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In March...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,580,300
 Change over month +0.34%
 Change over year -6.12%

United States 144,120,000
 Change over month +0.64%
 Change over year -4.46%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 8.3%
 United States 6.0%

Consumer Price Index

United States 264.877
 Change over year +2.6%

Short-Term Employment Projections Through 2022

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CURRENT SITUATION

The past year is certainly one that won't be forgotten. The economy fell from record highs to record lows over the course of two months. From February to April 2020, the US and Connecticut economies fell respectively by 14.7 and 17.2 percent. In the year since, both have recovered just over 58% of the jobs lost from the February US employment peak to the April employment trough.

The table below shows the impact of COVID-19 on northeast states through February 2021. When compared to other states, Connecticut's employment recovery rate (April 2020 to Feb. 2021) has been larger than the adjacent states of New York and Massachusetts but lower than Rhode Island's.

Connecticut Short-Term Projections

Each year, the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor produces short-term employment projection by industry and occupation. The current projections are for the period from the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2022. This base quarter coincides with the April 2020 employment trough and illustrates where we project employment to be two years after the start of the pandemic. Through 2022Q2, we project overall employment in Connecticut to increase by 13.5% from 1,541,793 to 1,750,039, as is shown in the industry table. This projected growth suggests that the state will rebound through 2022Q2 and recover most of the employment lost during the pandemic.

Jobs Lost and Recovered Over The Past 12 Months in the U.S., CT, and Nearby States (in Thousands)

Area	US Peak	US Trough	Peak/Trough Change		Current Month	Peak to Current Month Change		Recovery Rate*
	Feb. 2020	Apr. 2020	#	%	Feb. 2021	#	%	
United States	152,523	130,161	-22,362	-14.7%	143,204	-9,319	-6.1%	58.3%
Connecticut	1,696	1,404	-292	-17.2%	1,575	-121	-7.2%	58.5%
Maine	640	545	-95	-14.8%	606	-35	-5.4%	63.5%
Massachusetts	3,733	3,042	-692	-18.5%	3,414	-320	-8.6%	53.8%
New Hampshire	689	573	-116	-16.9%	653	-36	-5.3%	68.9%
New Jersey	4,230	3,512	-717	-17.0%	3,877	-353	-8.3%	50.8%
New York	9,835	7,852	-1,983	-20.2%	8,784	-1,051	-10.7%	47.0%
Pennsylvania	6,093	4,963	-1,130	-18.5%	5,655	-438	-7.2%	61.2%
Rhode Island	507	399	-108	-21.3%	465	-43	-8.4%	60.6%
Vermont	315	251	-64	-20.2%	287	-27	-8.7%	56.9%

Source: CT Dept. of Labor & BLS Current Employment Statistics

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Industry	2020 Q2 History	2022 Q2 Projections	Emp Change	% Change
Total All Industries	1,541,793	1,750,039	208,246	13.5%
Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	82,419	96,335	13,916	16.9%
Goods Producing	210,255	214,511	4,256	2.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	5,404	5,494	90	1.7%
Construction	54,124	54,896	772	1.4%
Manufacturing	150,727	154,121	3,394	2.3%
Services Providing	1,249,119	1,439,193	190,074	15.2%
Wholesale Trade	54,140	54,784	644	1.2%
Retail Trade	140,596	152,722	12,126	8.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	51,385	69,437	18,052	35.1%
Utilities	5,119	4,877	-242	-4.7%
Information	28,466	28,431	-35	-0.1%
Finance and Insurance	100,980	96,569	-4,411	-4.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18,028	18,459	431	2.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	91,063	96,898	5,835	6.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	30,912	31,349	437	1.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	76,953	92,077	15,124	19.7%
Educational Services	171,186	174,766	3,580	2.1%
Health Care	204,064	218,480	14,416	7.1%
Social Assistance	60,719	72,276	11,557	19.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,570	29,400	15,830	116.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	71,223	140,334	69,111	97.0%
Other Services (except Government)	52,104	74,626	22,522	43.2%
Government*	78,611	83,708	5,097	6.5%

*Government excludes education, hospitals, and gambling industries

Projections by Industry

The largest major sectors that show significant projected employment increases are Accommodations & Food Services (+96,111 projected), Other Services (+22,522 projected), Transportation & Warehousing (+18,052 projected), and Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (+15,830 projected). Two of the industries with the largest increases are also among the hardest hit by the pandemic, Accommodations & Food Services and Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation. They are projected to rebound to above their pre-pandemic levels and have total employment within 4 percentage points of their corresponding 2019Q2 levels. The Transportation & Warehousing gains reflect a continuation of long-term trends coupled with increased short-term demand as online commerce grew due to social distancing.

