drift Indicator (1996=100)*</b>               |       |       |        |     |       |
| <b>Leading</b>   | 118.2 | 115.1 | 3.1    | 2.7 | 116.6 |
| <b>Coincident</b>  | 116.7 | 115.4 | 1.3    | 1.1 | 116.2 |
| <b>Liberty Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**</b>      | 138.9 | 137.6 | 1.3    | 0.9 | 138.2 |
| <b>Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***</b> |       |       |        |     |       |
| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>                             |       |       |        |     |       |
| <b>Connecticut</b>                                       | Jan   | Jan   |        |     | Dec   |
| <b>United States</b>                                     | 2019  | 2018  |        |     | 2018  |
|  | NA    | NA    | NA     | NA  | NA    |
|  | NA    | NA    | NA     | NA  | NA    |

Sources: \*Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut \*\*Liberty Bank \*\*\*Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

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

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

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

Total nonfarm  
employment increased  
over the year.

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

|                                    | Jan     | Jan     | CHANGE |       | Dec     |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
|                                    | 2019    | 2018    | NO.    | %     | 2018    |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>               | 1,697.8 | 1,686.4 | 11.4   | 0.7   | 1,696.8 |
| Natural Res & Mining               | 0.5     | 0.6     | -0.1   | -16.7 | 0.5     |
| Construction                       | 63.7    | 57.4    | 6.3    | 11.0  | 61.4    |
| Manufacturing                      | 161.0   | 159.7   | 1.3    | 0.8   | 160.4   |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities  | 295.6   | 297.7   | -2.1   | -0.7  | 296.1   |
| Information                        | 33.0    | 31.8    | 1.2    | 3.8   | 32.7    |
| Financial Activities               | 126.7   | 126.3   | 0.4    | 0.3   | 127.0   |
| Professional and Business Services | 217.3   | 220.3   | -3.0   | -1.4  | 219.5   |
| Education and Health Services      | 337.3   | 333.0   | 4.3    | 1.3   | 336.9   |
| Leisure and Hospitality            | 161.0   | 157.3   | 3.7    | 2.4   | 160.5   |
| Other Services                     | 64.7    | 65.3    | -0.6   | -0.9  | 64.8    |
| Government*                        | 237.0   | 237.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   | 237.0   |

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

Average weekly initial  
claims fell from a year  
ago.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

|                                     | Jan     | Jan     | CHANGE |       | Dec     |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
|                                     | 2019    | 2018    | NO.    | %     | 2018    |
| <b>Labor Force, resident (000s)</b> | 1,923.7 | 1,888.1 | 35.6   | 1.9   | 1,920.7 |
| Employed (000s)                     | 1,849.8 | 1,802.0 | 47.8   | 2.7   | 1,847.3 |
| Unemployed (000s)                   | 73.9    | 86.1    | -12.2  | -14.2 | 73.4    |
| Unemployment Rate (%)               | 3.8     | 4.6     | -0.7   | ---   | 3.8     |
| Labor Force Participation Rate (%)  | 66.7    | 65.5    | 1.2    | ---   | 66.6    |
| Employment-Population Ratio (%)     | 64.1    | 62.6    | 1.5    | ---   | 64.0    |
| Average Weekly Initial Claims       | 3,096   | 3,490   | -393   | -11.3 | 4,454   |
| Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)        | 2.02    | 2.33    | -0.31  | ---   | 2.08    |
|                                     | 2018    | 2017    |        |       | 3Q 2018 |
| U-6 Rate (%)                        | 8.9     | 10.1    | -1.2   | ---   | 9.3     |

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

The production worker  
weekly earnings rose  
over the year.

## MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

|  | Jan      | Jan      | CHANGE |      | Dec      | Nov  |
|--|----------|----------|--------|------|----------|------|
|  | 2019     | 2018     | NO.    | %    | 2018     | 2018 |
| <b>Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours</b>        | 42.9     | 40.3     | 2.6    | 6.5  | 44.1     | --   |
| <b>Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings</b>        | 27.83    | 25.67    | 2.16   | 8.4  | 28.93    | --   |
| <b>Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings</b>        | 1,193.91 | 1,034.50 | 159.41 | 15.4 | 1,275.81 | --   |
| <b>CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)</b>     | 87.4     | 85.4     | 2.0    | 2.3  | 91.8     | 95.2 |
| <b>Production Worker Hours (000s)</b>          | 3,801    | 3,533    | 267    | 7.6  | 92       | --   |
| <b>Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*</b> | 214      | 220      | -6.3   | -2.9 | 234      | 251  |
| <b>CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)</b>      | 92.2     | 90.1     | 2.1    | 2.3  | 94.0     | 94.0 |

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

Personal income for third  
quarter 2019 is  
forecasted to increase 2.4  
percent from a year  
earlier.

## INCOME

|                         | 3Q*       | 3Q        | CHANGE |     | 2Q*       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------|
|                         | 2019      | 2018      | NO.    | %   | 2019      |
| <b>Personal Income</b>  | \$272,324 | \$265,852 | 6,472  | 2.4 | \$270,691 |
| <b>UI Covered Wages</b> | \$118,533 | \$115,410 | 3,123  | 2.7 | \$117,745 |

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

## BUSINESS ACTIVITY

*New auto registrations decreased over the year.*

|  | MONTH    | LEVEL    | Y/Y % | YEAR TO DATE |        | %     |
|--|----------|----------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|
|  |          |          | CHG   | CURRENT      | PRIOR  | CHG   |
| <b>New Housing Permits*</b>                    | Jan 2019 | 278      | -18.7 | 278          | 342    | -18.7 |
| <b>Electricity Sales (mil kWh)</b>             | Dec 2018 | 2,408    | -4.7  | 28,695       | 28,136 | 2.0   |
| <b>Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)</b> | Jan 2019 | 316.0    | 9.8   | ---          | ---    | ---   |
| <b>New Auto Registrations</b>                  | Jan 2019 | 17,474   | -3.0  | 17,474       | 18,021 | -3.0  |
| <b>Exports (Bil. \$)</b>                       | 4Q 2018  | 4.59     | 17.3  | 17.40        | 14.78  | 17.7  |
| <b>S&amp;P 500: Monthly Close</b>              | Jan 2019 | 2,704.10 | -4.2  | ---          | ---    | ---   |

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

\* Estimated by the Bureau of the Census

## BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

|                               | MO/QTR   | LEVEL | Y/Y % | YEAR TO DATE |       | %    |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|------|
|                               |          |       | CHG   | CURRENT      | PRIOR | CHG  |
| <b>STARTS</b>                 |          |       |       |              |       |      |
| <b>Secretary of the State</b> | Jan 2019 | 3,414 | 9.9   | 3,414        | 3,106 | 9.9  |
| <b>Department of Labor</b>    | 2Q 2018  | 2,323 | -12.9 | 5,641        | 6,173 | -8.6 |
| <b>TERMINATIONS</b>           |          |       |       |              |       |      |
| <b>Secretary of the State</b> | Jan 2019 | 1,452 | -4.7  | 1,452        | 1,523 | -4.7 |
| <b>Department of Labor</b>    | 2Q 2018  | 1,696 | -8.3  | 3,324        | 3,540 | -6.1 |

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

## STATE REVENUES

*Total revenues were down from a year ago.*

|                              | YEAR TO DATE |          |       |         |         |       |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
|                              | Jan 2019     | Jan 2018 | % CHG | CURRENT | PRIOR   | % CHG |
| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> |              |          |       |         |         |       |
| <b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES*</b>   | 2,232.4      | 2,765.1  | -19.3 | 2,232.4 | 2,765.1 | -19.3 |
| <b>Corporate Tax</b>         | 175.5        | 24.7     | 610.5 | 175.5   | 24.7    | 610.5 |
| <b>Personal Income Tax</b>   | 1,132.1      | 1,914.9  | -40.9 | 1,132.1 | 1,914.9 | -40.9 |
| <b>Real Estate Conv. Tax</b> | 17.2         | 16.2     | 6.2   | 17.2    | 16.2    | 6.2   |
| <b>Sales &amp; Use Tax</b>   | 488.1        | 542.4    | -10.0 | 488.1   | 542.4   | -10.0 |
| <b>Gaming Payments**</b>     | 18.0         | 19.7     | -8.6  | 18.0    | 19.7    | -8.6  |

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

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

## TOURISM AND TRAVEL

*Gaming slots fell over the year.*

|                                    | MONTH    | LEVEL   | Y/Y % | YEAR TO DATE |           | %     |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|
|                                    |          |         | CHG   | CURRENT      | PRIOR     | CHG   |
| <b>Occupancy Rate (%)*</b>         | Jan 2019 | 48.1    | 2.6   | 48.1         | 46.9      | 2.6   |
| <b>Major Attraction Visitors**</b> | Jan 2019 | NA      | NA    | NA           | NA        | NA    |
| <b>Air Passenger Count</b>         | Dec 2018 | 537,511 | 2.0   | 6,668,198    | 6,436,407 | 3.6   |
| <b>Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***</b>    | Jan 2019 | 880.4   | -10.6 | 880.4        | 984.4     | -10.6 |

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.

\*\*Attraction participants expanded from 6 to 23 beginning with July 2014 data

\*\*\*See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 3.0 percent over the year.

## EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

| Private Industry Workers<br>(Dec. 2005 = 100) | Seasonally Adjusted |       |       | Not Seasonally Adjusted |       |       |
|---|---------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
|   | Dec                 | Sep   | 3-Mo  | Dec                     | Dec   | 12-Mo |
|   | 2018                | 2018  | % Chg | 2018                    | 2017  | % Chg |
| <b>UNITED STATES TOTAL</b>                    | 134.5               | 133.7 | 0.6   | 134.4                   | 130.5 | 3.0   |
| <b>Wages and Salaries</b>                     | 134.8               | 133.9 | 0.7   | 134.7                   | 130.6 | 3.1   |
| <b>Benefit Costs</b>                          | 133.9               | 133.2 | 0.5   | 133.6                   | 130.2 | 2.6   |
| <b>NORTHEAST TOTAL</b>                        | ---                 | ---   | ---   | 136.5                   | 132.0 | 3.4   |
| <b>Wages and Salaries</b>                     | ---                 | ---   | ---   | 136.0                   | 131.7 | 3.3   |

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 1.6 percent over the year.

## CONSUMER NEWS

| (Not seasonally adjusted)                      | MO/QTR   | LEVEL   | % CHANGE |      |
|--|----------|---------|----------|------|
|  |          |         | Y/Y      | P/P* |
| <b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>                         |          |         |          |      |
| <b>CPI-U (1982-84=100)</b>                     |          |         |          |      |
| <b>U.S. City Average</b>                       | Jan 2019 | 251.712 | 1.6      | 0.2  |
| <b>Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)</b> | Jan 2019 | 0.397   | -1.5     | -0.2 |
| <b>Northeast Region</b>                        | Jan 2019 | 266.109 | 1.5      | 0.3  |
| <b>New York-Newark-Jersey City</b>             | Jan 2019 | 275.144 | 1.6      | 0.5  |
| <b>Boston-Cambridge-Newton**</b>               | Jan 2019 | 278.976 | 2.5      | 0.5  |
| <b>CPI-W (1982-84=100)</b>                     |          |         |          |      |
| <b>U.S. City Average</b>                       | Jan 2019 | 245.133 | 1.3      | 0.1  |

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

\*Change over prior monthly or quarterly period

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

Conventional mortgage rate fell to 4.46 percent over the month.

## INTEREST RATES

| (Percent)                    | Jan<br>2019 | Dec<br>2018 | Jan<br>2018 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Prime</b>                 | 5.50        | 5.35        | 4.50        |
| <b>Federal Funds</b>         | 2.40        | 2.27        | 1.41        |
| <b>3 Month Treasury Bill</b> | 2.42        | 2.41        | 1.43        |
| <b>6 Month Treasury Bill</b> | 2.51        | 2.54        | 1.62        |
| <b>1 Year Treasury Note</b>  | 2.58        | 2.66        | 1.80        |
| <b>3 Year Treasury Note</b>  | 2.52        | 2.67        | 2.15        |
| <b>5 Year Treasury Note</b>  | 2.54        | 2.68        | 2.38        |
| <b>7 Year Treasury Note</b>  | 2.61        | 2.75        | 2.51        |
| <b>10 Year Treasury Note</b> | 2.71        | 2.83        | 2.58        |
| <b>20 Year Treasury Note</b> | 2.89        | 2.98        | 2.73        |
| <b>Conventional Mortgage</b> | 4.46        | 4.64        | 4.03        |

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

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

| <i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i> | Jan       | Jan       | CHANGE  |     | Dec       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|-----------|
|                                    | 2019      | 2018      | NO.     | %   | 2018      |
| <b>Connecticut</b>                 | 1,697.8   | 1,686.4   | 11.4    | 0.7 | 1,696.8   |
| <b>Maine</b>                       | 631.9     | 628.0     | 3.9     | 0.6 | 627.9     |
| <b>Massachusetts</b>               | 3,660.6   | 3,633.4   | 27.2    | 0.7 | 3,649.2   |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>               | 684.8     | 679.3     | 5.5     | 0.8 | 683.7     |
| <b>New Jersey</b>                  | 4,196.9   | 4,138.9   | 58.0    | 1.4 | 4,179.1   |
| <b>New York</b>                    | 9,724.4   | 9,617.2   | 107.2   | 1.1 | 9,714.6   |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>                | 6,030.2   | 5,984.7   | 45.5    | 0.8 | 6,030.7   |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>                | 496.0     | 493.6     | 2.4     | 0.5 | 497.7     |
| <b>Vermont</b>                     | 315.4     | 313.4     | 2.0     | 0.6 | 316.6     |
| <b>United States</b>               | 150,574.0 | 147,767.0 | 2,807.0 | 1.9 | 150,270.0 |

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

## LABOR FORCE

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

| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | Jan         | Jan         | CHANGE    |      | Dec         |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------|-------------|
|                              | 2019        | 2018        | NO.       | %    | 2018        |
| <b>Connecticut</b>           | 1,923,705   | 1,888,060   | 35,645    | 1.9  | 1,920,729   |
| <b>Maine</b>                 | 698,402     | 698,887     | -485      | -0.1 | 698,314     |
| <b>Massachusetts</b>         | 3,840,439   | 3,749,077   | 91,362    | 2.4  | 3,833,225   |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>         | 764,587     | 757,967     | 6,620     | 0.9  | 763,611     |
| <b>New Jersey</b>            | 4,435,310   | 4,429,810   | 5,500     | 0.1  | 4,424,774   |
| <b>New York</b>              | 9,625,549   | 9,534,415   | 91,134    | 1.0  | 9,611,875   |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>          | 6,460,001   | 6,402,980   | 57,021    | 0.9  | 6,450,360   |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>          | 556,237     | 555,440     | 797       | 0.1  | 556,234     |
| <b>Vermont</b>               | 345,642     | 346,808     | -1,166    | -0.3 | 345,571     |
| <b>United States</b>         | 163,229,000 | 161,123,000 | 2,106,000 | 1.3  | 163,240,000 |

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

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | Jan  | Jan  | CHANGE | Dec  |
|------------------------------|------|------|--------|------|
|                              | 2019 | 2018 |        | 2018 |
| <b>Connecticut</b>           | 3.8  | 4.6  | -0.8   | 3.8  |
| <b>Maine</b>                 | 3.5  | 3.2  | 0.3    | 3.5  |
| <b>Massachusetts</b>         | 3.1  | 3.6  | -0.5   | 3.1  |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>         | 2.4  | 2.7  | -0.3   | 2.4  |
| <b>New Jersey</b>            | 4.0  | 4.6  | -0.6   | 3.9  |
| <b>New York</b>              | 3.9  | 4.5  | -0.6   | 3.9  |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>          | 4.1  | 4.6  | -0.5   | 4.2  |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>          | 4.0  | 4.4  | -0.4   | 4.0  |
| <b>Vermont</b>               | 2.5  | 2.7  | -0.2   | 2.6  |
| <b>United States</b>         | 4.0  | 4.1  | -0.1   | 3.9  |

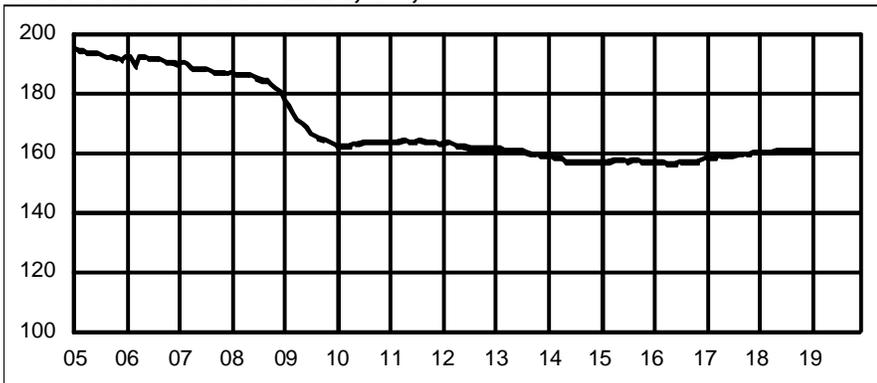
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**CONSTRUCTION EMP., SA, 000s**



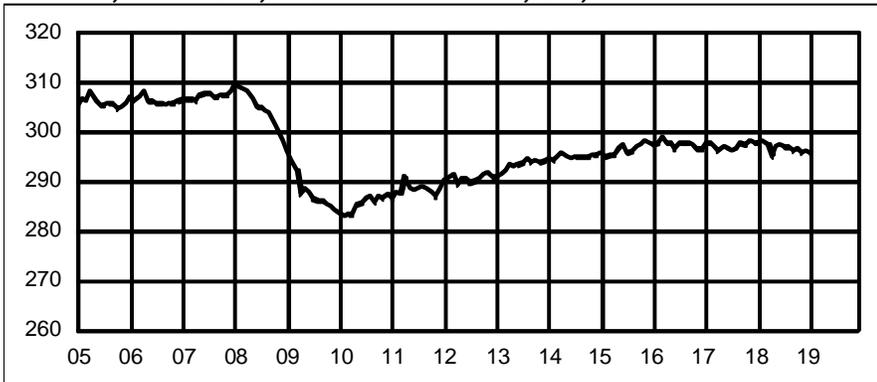
| Month | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------|------|------|------|
| Jan   | 58.4 | 57.4 | 63.7 |
| Feb   | 58.8 | 58.5 |      |
| Mar   | 58.3 | 58.2 |      |
| Apr   | 58.3 | 58.1 |      |
| May   | 58.5 | 58.3 |      |
| Jun   | 58.7 | 58.4 |      |
| Jul   | 58.5 | 58.5 |      |
| Aug   | 58.4 | 58.6 |      |
| Sep   | 58.5 | 58.7 |      |
| Oct   | 58.5 | 59.1 |      |
| Nov   | 58.1 | 60.3 |      |
| Dec   | 57.9 | 61.4 |      |

**MANUFACTURING EMP., SA, 000s**



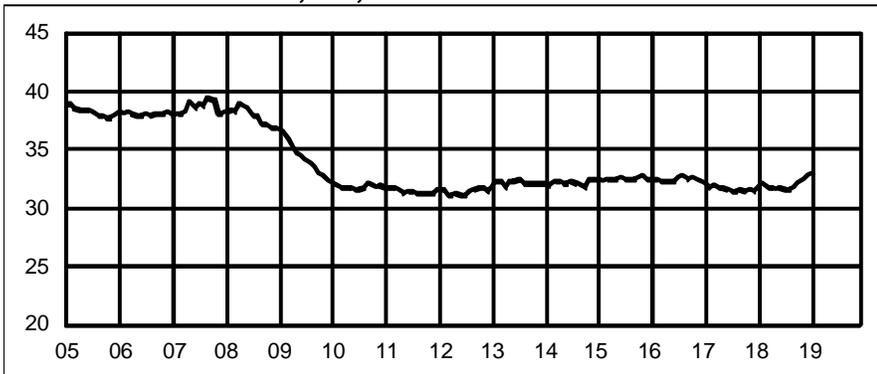
| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 157.7 | 159.7 | 161.0 |
| Feb   | 157.8 | 160.0 |       |
| Mar   | 158.1 | 159.8 |       |
| Apr   | 158.4 | 160.1 |       |
| May   | 158.5 | 160.5 |       |
| Jun   | 158.8 | 160.4 |       |
| Jul   | 159.0 | 160.9 |       |
| Aug   | 159.2 | 160.5 |       |
| Sep   | 158.9 | 160.6 |       |
| Oct   | 159.4 | 160.5 |       |
| Nov   | 159.6 | 160.4 |       |
| Dec   | 159.8 | 160.4 |       |

**TRADE, TRANSP., & UTILITIES EMP., SA, 000s**



| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 297.8 | 297.7 | 295.6 |
| Feb   | 297.7 | 298.0 |       |
| Mar   | 296.7 | 297.1 |       |
| Apr   | 296.1 | 294.9 |       |
| May   | 296.7 | 296.9 |       |
| Jun   | 296.6 | 297.4 |       |
| Jul   | 296.2 | 296.9 |       |
| Aug   | 296.6 | 296.8 |       |
| Sep   | 297.8 | 296.2 |       |
| Oct   | 297.3 | 296.3 |       |
| Nov   | 298.2 | 295.6 |       |
| Dec   | 297.6 | 296.1 |       |

**INFORMATION EMP., SA, 000s**



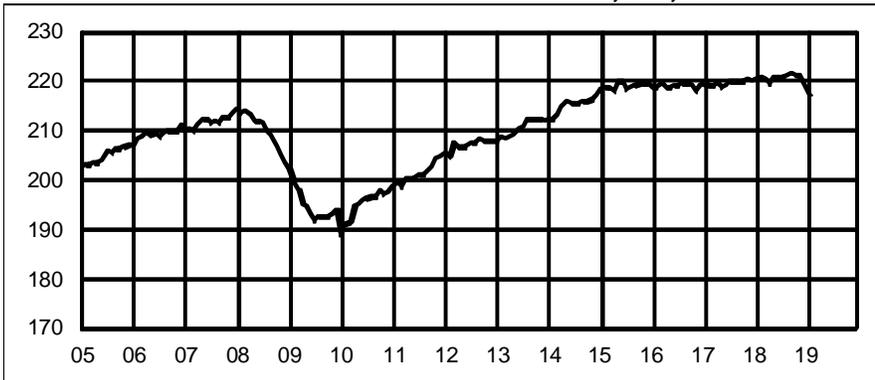
| Month | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------|------|------|------|
| Jan   | 32.0 | 31.8 | 33.0 |
| Feb   | 31.8 | 32.0 |      |
| Mar   | 31.9 | 31.7 |      |
| Apr   | 31.8 | 31.8 |      |
| May   | 31.7 | 31.6 |      |
| Jun   | 31.6 | 31.7 |      |
| Jul   | 31.4 | 31.6 |      |
| Aug   | 31.4 | 31.6 |      |
| Sep   | 31.5 | 31.7 |      |
| Oct   | 31.4 | 32.0 |      |
| Nov   | 31.5 | 32.5 |      |
| Dec   | 31.4 | 32.7 |      |

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES EMP., SA, 000s



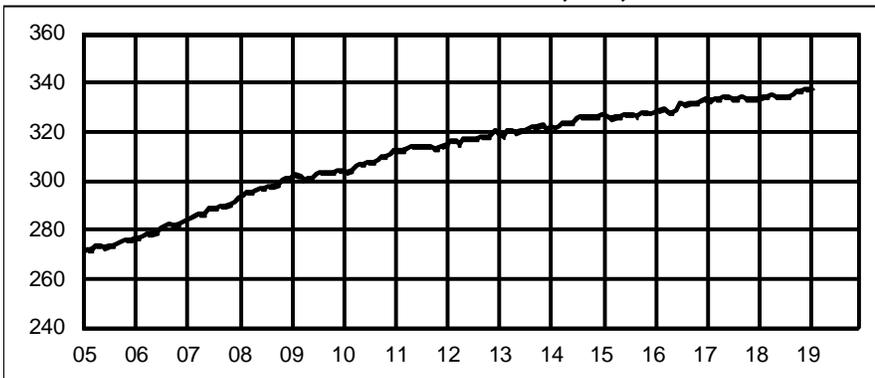
| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 128.7 | 126.3 | 126.7 |
| Feb   | 128.4 | 126.4 |       |
| Mar   | 128.2 | 126.2 |       |
| Apr   | 128.2 | 125.8 |       |
| May   | 128.1 | 125.5 |       |
| Jun   | 128.2 | 125.8 |       |
| Jul   | 128.0 | 125.5 |       |
| Aug   | 127.7 | 125.2 |       |
| Sep   | 127.5 | 125.3 |       |
| Oct   | 127.4 | 126.5 |       |
| Nov   | 127.0 | 126.7 |       |
| Dec   | 126.8 | 127.0 |       |

## PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 219.7 | 220.3 | 217.3 |
| Feb   | 219.0 | 220.8 |       |
| Mar   | 219.3 | 220.3 |       |
| Apr   | 219.4 | 219.7 |       |
| May   | 218.7 | 220.8 |       |
| Jun   | 219.1 | 220.8 |       |
| Jul   | 219.9 | 220.7 |       |
| Aug   | 219.9 | 221.2 |       |
| Sep   | 220.0 | 221.5 |       |
| Oct   | 220.1 | 221.3 |       |
| Nov   | 220.5 | 221.2 |       |
| Dec   | 220.1 | 219.5 |       |

## EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 332.9 | 333.0 | 337.3 |
| Feb   | 332.8 | 334.1 |       |
| Mar   | 333.1 | 334.0 |       |
| Apr   | 333.0 | 334.6 |       |
| May   | 333.7 | 334.3 |       |
| Jun   | 333.7 | 334.1 |       |
| Jul   | 332.9 | 334.0 |       |
| Aug   | 333.4 | 334.4 |       |
| Sep   | 333.7 | 334.9 |       |
| Oct   | 333.1 | 336.5 |       |
| Nov   | 333.1 | 336.1 |       |
| Dec   | 333.6 | 336.9 |       |

## GOVERNMENT EMP., SA, 000s



| Month | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan   | 240.6 | 237.0 | 237.0 |
| Feb   | 239.7 | 236.8 |       |
| Mar   | 239.3 | 236.9 |       |
| Apr   | 238.3 | 235.8 |       |
| May   | 238.9 | 236.3 |       |
| Jun   | 239.6 | 235.7 |       |
| Jul   | 238.6 | 237.3 |       |
| Aug   | 239.3 | 237.2 |       |
| Sep   | 237.9 | 237.2 |       |
| Oct   | 237.3 | 236.9 |       |
| Nov   | 237.1 | 237.2 |       |
| Dec   | 236.7 | 237.0 |       |

\*Includes Indian tribal government employment

## CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  | Jan              | Jan              | CHANGE        |             | Dec              |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
|  | 2019             | 2018             | NO.           | %           | 2018             |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....            | <b>1,668,400</b> | <b>1,658,700</b> | <b>9,700</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>1,713,300</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                       | <b>1,432,400</b> | <b>1,422,700</b> | <b>9,700</b>  | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>1,470,900</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....          | <b>217,500</b>   | <b>211,500</b>   | <b>6,000</b>  | <b>2.8</b>  | <b>220,400</b>   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .... | <b>57,300</b>    | <b>52,600</b>    | <b>4,700</b>  | <b>8.9</b>  | <b>59,900</b>    |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                       | <b>160,200</b>   | <b>158,900</b>   | <b>1,300</b>  | <b>0.8</b>  | <b>160,500</b>   |
| <b>Durable Goods</b> .....                       | <b>126,000</b>   | <b>124,900</b>   | <b>1,100</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>125,800</b>   |
| Fabricated Metal.....                            | 29,700           | 29,500           | 200           | 0.7         | 29,700           |
| Machinery.....                                   | 12,700           | 13,100           | -400          | -3.1        | 12,800           |
| Computer and Electronic Product.....             | 10,900           | 10,900           | 0             | 0.0         | 11,000           |
| Transportation Equipment.....                    | 46,400           | 44,900           | 1,500         | 3.3         | 46,100           |
| Aerospace Product and Parts.....                 | 31,700           | 29,900           | 1,800         | 6.0         | 31,100           |
| <b>Non-Durable Goods</b> .....                   | <b>34,200</b>    | <b>34,000</b>    | <b>200</b>    | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>34,700</b>    |
| Chemical.....                                    | 7,700            | 7,800            | -100          | -1.3        | 7,800            |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....        | <b>1,450,900</b> | <b>1,447,200</b> | <b>3,700</b>  | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>1,492,900</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....     | <b>296,100</b>   | <b>298,200</b>   | <b>-2,100</b> | <b>-0.7</b> | <b>308,200</b>   |
| Wholesale Trade.....                             | 60,600           | 61,200           | -600          | -1.0        | 61,200           |
| Retail Trade.....                                | 180,000          | 183,000          | -3,000        | -1.6        | 187,700          |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....             | 21,500           | 21,700           | -200          | -0.9        | 21,800           |
| Building Material.....                           | 14,200           | 14,200           | 0             | 0.0         | 14,700           |
| Food and Beverage Stores.....                    | 43,100           | 43,400           | -300          | -0.7        | 44,000           |
| General Merchandise Stores.....                  | 29,100           | 29,100           | 0             | 0.0         | 30,700           |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....     | 55,500           | 54,000           | 1,500         | 2.8         | 59,300           |
| Utilities.....                                   | 5,100            | 5,200            | -100          | -1.9        | 5,100            |
| Transportation and Warehousing.....              | 50,400           | 48,800           | 1,600         | 3.3         | 54,200           |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                         | <b>32,600</b>    | <b>31,600</b>    | <b>1,000</b>  | <b>3.2</b>  | <b>32,500</b>    |
| Telecommunications.....                          | 7,300            | 7,300            | 0             | 0.0         | 7,300            |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                | <b>126,000</b>   | <b>125,500</b>   | <b>500</b>    | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>127,100</b>   |
| Finance and Insurance.....                       | 106,000          | 106,100          | -100          | -0.1        | 106,800          |
| Credit Intermediation and Related.....           | 23,600           | 23,700           | -100          | -0.4        | 23,700           |
| Financial Investments and Related.....           | 22,900           | 23,000           | -100          | -0.4        | 23,200           |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....      | 59,500           | 59,400           | 100           | 0.2         | 59,900           |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....          | 20,000           | 19,400           | 600           | 3.1         | 20,300           |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b> .... | <b>211,200</b>   | <b>213,900</b>   | <b>-2,700</b> | <b>-1.3</b> | <b>220,200</b>   |
| Professional, Scientific.....                    | 98,300           | 96,400           | 1,900         | 2.0         | 97,700           |
| Legal Services.....                              | 13,100           | 12,600           | 500           | 4.0         | 13,000           |
| Computer Systems Design.....                     | 25,000           | 25,100           | -100          | -0.4        | 25,000           |
| Management of Companies.....                     | 31,900           | 33,900           | -2,000        | -5.9        | 33,000           |
| Administrative and Support.....                  | 81,000           | 83,600           | -2,600        | -3.1        | 89,500           |
| Employment Services.....                         | 28,400           | 27,000           | 1,400         | 5.2         | 31,600           |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....       | <b>332,500</b>   | <b>330,300</b>   | <b>2,200</b>  | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>341,000</b>   |
| Educational Services.....                        | 63,700           | 62,800           | 900           | 1.4         | 69,900           |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....           | 268,800          | 267,500          | 1,300         | 0.5         | 271,100          |
| Hospitals.....                                   | 58,000           | 57,400           | 600           | 1.0         | 58,000           |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....       | 60,800           | 61,000           | -200          | -0.3        | 61,600           |
| Social Assistance.....                           | 56,100           | 56,900           | -800          | -1.4        | 56,500           |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....             | <b>152,200</b>   | <b>147,600</b>   | <b>4,600</b>  | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>157,100</b>   |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....         | 23,000           | 23,900           | -900          | -3.8        | 25,200           |
| Accommodation and Food Services.....             | 129,200          | 123,700          | 5,500         | 4.4         | 131,900          |
| Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.        | 118,400          | 112,900          | 5,500         | 4.9         | 120,800          |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                      | <b>64,300</b>    | <b>64,100</b>    | <b>200</b>    | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>64,400</b>    |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                          | <b>236,000</b>   | <b>236,000</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>242,400</b>   |
| Federal Government.....                          | 18,300           | 18,100           | 200           | 1.1         | 18,600           |
| State Government.....                            | 69,600           | 68,500           | 1,100         | 1.6         | 74,000           |
| Local Government***.....                         | 148,100          | 149,400          | -1,300        | -0.9        | 149,800          |

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

## BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  | Jan            | Jan            | CHANGE        |             | Dec            |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
|  | 2019           | 2018           | NO.           | %           | 2018           |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....            | <b>402,300</b> | <b>400,000</b> | <b>2,300</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>413,600</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                       | <b>358,800</b> | <b>356,700</b> | <b>2,100</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>369,200</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....          | <b>41,300</b>  | <b>39,800</b>  | <b>1,500</b>  | <b>3.8</b>  | <b>41,600</b>  |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .... | <b>12,500</b>  | <b>11,100</b>  | <b>1,400</b>  | <b>12.6</b> | <b>12,700</b>  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                       | <b>28,800</b>  | <b>28,700</b>  | <b>100</b>    | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>28,900</b>  |
| Durable Goods.....                               | 22,200         | 22,400         | -200          | -0.9        | 22,300         |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....        | <b>361,000</b> | <b>360,200</b> | <b>800</b>    | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>372,000</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....     | <b>70,700</b>  | <b>70,000</b>  | <b>700</b>    | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>73,900</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade.....                             | 13,400         | 13,300         | 100           | 0.8         | 13,600         |
| Retail Trade.....                                | 47,700         | 47,300         | 400           | 0.8         | 50,000         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....     | 9,600          | 9,400          | 200           | 2.1         | 10,300         |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                         | <b>13,200</b>  | <b>12,800</b>  | <b>400</b>    | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>13,200</b>  |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                | <b>38,700</b>  | <b>39,100</b>  | <b>-400</b>   | <b>-1.0</b> | <b>39,800</b>  |
| Finance and Insurance.....                       | 32,400         | 32,900         | -500          | -1.5        | 33,500         |
| Credit Intermediation and Related.....           | 8,300          | 8,300          | 0             | 0.0         | 8,400          |
| Financial Investments and Related.....           | 16,400         | 17,000         | -600          | -3.5        | 16,700         |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>      | <b>62,000</b>  | <b>63,500</b>  | <b>-1,500</b> | <b>-2.4</b> | <b>65,600</b>  |
| Professional, Scientific.....                    | 30,200         | 29,500         | 700           | 2.4         | 29,500         |
| Administrative and Support.....                  | 20,800         | 22,200         | -1,400        | -6.3        | 24,700         |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....        | <b>73,900</b>  | <b>73,400</b>  | <b>500</b>    | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>74,900</b>  |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....           | 62,100         | 61,900         | 200           | 0.3         | 61,900         |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....             | <b>41,700</b>  | <b>40,700</b>  | <b>1,000</b>  | <b>2.5</b>  | <b>42,900</b>  |
| Accommodation and Food Services.....             | 33,000         | 31,700         | 1,300         | 4.1         | 33,200         |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                      | <b>17,300</b>  | <b>17,400</b>  | <b>-100</b>   | <b>-0.6</b> | <b>17,300</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                          | <b>43,500</b>  | <b>43,300</b>  | <b>200</b>    | <b>0.5</b>  | <b>44,400</b>  |
| Federal.....                                     | 2,500          | 2,500          | 0             | 0.0         | 2,500          |
| State & Local.....                               | 41,000         | 40,800         | 200           | 0.5         | 41,900         |

## DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  | Jan           | Jan           | CHANGE      |             | Dec           |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
|  | 2019          | 2018          | NO.         | %           | 2018          |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....        | <b>76,800</b> | <b>76,500</b> | <b>300</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>78,700</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                   | <b>67,000</b> | <b>66,700</b> | <b>300</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>68,800</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....      | <b>11,500</b> | <b>11,400</b> | <b>100</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>11,700</b> |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....    | <b>65,300</b> | <b>65,100</b> | <b>200</b>  | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>67,000</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .... | <b>17,100</b> | <b>17,600</b> | <b>-500</b> | <b>-2.8</b> | <b>18,000</b> |
| Retail Trade.....                            | 12,200        | 12,800        | -600        | -4.7        | 12,800        |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>  | <b>9,700</b>  | <b>9,600</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>10,100</b> |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....         | <b>7,700</b>  | <b>7,600</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>8,000</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                      | <b>9,800</b>  | <b>9,800</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>9,900</b>  |
| Federal.....                                 | 700           | 700           | 0           | 0.0         | 700           |
| State & Local.....                           | 9,100         | 9,100         | 0           | 0.0         | 9,200         |

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\*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

**HARTFORD LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

|  | Jan<br>2019    | Jan<br>2018    | CHANGE        |             | Dec<br>2018    |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
|  |                |                | NO.           | %           |                |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....            | <b>579,200</b> | <b>572,900</b> | <b>6,300</b>  | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>591,900</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                       | <b>488,000</b> | <b>482,000</b> | <b>6,000</b>  | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>498,000</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....          | <b>77,900</b>  | <b>75,500</b>  | <b>2,400</b>  | <b>3.2</b>  | <b>78,600</b>  |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .... | <b>18,100</b>  | <b>17,400</b>  | <b>700</b>    | <b>4.0</b>  | <b>19,100</b>  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                       | <b>59,800</b>  | <b>58,100</b>  | <b>1,700</b>  | <b>2.9</b>  | <b>59,500</b>  |
| Durable Goods.....                               | 49,900         | 48,400         | 1,500         | 3.1         | 49,500         |
| Non-Durable Goods.....                           | 9,900          | 9,700          | 200           | 2.1         | 10,000         |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....        | <b>501,300</b> | <b>497,400</b> | <b>3,900</b>  | <b>0.8</b>  | <b>513,300</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....     | <b>93,300</b>  | <b>92,700</b>  | <b>600</b>    | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>95,700</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade.....                             | 17,600         | 17,900         | -300          | -1.7        | 17,700         |
| Retail Trade.....                                | 56,000         | 55,600         | 400           | 0.7         | 56,900         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....     | 19,700         | 19,200         | 500           | 2.6         | 21,100         |
| Transportation and Warehousing.....              | 19,000         | 18,400         | 600           | 3.3         | 20,300         |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                         | <b>10,000</b>  | <b>10,100</b>  | <b>-100</b>   | <b>-1.0</b> | <b>10,000</b>  |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                | <b>57,600</b>  | <b>56,200</b>  | <b>1,400</b>  | <b>2.5</b>  | <b>57,500</b>  |
| Depository Credit Institutions.....              | 6,100          | 6,100          | 0             | 0.0         | 6,100          |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....      | 38,600         | 38,500         | 100           | 0.3         | 38,800         |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>      | <b>71,200</b>  | <b>72,200</b>  | <b>-1,000</b> | <b>-1.4</b> | <b>73,800</b>  |
| Professional, Scientific.....                    | 34,600         | 34,300         | 300           | 0.9         | 34,700         |
| Management of Companies.....                     | 11,200         | 11,500         | -300          | -2.6        | 11,400         |
| Administrative and Support.....                  | 25,400         | 26,400         | -1,000        | -3.8        | 27,700         |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....        | <b>108,300</b> | <b>107,200</b> | <b>1,100</b>  | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>111,100</b> |
| Educational Services.....                        | 13,000         | 12,900         | 100           | 0.8         | 14,700         |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....           | 95,300         | 94,300         | 1,000         | 1.1         | 96,400         |
| Ambulatory Health Care.....                      | 32,600         | 31,800         | 800           | 2.5         | 33,200         |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....             | <b>47,900</b>  | <b>45,900</b>  | <b>2,000</b>  | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>49,200</b>  |
| Accommodation and Food Services.....             | 41,600         | 39,300         | 2,300         | 5.9         | 42,600         |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                      | <b>21,800</b>  | <b>22,200</b>  | <b>-400</b>   | <b>-1.8</b> | <b>22,100</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                          | <b>91,200</b>  | <b>90,900</b>  | <b>300</b>    | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>93,900</b>  |
| Federal.....                                     | 5,400          | 5,400          | 0             | 0.0         | 5,500          |
| State & Local.....                               | 85,800         | 85,500         | 300           | 0.4         | 88,400         |

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**

| Labor Market Areas                      | Jan<br>2019    | Jan<br>2018    | CHANGE       |             | Dec<br>2018    |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
|   |                |                | NO.          | %           |                |
| <b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA</b> .....    | <b>410,900</b> | <b>407,500</b> | <b>3,400</b> | <b>0.8</b>  | <b>410,500</b> |
| <b>DANBURY LMA</b> .....                | <b>77,800</b>  | <b>77,600</b>  | <b>200</b>   | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>77,600</b>  |
| <b>HARTFORD LMA</b> .....               | <b>586,200</b> | <b>580,000</b> | <b>6,200</b> | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>586,500</b> |
| <b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b> .....              | <b>289,400</b> | <b>283,800</b> | <b>5,600</b> | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>287,600</b> |
| <b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA</b> .....     | <b>130,100</b> | <b>130,100</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>129,600</b> |
| <b>WATERBURY LMA</b> .....              | <b>69,700</b>  | <b>68,500</b>  | <b>1,200</b> | <b>1.8</b>  | <b>69,500</b>  |
| <b>ENFIELD LMA**</b> .....              | <b>45,100</b>  | <b>44,800</b>  | <b>300</b>   | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>45,200</b>  |
| <b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**</b> ..... | <b>32,800</b>  | <b>32,700</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>32,700</b>  |
| <b>DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**</b> .....  | <b>26,700</b>  | <b>26,800</b>  | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-0.4</b> | <b>26,800</b>  |

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*\*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes*

*\*\* Unofficial seasonally adjusted estimates produced by the Connecticut Department of Labor*

## NEW HAVEN LMA



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

|   | Jan<br>2019    | Jan<br>2018    | CHANGE       |             | Dec<br>2018    |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
|   |                |                | NO.          | %           |                |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....             | <b>282,300</b> | <b>278,900</b> | <b>3,400</b> | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>290,000</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                        | <b>248,200</b> | <b>244,800</b> | <b>3,400</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>254,400</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....           | <b>33,700</b>  | <b>32,700</b>  | <b>1,000</b> | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>34,500</b>  |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ..... | <b>10,700</b>  | <b>9,400</b>   | <b>1,300</b> | <b>13.8</b> | <b>11,300</b>  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                        | <b>23,000</b>  | <b>23,300</b>  | <b>-300</b>  | <b>-1.3</b> | <b>23,200</b>  |
| Durable Goods.....                                | 17,100         | 17,000         | 100          | 0.6         | 17,100         |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....         | <b>248,600</b> | <b>246,200</b> | <b>2,400</b> | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>255,500</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....     | <b>51,400</b>  | <b>52,000</b>  | <b>-600</b>  | <b>-1.2</b> | <b>52,700</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade.....                              | 11,200         | 11,500         | -300         | -2.6        | 11,300         |
| Retail Trade.....                                 | 29,600         | 30,300         | -700         | -2.3        | 30,200         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....      | 10,600         | 10,200         | 400          | 3.9         | 11,200         |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                          | <b>3,900</b>   | <b>3,700</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>3,900</b>   |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                 | <b>12,100</b>  | <b>12,100</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>12,100</b>  |
| Finance and Insurance.....                        | 8,300          | 8,400          | -100         | -1.2        | 8,400          |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>       | <b>29,600</b>  | <b>30,200</b>  | <b>-600</b>  | <b>-2.0</b> | <b>30,000</b>  |
| Administrative and Support.....                   | 14,000         | 14,600         | -600         | -4.1        | 15,300         |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....        | <b>81,200</b>  | <b>79,200</b>  | <b>2,000</b> | <b>2.5</b>  | <b>84,400</b>  |
| Educational Services.....                         | 29,400         | 28,900         | 500          | 1.7         | 32,400         |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....            | 51,800         | 50,300         | 1,500        | 3.0         | 52,000         |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....              | <b>24,900</b>  | <b>23,900</b>  | <b>1,000</b> | <b>4.2</b>  | <b>25,400</b>  |
| Accommodation and Food Services.....              | 20,800         | 20,100         | 700          | 3.5         | 21,400         |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                       | <b>11,400</b>  | <b>11,000</b>  | <b>400</b>   | <b>3.6</b>  | <b>11,400</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                           | <b>34,100</b>  | <b>34,100</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>35,600</b>  |
| Federal.....                                      | 5,000          | 4,900          | 100          | 2.0         | 5,100          |
| State & Local.....                                | 29,100         | 29,200         | -100         | -0.3        | 30,500         |

*Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2018.*

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

## HELP WANTED ONLINE

### CT online labor demand rose 0.3% in January 2019

The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) Index for Connecticut decreased by 0.7% to 102.8 (July 2018=100), but were up by 2.2% over the year. Nationally, the index rose by 0.3% over the month, and by 4.6% over the year. Hartford's labor demand decreased by 0.5% from December, but rose by 7.1% from a year ago. Among the New England states, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire's demand for labor grew the most, while Connecticut's shrank the fastest over the month.

| July 2018=100<br>(Seasonally adjusted) | HWOL Index  |             |             | Percent Change |               |               |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Nov<br>2018 | Dec<br>2018 | Jan<br>2019 | Nov to<br>Dec  | Dec to<br>Jan | Jan to<br>Jan |
| <b>United States</b>                   | 100.3       | 101.6       | 102.0       | 1.4            | 0.3           | 4.6           |
| <b>New England</b>                     | 101.5       | 102.9       | 104.5       | 1.3            | 1.6           | 8.0           |
| <b>Connecticut</b>                     | 100.3       | 103.5       | 102.8       | 3.2            | -0.7          | 2.2           |
| <b>Hartford</b>                        | 100.6       | 103.7       | 103.2       | 3.0            | -0.5          | 7.1           |
| <b>Maine</b>                           | 102.3       | 104.2       | 106.1       | 1.9            | 1.9           | 2.6           |
| <b>Massachusetts</b>                   | 101.3       | 101.4       | 103.3       | 0.1            | 1.9           | 8.3           |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>                   | 102.0       | 104.2       | 106.1       | 2.1            | 1.9           | 8.6           |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>                    | 104.3       | 105.6       | 105.0       | 1.2            | -0.6          | 17.4          |
| <b>Vermont</b>                         | 106.7       | 105.6       | 107.4       | -1.1           | 1.8           | 11.2          |

*Source: The Conference Board*

The Conference Board Experimental Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) Index measures changes over time in advertised online job vacancies, reflecting monthly trends in employment opportunities across the US. The HWOL Data Series aggregates the total number of ads available by month from the HWOL universe of online job ads. Ads in the HWOL universe are collected in real time from over 28,000 different online job boards including traditional job boards, corporate boards, social media sites, 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](http://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm).

**NORWICH-NEW LONDON-  
WESTERLY, CT-RI LMA**

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

|   | Jan<br>2019    | Jan<br>2018    | CHANGE       |             | Dec<br>2018    |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
|   |                |                | NO.          | %           |                |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....             | <b>127,600</b> | <b>126,900</b> | <b>700</b>   | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>129,700</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                        | <b>97,400</b>  | <b>96,200</b>  | <b>1,200</b> | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>99,100</b>  |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....           | <b>21,500</b>  | <b>21,200</b>  | <b>300</b>   | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>21,500</b>  |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ..... | <b>3,900</b>   | <b>3,600</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>8.3</b>  | <b>4,000</b>   |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                        | <b>17,600</b>  | <b>17,600</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>17,500</b>  |
| Durable Goods.....                                | 14,400         | 14,300         | 100          | 0.7         | 14,300         |
| Non-Durable Goods.....                            | 3,200          | 3,300          | -100         | -3.0        | 3,200          |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....         | <b>106,100</b> | <b>105,700</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>108,200</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....     | <b>23,000</b>  | <b>22,700</b>  | <b>300</b>   | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>23,500</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade.....                              | 2,400          | 2,400          | 0            | 0.0         | 2,500          |
| Retail Trade.....                                 | 16,300         | 16,100         | 200          | 1.2         | 16,500         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....      | 4,300          | 4,200          | 100          | 2.4         | 4,500          |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                          | <b>1,400</b>   | <b>1,400</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>1,400</b>   |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                 | <b>2,900</b>   | <b>2,800</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>3.6</b>  | <b>3,000</b>   |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>       | <b>8,900</b>   | <b>8,800</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>9,300</b>   |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....        | <b>21,000</b>  | <b>20,800</b>  | <b>200</b>   | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>21,000</b>  |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....            | 18,100         | 18,100         | 0            | 0.0         | 18,200         |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....              | <b>15,200</b>  | <b>15,000</b>  | <b>200</b>   | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>15,800</b>  |
| Accommodation and Food Services.....              | 13,200         | 13,000         | 200          | 1.5         | 13,700         |
| Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....      | 11,200         | 11,100         | 100          | 0.9         | 11,500         |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                       | <b>3,500</b>   | <b>3,500</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>3,600</b>   |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                           | <b>30,200</b>  | <b>30,700</b>  | <b>-500</b>  | <b>-1.6</b> | <b>30,600</b>  |
| Federal.....                                      | 2,800          | 2,800          | 0            | 0.0         | 2,900          |
| State & Local**.....                              | 27,400         | 27,900         | -500         | -1.8        | 27,700         |

**WATERBURY LMA**

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

|   | Jan<br>2019   | Jan<br>2018   | CHANGE       |             | Dec<br>2018   |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|   |               |               | NO.          | %           |               |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....             | <b>68,600</b> | <b>67,500</b> | <b>1,100</b> | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>70,500</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                        | <b>58,200</b> | <b>57,000</b> | <b>1,200</b> | <b>2.1</b>  | <b>59,600</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....           | <b>10,700</b> | <b>10,300</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>3.9</b>  | <b>10,900</b> |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ..... | <b>2,900</b>  | <b>2,600</b>  | <b>300</b>   | <b>11.5</b> | <b>3,100</b>  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                        | <b>7,800</b>  | <b>7,700</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>7,800</b>  |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....         | <b>57,900</b> | <b>57,200</b> | <b>700</b>   | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>59,600</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....     | <b>13,500</b> | <b>13,100</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>14,400</b> |
| Wholesale Trade.....                              | 1,900         | 1,900         | 0            | 0.0         | 1,900         |
| Retail Trade.....                                 | 9,200         | 9,200         | 0            | 0.0         | 9,600         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....      | 2,400         | 2,000         | 400          | 20.0        | 2,900         |
| <b>INFORMATION</b> .....                          | <b>600</b>    | <b>600</b>    | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>500</b>    |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....                 | <b>2,100</b>  | <b>2,000</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>2,100</b>  |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>       | <b>5,300</b>  | <b>5,300</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>5,400</b>  |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....        | <b>17,900</b> | <b>17,700</b> | <b>200</b>   | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>18,100</b> |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....            | 16,100        | 15,800        | 300          | 1.9         | 16,200        |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....              | <b>5,500</b>  | <b>5,400</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>1.9</b>  | <b>5,600</b>  |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....                       | <b>2,600</b>  | <b>2,600</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>2,600</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                           | <b>10,400</b> | <b>10,500</b> | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-1.0</b> | <b>10,900</b> |
| Federal.....                                      | 500           | 500           | 0            | 0.0         | 500           |
| State & Local.....                                | 9,900         | 10,000        | -100         | -1.0        | 10,400        |

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

## SMALLER LMAS\*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|                                 | Jan<br>2019 | Jan<br>2018 | CHANGE |      | Dec<br>2018 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|
|                                 |             |             | NO.    | %    |             |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> |             |             |        |      |             |
| ENFIELD LMA.....                | 44,700      | 44,400      | 300    | 0.7  | 45,700      |
| TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....   | 32,000      | 31,900      | 100    | 0.3  | 32,800      |
| DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....    | 26,300      | 26,400      | -100   | -0.4 | 26,800      |

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

\* State-designated Non-CES areas

## SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA\*\*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  | Jan<br>2019    | Jan<br>2018    | CHANGE       |             | Dec<br>2018    |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
|  |                |                | NO.          | %           |                |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....</b>             | <b>331,300</b> | <b>327,300</b> | <b>4,000</b> | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>345,000</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE.....</b>                        | <b>270,400</b> | <b>267,600</b> | <b>2,800</b> | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>280,700</b> |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....</b>           | <b>39,400</b>  | <b>39,500</b>  | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-0.3</b> | <b>40,600</b>  |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....            | 10,700         | 10,700         | 0            | 0.0         | 11,400         |
| <b>MANUFACTURING.....</b>                        | <b>28,700</b>  | <b>28,800</b>  | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-0.3</b> | <b>29,200</b>  |
| Durable Goods.....                               | 19,200         | 19,300         | -100         | -0.5        | 19,500         |
| Non-Durable Goods.....                           | 9,500          | 9,500          | 0            | 0.0         | 9,700          |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....</b>         | <b>291,900</b> | <b>287,800</b> | <b>4,100</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>304,400</b> |
| <b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....</b>     | <b>61,000</b>  | <b>60,900</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>63,600</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade.....                             | 11,900         | 12,000         | -100         | -0.8        | 12,200         |
| Retail Trade.....                                | 34,100         | 35,400         | -1,300       | -3.7        | 36,600         |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....    | 15,000         | 13,500         | 1,500        | 11.1        | 14,800         |
| <b>INFORMATION.....</b>                          | <b>3,200</b>   | <b>3,300</b>   | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-3.0</b> | <b>3,300</b>   |
| <b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....</b>                 | <b>16,500</b>  | <b>16,300</b>  | <b>200</b>   | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>16,400</b>  |
| Finance and Insurance.....                       | 13,000         | 12,800         | 200          | 1.6         | 13,000         |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.....     | 8,900          | 8,500          | 400          | 4.7         | 8,600          |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES.....</b> | <b>25,800</b>  | <b>26,400</b>  | <b>-600</b>  | <b>-2.3</b> | <b>26,100</b>  |
| <b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....</b>        | <b>81,100</b>  | <b>80,500</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>85,300</b>  |
| Educational Services.....                        | 13,500         | 13,000         | 500          | 3.8         | 15,800         |
| Health Care and Social Assistance.....           | 67,600         | 67,500         | 100          | 0.1         | 69,500         |
| <b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....</b>              | <b>30,800</b>  | <b>28,000</b>  | <b>2,800</b> | <b>10.0</b> | <b>32,200</b>  |
| <b>OTHER SERVICES.....</b>                       | <b>12,600</b>  | <b>12,700</b>  | <b>-100</b>  | <b>-0.8</b> | <b>13,200</b>  |
| <b>GOVERNMENT.....</b>                           | <b>60,900</b>  | <b>59,700</b>  | <b>1,200</b> | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>64,300</b>  |
| Federal.....                                     | 6,500          | 6,100          | 400          | 6.6         | 6,800          |
| State & Local.....                               | 54,400         | 53,600         | 800          | 1.5         | 57,500         |

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\*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

\*\* New England City and Town Area

# LMA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| (Not seasonally adjusted)       | EMPLOYMENT STATUS    | Jan         | Jan         | CHANGE    |       | Dec         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
|                                 |                      | 2019        | 2018        | NO.       | %     | 2018        |
| <b>CONNECTICUT</b>              | Civilian Labor Force | 1,911,500   | 1,875,300   | 36,200    | 1.9   | 1,916,100   |
|                                 | Employed             | 1,821,100   | 1,777,500   | 43,600    | 2.5   | 1,854,900   |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 90,300      | 97,800      | -7,500    | -7.7  | 61,200      |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.7         | 5.2         | -0.5      | ---   | 3.2         |
| <b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA</b>  | Civilian Labor Force | 467,000     | 458,400     | 8,600     | 1.9   | 468,600     |
|                                 | Employed             | 445,100     | 435,200     | 9,900     | 2.3   | 453,600     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 21,900      | 23,200      | -1,300    | -5.6  | 15,000      |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.7         | 5.1         | -0.4      | ---   | 3.2         |
| <b>DANBURY LMA</b>              | Civilian Labor Force | 107,100     | 105,200     | 1,900     | 1.8   | 107,700     |
|                                 | Employed             | 102,600     | 100,500     | 2,100     | 2.1   | 104,800     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 4,500       | 4,700       | -200      | -4.3  | 2,900       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.2         | 4.5         | -0.3      | ---   | 2.7         |
| <b>DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA</b>  | Civilian Labor Force | 43,200      | 42,700      | 500       | 1.2   | 43,400      |
|                                 | Employed             | 41,000      | 40,200      | 800       | 2.0   | 41,900      |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 2,200       | 2,400       | -200      | -8.3  | 1,500       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 5.1         | 5.7         | -0.6      | ---   | 3.5         |
| <b>ENFIELD LMA</b>              | Civilian Labor Force | 50,300      | 49,100      | 1,200     | 2.4   | 51,000      |
|                                 | Employed             | 47,900      | 46,600      | 1,300     | 2.8   | 49,500      |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 2,400       | 2,500       | -100      | -4.0  | 1,600       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.7         | 5.1         | -0.4      | ---   | 3.1         |
| <b>HARTFORD LMA</b>             | Civilian Labor Force | 630,400     | 617,600     | 12,800    | 2.1   | 630,900     |
|                                 | Employed             | 600,700     | 585,400     | 15,300    | 2.6   | 610,700     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 29,700      | 32,300      | -2,600    | -8.0  | 20,200      |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.7         | 5.2         | -0.5      | ---   | 3.2         |
| <b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b>            | Civilian Labor Force | 326,800     | 320,400     | 6,400     | 2.0   | 328,200     |
|                                 | Employed             | 311,800     | 304,100     | 7,700     | 2.5   | 318,000     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 15,000      | 16,400      | -1,400    | -8.5  | 10,200      |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.6         | 5.1         | -0.5      | ---   | 3.1         |
| <b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA</b>   | Civilian Labor Force | 142,500     | 140,500     | 2,000     | 1.4   | 141,900     |
|                                 | Employed             | 135,700     | 133,000     | 2,700     | 2.0   | 137,300     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 6,800       | 7,400       | -600      | -8.1  | 4,600       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.8         | 5.3         | -0.5      | ---   | 3.3         |
| <b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA</b> | Civilian Labor Force | 47,500      | 46,600      | 900       | 1.9   | 47,500      |
|                                 | Employed             | 45,100      | 44,000      | 1,100     | 2.5   | 46,000      |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 2,300       | 2,600       | -300      | -11.5 | 1,500       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.9         | 5.6         | -0.7      | ---   | 3.1         |
| <b>WATERBURY LMA</b>            | Civilian Labor Force | 112,700     | 110,900     | 1,800     | 1.6   | 113,000     |
|                                 | Employed             | 106,300     | 103,600     | 2,700     | 2.6   | 108,500     |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 6,400       | 7,300       | -900      | -12.3 | 4,500       |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 5.7         | 6.6         | -0.9      | ---   | 4.0         |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>            | Civilian Labor Force | 162,104,000 | 160,037,000 | 2,067,000 | 1.3   | 162,510,000 |
|                                 | Employed             | 154,964,000 | 152,848,000 | 2,116,000 | 1.4   | 156,481,000 |
|                                 | Unemployed           | 7,140,000   | 7,189,000   | -49,000   | -0.7  | 6,029,000   |
|                                 | Unemployment Rate    | 4.4         | 4.5         | -0.1      | ---   | 3.7         |

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| (Not seasonally adjusted)                | AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS |            |          |            | AVG WEEKLY HOURS |      |      |      | AVG HOURLY EARNINGS |         |        |         |
|--|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|  | Jan                 |            | CHG      | Dec        | Jan              |      | CHG  | Dec  | Jan                 |         | CHG    | Dec     |
|  | 2019                | 2018       | Y/Y      | 2018       | 2019             | 2018 | Y/Y  | 2018 | 2019                | 2018    | Y/Y    | 2018    |
| <b>PRODUCTION WORKER</b>                 |                     |            |          |            |                  |      |      |      |                     |         |        |         |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b>                     | \$1,193.91          | \$1,034.50 | \$159.41 | \$1,275.81 | 42.9             | 40.3 | 2.6  | 44.1 | \$27.83             | \$25.67 | \$2.16 | \$28.93 |
| <b>DURABLE GOODS</b>                     | 1,334.50            | 1,100.32   | 234.18   | 1,458.80   | 42.5             | 41.6 | 0.9  | 44.3 | 31.40               | 26.45   | 4.95   | 32.93   |
| <b>NON-DUR. GOODS</b>                    | 886.21              | 802.99     | 83.22    | 898.47     | 44.2             | 35.8 | 8.4  | 43.7 | 20.05               | 22.43   | -2.38  | 20.56   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION</b>                      | 1,133.06            | 1,077.11   | 55.94    | 1,215.83   | 38.5             | 36.9 | 1.6  | 40.1 | 29.43               | 29.19   | 0.24   | 30.32   |
| <b>ALL EMPLOYEES</b>                     |                     |            |          |            |                  |      |      |      |                     |         |        |         |
| <b>STATEWIDE</b>                         |                     |            |          |            |                  |      |      |      |                     |         |        |         |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                     | 1,111.82            | 1,066.13   | 45.70    | 1,145.02   | 33.6             | 33.6 | 0.0  | 34.2 | 33.09               | 31.73   | 1.36   | 33.48   |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                   | 1,368.48            | 1,278.03   | 90.45    | 1,455.21   | 38.8             | 39.0 | -0.2 | 40.4 | 35.27               | 32.77   | 2.50   | 36.02   |
| Construction                             | 1,185.70            | 1,178.34   | 7.36     | 1,306.89   | 36.8             | 36.8 | 0.0  | 39.0 | 32.22               | 32.02   | 0.20   | 33.51   |
| Manufacturing                            | 1,494.91            | 1,314.99   | 179.92   | 1,567.73   | 40.7             | 39.8 | 0.9  | 42.2 | 36.73               | 33.04   | 3.69   | 37.15   |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>                 | 1,066.67            | 1,030.38   | 36.30    | 1,089.98   | 32.7             | 32.7 | 0.0  | 33.1 | 32.62               | 31.51   | 1.11   | 32.93   |
| Trade, Transp., Utilities                | 901.15              | 841.43     | 59.72    | 898.47     | 33.5             | 32.4 | 1.1  | 33.5 | 26.90               | 25.97   | 0.93   | 26.82   |
| Financial Activities                     | 1,770.35            | 1,775.85   | -5.50    | 1,880.47   | 36.3             | 37.3 | -1.0 | 37.4 | 48.77               | 47.61   | 1.16   | 50.28   |
| Prof. & Business Serv.                   | 1,264.76            | 1,273.28   | -8.52    | 1,299.68   | 33.7             | 34.6 | -0.9 | 34.9 | 37.53               | 36.80   | 0.73   | 37.24   |
| Education & Health Ser.                  | 976.47              | 943.80     | 32.67    | 978.71     | 33.0             | 32.5 | 0.5  | 32.7 | 29.59               | 29.04   | 0.55   | 29.93   |
| Leisure & Hospitality                    | 453.25              | 454.14     | -0.89    | 471.85     | 24.7             | 25.3 | -0.6 | 25.7 | 18.35               | 17.95   | 0.40   | 18.36   |
| Other Services                           | 801.68              | 774.08     | 27.60    | 825.90     | 31.8             | 31.1 | 0.7  | 32.8 | 25.21               | 24.89   | 0.32   | 25.18   |
| <b>LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE</b> |                     |            |          |            |                  |      |      |      |                     |         |        |         |
| Bridgeport-Stamford                      | 1,223.38            | 1,138.31   | 85.07    | 1,243.49   | 33.6             | 33.1 | 0.5  | 34.9 | 36.41               | 34.39   | 2.02   | 35.63   |
| Danbury                                  | 1,005.61            | 943.84     | 61.77    | 1,043.00   | 34.7             | 34.0 | 0.7  | 35.0 | 28.98               | 27.76   | 1.22   | 29.80   |
| Hartford                                 | 1,170.59            | 1,113.02   | 57.56    | 1,222.18   | 34.5             | 34.1 | 0.4  | 34.8 | 33.93               | 32.64   | 1.29   | 35.12   |
| New Haven                                | 1,047.88            | 1,013.60   | 34.28    | 1,081.54   | 33.5             | 33.2 | 0.3  | 34.4 | 31.28               | 30.53   | 0.75   | 31.44   |
| Norwich-New London                       | 839.97              | 876.73     | -36.76   | 791.32     | 30.6             | 31.8 | -1.2 | 29.2 | 27.45               | 27.57   | -0.12  | 27.10   |
| Waterbury                                | 944.82              | 855.68     | 89.14    | 963.96     | 34.8             | 34.2 | 0.6  | 34.8 | 27.15               | 25.02   | 2.13   | 27.70   |

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## BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

### New Companies and Expansions

- Artichoke Basille's Pizza opened in Newington.
- Premier Urgent Care opened in Oxford.
- The Blake, a new 108-room luxury hotel, opened in New Haven.
- The technology repair shop, uBreakiFix, opened a fourth Connecticut location in Westport.
- A new café called Liquid Chocolate has opened in Woodbury.

### Layoffs and Closures

- A.S. Labieniec Inc., a farm-and-garden retail fixture in Berlin, is closing.
- Payless ShoeSource is shutting all of its 2,100 remaining stores in the U.S.
- Harpers, a women's clothing store in Fairfield, will close it for good.
- The Brownstone, a boutique shop featuring handbags and jewelry, will close in Westport.
- The Bob's store at Enfield Commons in Enfield will be closing.

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**JANUARY 2019**

| LMA/TOWNS                  | LABOR FORCE    | EMPLOYED       | UNEMPLOYED    | %          | LMA/TOWNS               | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | %   |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----|
| <b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD</b> |                |                |               |            | <b>HARTFORD cont...</b> |             |          |            |     |
|                            | <b>466,984</b> | <b>445,077</b> | <b>21,907</b> | <b>4.7</b> | Canton                  | 5,790       | 5,571    | 219        | 3.8 |
| Ansonia                    | 9,314          | 8,722          | 592           | 6.4        | Chaplin                 | 1,272       | 1,202    | 70         | 5.5 |
| Bridgeport                 | 69,936         | 65,140         | 4,796         | 6.9        | Colchester              | 9,568       | 9,172    | 396        | 4.1 |
| Darien                     | 8,664          | 8,340          | 324           | 3.7        | Columbia                | 3,301       | 3,153    | 148        | 4.5 |
| Derby                      | 6,737          | 6,370          | 367           | 5.4        | Coventry                | 7,960       | 7,619    | 341        | 4.3 |
| Easton                     | 3,852          | 3,711          | 141           | 3.7        | Cromwell                | 8,101       | 7,731    | 370        | 4.6 |
| Fairfield                  | 29,480         | 28,255         | 1,225         | 4.2        | East Granby             | 3,128       | 3,003    | 125        | 4.0 |
| Greenwich                  | 28,912         | 27,847         | 1,065         | 3.7        | East Haddam             | 5,099       | 4,867    | 232        | 4.5 |
| Milford                    | 30,394         | 29,165         | 1,229         | 4.0        | East Hampton            | 7,860       | 7,531    | 329        | 4.2 |
| Monroe                     | 10,140         | 9,687          | 453           | 4.5        | East Hartford           | 27,410      | 25,978   | 1,432      | 5.2 |
| New Canaan                 | 8,397          | 8,090          | 307           | 3.7        | Ellington               | 9,574       | 9,181    | 393        | 4.1 |
| Norwalk                    | 50,952         | 48,678         | 2,274         | 4.5        | Farmington              | 14,392      | 13,867   | 525        | 3.6 |
| Oxford                     | 7,207          | 6,901          | 306           | 4.2        | Glastonbury             | 19,240      | 18,597   | 643        | 3.3 |
| Redding                    | 4,455          | 4,286          | 169           | 3.8        | Granby                  | 6,915       | 6,685    | 230        | 3.3 |
| Ridgefield                 | 11,870         | 11,429         | 441           | 3.7        | Haddam                  | 5,140       | 4,952    | 188        | 3.7 |
| Seymour                    | 9,047          | 8,573          | 474           | 5.2        | Hartford                | 53,659      | 49,650   | 4,009      | 7.5 |
| Shelton                    | 22,186         | 21,167         | 1,019         | 4.6        | Hartland                | 1,182       | 1,114    | 68         | 5.8 |
| Southbury                  | 8,730          | 8,323          | 407           | 4.7        | Harwinton               | 3,261       | 3,131    | 130        | 4.0 |
| Stamford                   | 70,955         | 67,927         | 3,028         | 4.3        | Hebron                  | 5,608       | 5,397    | 211        | 3.8 |
| Stratford                  | 27,325         | 25,937         | 1,388         | 5.1        | Lebanon                 | 4,154       | 3,941    | 213        | 5.1 |
| Trumbull                   | 18,017         | 17,227         | 790           | 4.4        | Manchester              | 33,316      | 31,849   | 1,467      | 4.4 |
| Weston                     | 4,374          | 4,198          | 176           | 4.0        | Mansfield               | 12,836      | 12,245   | 591        | 4.6 |
| Westport                   | 12,715         | 12,254         | 461           | 3.6        | Marlborough             | 3,663       | 3,513    | 150        | 4.1 |
| Wilton                     | 8,486          | 8,165          | 321           | 3.8        | Middletown              | 26,435      | 25,234   | 1,201      | 4.5 |
| Woodbridge                 | 4,840          | 4,686          | 154           | 3.2        | New Britain             | 37,092      | 34,778   | 2,314      | 6.2 |
|                            |                |                |               |            | New Hartford            | 4,051       | 3,882    | 169        | 4.2 |
| <b>DANBURY</b>             | <b>107,100</b> | <b>102,610</b> | <b>4,490</b>  | <b>4.2</b> | Newington               | 17,566      | 16,830   | 736        | 4.2 |
| Bethel                     | 10,911         | 10,469         | 442           | 4.1        | Plainville              | 10,631      | 10,146   | 485        | 4.6 |
| Bridgewater                | 843            | 806            | 37            | 4.4        | Plymouth                | 6,773       | 6,384    | 389        | 5.7 |
| Brookfield                 | 9,350          | 8,976          | 374           | 4.0        | Portland                | 5,567       | 5,330    | 237        | 4.3 |
| Danbury                    | 47,513         | 45,467         | 2,046         | 4.3        | Rocky Hill              | 11,758      | 11,317   | 441        | 3.8 |
| New Fairfield              | 7,145          | 6,868          | 277           | 3.9        | Scotland                | 979         | 929      | 50         | 5.1 |
| New Milford                | 15,253         | 14,588         | 665           | 4.4        | Simsbury                | 13,818      | 13,364   | 454        | 3.3 |
| Newtown                    | 14,201         | 13,632         | 569           | 4.0        | Southington             | 25,022      | 23,924   | 1,098      | 4.4 |
| Sherman                    | 1,883          | 1,804          | 79            | 4.2        | South Windsor           | 14,407      | 13,869   | 538        | 3.7 |
|                            |                |                |               |            | Stafford                | 7,025       | 6,667    | 358        | 5.1 |
| <b>ENFIELD</b>             | <b>50,278</b>  | <b>47,925</b>  | <b>2,353</b>  | <b>4.7</b> | Thomaston               | 4,817       | 4,596    | 221        | 4.6 |
| East Windsor               | 6,604          | 6,258          | 346           | 5.2        | Tolland                 | 8,697       | 8,387    | 310        | 3.6 |
| Enfield                    | 23,359         | 22,285         | 1,074         | 4.6        | Union**                 | 471         | 453      | 18         | 3.8 |
| Somers                     | 5,165          | 4,947          | 218           | 4.2        | Vernon                  | 17,607      | 16,787   | 820        | 4.7 |
| Suffield                   | 7,624          | 7,319          | 305           | 4.0        | West Hartford           | 35,010      | 33,741   | 1,269      | 3.6 |
| Windsor Locks              | 7,527          | 7,116          | 411           | 5.5        | Wethersfield            | 14,177      | 13,634   | 543        | 3.8 |
|                            |                |                |               |            | Willington              | 3,730       | 3,578    | 152        | 4.1 |
| <b>HARTFORD</b>            | <b>630,398</b> | <b>600,685</b> | <b>29,713</b> | <b>4.7</b> | Windham                 | 12,643      | 11,792   | 851        | 6.7 |
| Andover                    | 1,971          | 1,889          | 82            | 4.2        | Windsor                 | 16,827      | 16,051   | 776        | 4.6 |
| Ashford                    | 2,615          | 2,488          | 127           | 4.9        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Avon                       | 9,540          | 9,227          | 313           | 3.3        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Barkhamsted                | 2,342          | 2,240          | 102           | 4.4        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Berlin                     | 11,978         | 11,465         | 513           | 4.3        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Bloomfield                 | 11,984         | 11,419         | 565           | 4.7        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Bolton                     | 3,215          | 3,102          | 113           | 3.5        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Bristol                    | 33,491         | 31,721         | 1,770         | 5.3        |                         |             |          |            |     |
| Burlington                 | 5,734          | 5,518          | 216           | 3.8        |                         |             |          |            |     |

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

**LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS**

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

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

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

# LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

## JANUARY 2019

| LMA/TOWNS        | LABOR FORCE    | EMPLOYED       | UNEMPLOYED    | %          |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>NEW HAVEN</b> | <b>326,790</b> | <b>311,833</b> | <b>14,957</b> | <b>4.6</b> |
| Bethany          | 3,135          | 3,010          | 125           | 4.0        |
| Branford         | 16,212         | 15,483         | 729           | 4.5        |
| Cheshire         | 15,771         | 15,235         | 536           | 3.4        |
| Chester          | 2,376          | 2,279          | 97            | 4.1        |
| Clinton          | 7,348          | 7,019          | 329           | 4.5        |
| Deep River       | 2,909          | 2,778          | 131           | 4.5        |
| Durham           | 4,327          | 4,173          | 154           | 3.6        |
| East Haven       | 15,838         | 15,053         | 785           | 5.0        |
| Essex            | 3,404          | 3,256          | 148           | 4.3        |
| Guilford         | 12,967         | 12,542         | 425           | 3.3        |
| Hamden           | 35,481         | 34,019         | 1,462         | 4.1        |
| Killingworth     | 3,831          | 3,707          | 124           | 3.2        |
| Madison          | 9,136          | 8,814          | 322           | 3.5        |
| Meriden          | 32,156         | 30,475         | 1,681         | 5.2        |
| Middlefield      | 2,551          | 2,432          | 119           | 4.7        |
| New Haven        | 64,728         | 61,243         | 3,485         | 5.4        |
| North Branford   | 8,257          | 7,908          | 349           | 4.2        |
| North Haven      | 13,474         | 12,904         | 570           | 4.2        |
| Old Saybrook     | 5,124          | 4,923          | 201           | 3.9        |
| Orange           | 7,347          | 7,082          | 265           | 3.6        |
| Wallingford      | 26,429         | 25,312         | 1,117         | 4.2        |
| West Haven       | 30,276         | 28,646         | 1,630         | 5.4        |
| Westbrook        | 3,714          | 3,542          | 172           | 4.6        |

### \*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART

|   | LABOR FORCE    | EMPLOYED       | UNEMPLOYED   | %          |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART</b> | <b>126,536</b> | <b>120,571</b> | <b>5,965</b> | <b>4.7</b> |
| Bozrah                                      | 1,445          | 1,381          | 64           | 4.4        |
| Canterbury                                  | 2,894          | 2,771          | 123          | 4.3        |
| East Lyme                                   | 8,680          | 8,285          | 395          | 4.6        |
| Franklin                                    | 1,081          | 1,029          | 52           | 4.8        |
| Griswold                                    | 6,337          | 5,986          | 351          | 5.5        |
| Groton                                      | 18,414         | 17,663         | 751          | 4.1        |
| Ledyard                                     | 7,993          | 7,678          | 315          | 3.9        |
| Lisbon                                      | 2,365          | 2,244          | 121          | 5.1        |
| Lyme  | 1,227          | 1,175          | 52           | 4.2        |
| Montville                                   | 9,387          | 8,918          | 469          | 5.0        |
| New London                                  | 12,031         | 11,328         | 703          | 5.8        |
| No. Stonington                              | 2,954          | 2,827          | 127          | 4.3        |
| Norwich                                     | 20,305         | 19,231         | 1,074        | 5.3        |
| Old Lyme                                    | 3,759          | 3,611          | 148          | 3.9        |
| Preston                                     | 2,431          | 2,315          | 116          | 4.8        |
| Salem                                       | 2,131          | 2,046          | 85           | 4.0        |
| Sprague                                     | 1,612          | 1,534          | 78           | 4.8        |
| Stonington                                  | 9,858          | 9,426          | 432          | 4.4        |
| Voluntown                                   | 1,494          | 1,417          | 77           | 5.2        |
| Waterford                                   | 10,142         | 9,710          | 432          | 4.3        |

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

### NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI

|   | LABOR FORCE    | EMPLOYED       | UNEMPLOYED   | %          |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI</b> | <b>142,548</b> | <b>135,721</b> | <b>6,827</b> | <b>4.8</b> |
| RI part<br>(Hopkinton and Westerly)       | 16,012         | 15,150         | 862          | 5.4        |

| LMA/TOWNS                   | LABOR FORCE   | EMPLOYED      | UNEMPLOYED   | %          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST</b> | <b>47,470</b> | <b>45,140</b> | <b>2,330</b> | <b>4.9</b> |
| Canaan                      | 651           | 627           | 24           | 3.7        |
| Colebrook                   | 842           | 786           | 56           | 6.7        |
| Cornwall                    | 779           | 752           | 27           | 3.5        |
| Goshen                      | 1,665         | 1,598         | 67           | 4.0        |
| Kent                        | 1,518         | 1,460         | 58           | 3.8        |
| Litchfield                  | 4,877         | 4,659         | 218          | 4.5        |
| Morris                      | 1,446         | 1,383         | 63           | 4.4        |
| Norfolk                     | 918           | 877           | 41           | 4.5        |
| North Canaan                | 1,798         | 1,709         | 89           | 4.9        |
| Roxbury                     | 1,340         | 1,301         | 39           | 2.9        |
| Salisbury                   | 1,853         | 1,778         | 75           | 4.0        |
| Sharon                      | 1,515         | 1,461         | 54           | 3.6        |
| Torrington                  | 19,220        | 18,145        | 1,075        | 5.6        |
| Warren                      | 806           | 773           | 33           | 4.1        |
| Washington                  | 2,090         | 2,016         | 74           | 3.5        |
| Winchester                  | 6,152         | 5,816         | 336          | 5.5        |

| LMA/TOWNS        | LABOR FORCE    | EMPLOYED       | UNEMPLOYED   | %          |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>WATERBURY</b> | <b>112,706</b> | <b>106,296</b> | <b>6,410</b> | <b>5.7</b> |
| Beacon Falls     | 3,539          | 3,398          | 141          | 4.0        |
| Bethlehem        | 1,998          | 1,888          | 110          | 5.5        |
| Middlebury       | 3,987          | 3,827          | 160          | 4.0        |
| Naugatuck        | 17,502         | 16,604         | 898          | 5.1        |
| Prospect         | 5,721          | 5,480          | 241          | 4.2        |
| Waterbury        | 51,137         | 47,544         | 3,593        | 7.0        |
| Watertown        | 13,133         | 12,560         | 573          | 4.4        |
| Wolcott          | 10,070         | 9,617          | 453          | 4.5        |
| Woodbury         | 5,619          | 5,378          | 241          | 4.3        |

### DANIELSON-NORT HEAST

| LMA/TOWNS                   | LABOR FORCE   | EMPLOYED      | UNEMPLOYED   | %          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>DANIELSON-NORT HEAST</b> | <b>43,216</b> | <b>41,011</b> | <b>2,205</b> | <b>5.1</b> |
| Brooklyn                    | 4,113         | 3,918         | 195          | 4.7        |
| Eastford                    | 979           | 933           | 46           | 4.7        |
| Hampton                     | 1,044         | 997           | 47           | 4.5        |
| Killingly                   | 9,578         | 9,095         | 483          | 5.0        |
| Plainfield                  | 8,674         | 8,190         | 484          | 5.6        |
| Pomfret                     | 2,497         | 2,408         | 89           | 3.6        |
| Putnam                      | 4,835         | 4,575         | 260          | 5.4        |
| Sterling                    | 2,042         | 1,906         | 136          | 6.7        |
| Thompson                    | 5,278         | 5,007         | 271          | 5.1        |
| Woodstock                   | 4,177         | 3,983         | 194          | 4.6        |

\*\* Not official BLS estimates, but were produced using BLS methodology

### Not Seasonally Adjusted:

|               |             |             |           |     |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| CONNECTICUT   | 1,911,500   | 1,821,100   | 90,300    | 4.7 |
| UNITED STATES | 162,104,000 | 154,964,000 | 7,140,000 | 4.4 |

### Seasonally Adjusted:

|               |             |             |           |     |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| CONNECTICUT   | 1,923,700   | 1,849,800   | 73,900    | 3.8 |
| UNITED STATES | 163,229,000 | 156,694,000 | 6,535,000 | 4.0 |

### 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          | JAN<br>2019 | YR TO DATE<br>2019 | 2018 | TOWN             | JAN<br>2019 | YR TO DATE<br>2019 | 2018 | TOWN          | JAN<br>2019 | YR TO DATE<br>2019 | 2018 |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| Andover       | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Griswold         | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Preston       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Ansonia       | na          | na                 | na   | Groton           | na          | na                 | na   | Prospect      | 4           | 4                  | 2    |
| Ashford       | na          | na                 | na   | Guilford         | na          | na                 | na   | Putnam        | na          | na                 | na   |
| Avon          | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Haddam           | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Redding       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Barkhamsted   | na          | na                 | na   | Hamden           | na          | na                 | na   | Ridgefield    | 2           | 2                  | 1    |
| Beacon Falls  | na          | na                 | na   | Hampton          | na          | na                 | na   | Rocky Hill    | 0           | 0                  | 1    |
| Berlin        | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Hartford         | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Roxbury       | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bethany       | na          | na                 | na   | Hartland         | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Salem         | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bethel        | 4           | 4                  | 13   | Harwinton        | na          | na                 | na   | Salisbury     | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bethlehem     | na          | na                 | na   | Hebron           | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Scotland      | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bloomfield    | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Kent             | 1           | 1                  | 3    | Seymour       | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bolton        | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Killingly        | na          | na                 | na   | Sharon        | na          | na                 | na   |
| Bozrah        | na          | na                 | na   | Killingworth     | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Shelton       | 7           | 7                  | 4    |
| Branford      | 2           | 2                  | 2    | Lebanon          | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Sherman       | 1           | 1                  | 0    |
| Bridgeport    | 4           | 4                  | 5    | Ledyard          | na          | na                 | na   | Simsbury      | 1           | 1                  | 1    |
| Bridgewater   | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Lisbon           | na          | na                 | na   | Somers        | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Bristol       | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Litchfield       | na          | na                 | na   | South Windsor | 8           | 8                  | 6    |
| Brookfield    | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Lyme             | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Southbury     | na          | na                 | na   |
| Brooklyn      | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Madison          | na          | na                 | na   | Southington   | 3           | 3                  | 4    |
| Burlington    | 2           | 2                  | 1    | Manchester       | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Sprague       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Canaan        | na          | na                 | na   | Mansfield        | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Stafford      | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Canterbury    | na          | na                 | na   | Marlborough      | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Stamford      | 6           | 6                  | 5    |
| Canton        | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Meriden          | na          | na                 | na   | Sterling      | na          | na                 | na   |
| Chaplin       | na          | na                 | na   | Middlebury       | na          | na                 | na   | Stonington    | na          | na                 | na   |
| Cheshire      | 2           | 2                  | 1    | Middlefield      | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Stratford     | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Chester       | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Middletown       | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Suffield      | 7           | 7                  | 0    |
| Clinton       | 3           | 3                  | 1    | Milford          | 15          | 15                 | 11   | Thomaston     | na          | na                 | na   |
| Colchester    | 0           | 0                  | 6    | Monroe           | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Thompson      | na          | na                 | na   |
| Colebrook     | na          | na                 | na   | Montville        | na          | na                 | na   | Tolland       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Columbia      | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Morris           | na          | na                 | na   | Torrington    | na          | na                 | na   |
| Cornwall      | na          | na                 | na   | Naugatuck        | na          | na                 | na   | Trumbull      | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Coventry      | 1           | 1                  | 0    | New Britain      | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Union         | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Cromwell      | 0           | 0                  | 0    | New Canaan       | 1           | 1                  | 2    | Vernon        | 7           | 7                  | 8    |
| Danbury       | 4           | 4                  | 7    | New Fairfield    | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Voluntown     | 1           | 1                  | 0    |
| Darien        | 7           | 7                  | 3    | New Hartford     | na          | na                 | na   | Wallingford   | 1           | 1                  | 1    |
| Deep River    | 0           | 0                  | 0    | New Haven        | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Warren        | na          | na                 | na   |
| Derby         | na          | na                 | na   | New London       | 3           | 3                  | 2    | Washington    | na          | na                 | na   |
| Durham        | 0           | 0                  | 0    | New Milford      | na          | na                 | na   | Waterbury     | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| East Granby   | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Newington        | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Waterford     | na          | na                 | na   |
| East Haddam   | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Newtown          | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Watertown     | na          | na                 | na   |
| East Hampton  | 1           | 1                  | 2    | Norfolk          | na          | na                 | na   | West Hartford | 6           | 6                  | 6    |
| East Hartford | 1           | 1                  | 0    | North Branford   | na          | na                 | na   | West Haven    | na          | na                 | na   |
| East Haven    | na          | na                 | na   | North Canaan     | na          | na                 | na   | Westbrook     | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| East Lyme     | 1           | 1                  | 1    | North Haven      | na          | na                 | na   | Weston        | 1           | 1                  | 1    |
| East Windsor  | 3           | 3                  | 122  | North Stonington | na          | na                 | na   | Westport      | 7           | 7                  | 7    |
| Eastford      | na          | na                 | na   | Norwalk          | 0           | 0                  | 13   | Wethersfield  | 1           | 1                  | 0    |
| Easton        | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Norwich          | 6           | 6                  | 0    | Willington    | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Ellington     | 8           | 8                  | 7    | Old Lyme         | na          | na                 | na   | Wilton        | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Enfield       | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Old Saybrook     | 0           | 0                  | 15   | Winchester    | na          | na                 | na   |
| Essex         | 1           | 1                  | 1    | Orange           | na          | na                 | na   | Windham       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Fairfield     | 4           | 4                  | 6    | Oxford           | 7           | 7                  | 0    | Windsor       | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Farmington    | 0           | 0                  | 1    | Plainfield       | na          | na                 | na   | Windsor Locks | 15          | 15                 | 2    |
| Franklin      | na          | na                 | na   | Plainville       | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Wolcott       | 5           | 5                  | 0    |
| Glastonbury   | 2           | 2                  | 2    | Plymouth         | na          | na                 | na   | Woodbridge    | na          | na                 | na   |
| Goshen        | na          | na                 | na   | Pomfret          | na          | na                 | na   | Woodbury      | 0           | 0                  | 0    |
| Granby        | 1           | 1                  | 0    | Portland         | 0           | 0                  | 0    | Woodstock     | na          | na                 | na   |
| Greenwich     | 19          | 19                 | 8    |                  |             |                    |      |               |             |                    |      |

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (800) 500-2467.

## **BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS**

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

## **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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

## **EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX**

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

## **GAMING DATA**

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

## **HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES**

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

## **INITIAL CLAIMS**

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

## **INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

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

## **LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

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

## **LABOR MARKET AREAS**

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

## **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES**

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

## **UI COVERED WAGES**

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

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS AT A GLANCE

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

|  |                |                               |              |                                     |        |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Leading General Drift Indicator.....   | 2.7            | <b>Business Activity</b>      |              | <b>Tourism and Travel</b>           |        |
| Coincident General Drift Indicator...  | 1.1            | New Housing Permits.....      | -18.7        | Occupancy Rate.....                 | 2.6    |
| Liberty Bank Business Barometer..      | 0.9            | Electricity Sales.....        | -4.7         | Major Attraction Visitors.....      | NA     |
| Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index.....   | NA             | Construction Contracts Index. | 9.8          | Air Passenger Count.....            | 2.0    |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Employment.....</b>   | <b>0.7</b>     | New Auto Registrations.....   | -3.0         | Gaming Slots.....                   | -10.6  |
| Labor Force.....                       | 1.9            | Exports.....                  | 17.3         | <b>Employment Cost Index (U.S.)</b> |        |
| Employed.....                          | 2.7            | S&P 500: Monthly Close.....   | -4.2         | Total.....                          | 3.0    |
| Unemployed.....                        | -14.2          | <b>Business Starts</b>        |              | Wages & Salaries.....               | 3.1    |
| <b>Unemployment Rate.....</b>          | <b>-0.7 *</b>  | Secretary of the State.....   | 9.9          | Benefit Costs.....                  | 2.6    |
| Labor Force Participation Rate... ..   | 1.2 *          | Dept. of Labor.....           | -12.9        | <b>Consumer Prices</b>              |        |
| Employment-Population Ratio... ..      | 1.5 *          | <b>Business Terminations</b>  |              | U.S. City Average.....              | 1.6    |
| <b>Average Weekly Initial Claims..</b> | <b>-11.3</b>   | Secretary of the State.....   | -4.7         | Northeast Region.....               | 1.5    |
| <b>Avg Insured Unempl. Rate.....</b>   | <b>-0.31 *</b> | Dept. of Labor.....           | -8.3         | NY-Newark-Jersey City.....          | 1.6    |
| <b>U-6 Rate.....</b>                   | <b>-1.2 *</b>  | <b>State Revenues.....</b>    | <b>-19.3</b> | Boston-Cambridge-Newton...          | 2.5    |
| <b>Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs.....</b>  | <b>6.5</b>     | Corporate Tax.....            | 610.5        | <b>Interest Rates</b>               |        |
| <b>PW Avg Hourly Earnings.....</b>     | <b>8.4</b>     | Personal Income Tax.....      | -40.9        | Prime.....                          | 1.00 * |
| <b>PW Avg Weekly Earnings.....</b>     | <b>15.4</b>    | Real Estate Conveyance Tax..  | 6.2          | Conventional Mortgage.....          | 0.43 * |
| <b>CT Mfg. Production Index.....</b>   | <b>2.3</b>     | Sales & Use Tax.....          | -10.0        |                                     |        |
| Production Worker Hours.....           | 7.6            | Gaming Payments.....          | -8.6         |                                     |        |
| Industrial Electricity Sales.....      | -2.9           |                               |              |                                     |        |
| <b>Personal Income.....</b>            | <b>2.4</b>     |                               |              |                                     |        |
| <b>UI Covered Wages.....</b>           | <b>2.7</b>     |                               |              |                                     |        |

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

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