The four largest sectors, Health Care, Educational Services, Manufacturing, and

Retail Trade are all projected to add jobs through 2022Q2. These four sectors comprise about 40% of Connecticut employment but are projected to contribute less than 20% of projected total employment change. This reflects the varied impact of COVID-19 on industry employment, as essential industries such as Manufacturing and Educational Services had more muted losses than industries such as Accommodation & Food Services or Retail Trade, which were more impacted by pandemic mitigation efforts and had larger 19Q2 to 20Q2 employment declines.

Health Care is expected to grow by 7.1%, driven by gains in its Ambulatory Health Care Services Industry (+17,000 jobs or +21.6%) and dampened by declines in its Nursing & Residential Care Facilities industry (-4,300 jobs or -7.3%).

Educational Services is projected to increase by 2.1% to within a thousand of its 2019Q2

employment, a year before the pandemic. Long-term demographic trends that have challenged this sector in recent years were heightened in the short term by the pandemic, which caused more parents to homeschool their children or delay pre-K enrollment.¹ Conversely, the pandemic-induced inflow into the state from major metropolitan areas might bolster the school-aged population in coming years.

Manufacturing is the third largest sector in the state. As with other industries deemed essential, the sector had lower year-over-year losses than other major sectors but was nonetheless impacted by the pandemic. It was down 7.1% during the second quarter of 2020 year over year and was still down 6.3% year over year during the third quarter of 2020. Projections are for employment gains through 2021, but still below industry peak levels. Of the various types of

manufacturing that comprise that sector, the Transportation Equipment Manufacturing component industry is driving sector gains, comprising 30% of 2020Q2 employment and 52% of overall sector change.

The employment swings experienced over the past year by Retail Trade have been the largest among the four largest sectors. It was down 34,000 or 19.3% from 19Q2 to 20Q2. The only sector to fall more was Accommodation & Food Services, which fell by 72,000 from 19Q2 to 20Q2. Although longer term trends in Retail Trade employment are down, the 2022Q2 projection of 152,722 (+8.6%) may understate gains in that sector. Monthly employment reports show strong growth in this sector in the first three months of 2021.

Over the two-year projections period, all but three sectors are projected to add jobs. Utilities and Information are projected to decline by 242 and 35

respectively, while Finance & Insurance is expected to decline by 4,411 jobs or 4.4%. Employment in that sector held relatively flat during the 2020Q2 lockdown quarter, down 2.4% from a year before. This projected decline continues longer-term trends, the sector has declined since its 2007 employment peak. The Insurance Carriers & Related Activities industry accounts for 57% of Finance & Insurance employment and 49% of projected declines, indicating that the smaller Finance component industries are projected to have larger proportional losses.

Projections by Occupation

As noted above, overall employment is projected to grow by 208,246 or +13.5% from 2020Q2 through 2022Q2. Every occupational group is projected to add jobs through 2022Q2, with growth ranging between 2.9% for Architecture & Engineering Occupations to 71.2% for Food Preparation & Serving Related. The four occupational groups with the largest gains are Food Preparation & Serving Related (+57,200 or +71.2%), Transportation & Material Moving (+22,000 or +19.5%), Personal Care & Service (+21,600 or +58.4%), and Sales & Related Occupations (+16,600 or +12.5%). These four major occupational employment increases echo the aforementioned industry projections, and they represent a combined 24% of base quarter employment and 56% of projected growth as they were hardest hit by the pandemic.

Other large occupational groups, all with employment of 100,000 or more had much more muted growth. Office & Administrative Support is projected to grow by 6.8% to 221,600, Management is up 7.4% to 139,400, and Education,

Occupational Group	2020 Q2 History	2022 Q2 Projections	Emp Change	% Change
Total, All Occupations	1,541,793	1,750,039	208,246	13.5%
Food Preparation and Serving Related	80,274	137,457	57,183	71.2%
Personal Care and Service	36,945	58,511	21,566	58.4%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	56,220	70,530	14,310	25.5%
Transportation and Material Moving	112,946	134,951	22,005	19.5%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	25,901	30,048	4,147	16.0%
Sales and Related	132,744	149,381	16,637	12.5%
Protective Service	30,428	33,958	3,530	11.6%
Healthcare Support	81,509	89,133	7,624	9.4%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	49,952	54,228	4,276	8.6%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	100,444	108,058	7,614	7.6%
Management	129,820	139,432	9,612	7.4%
Computer and Mathematical	48,338	51,646	3,308	6.8%
Office and Administrative Support	207,428	221,588	14,160	6.8%
Production	85,503	90,804	5,301	6.2%
Life, Physical, and Social Science	12,620	13,354	734	5.8%
Construction and Extraction	51,939	54,859	2,920	5.6%
Education, Training, and Library	114,414	120,767	6,353	5.6%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	3,947	4,140	193	4.9%
Community and Social Service	38,324	39,927	1,603	4.2%
Business and Financial Operations	93,215	96,958	3,743	4.0%
Legal	14,398	14,840	442	3.1%
Architecture and Engineering	34,484	35,469	985	2.9%

Level of Educational Attainment	2020Q2	2022Q2	Emp. Change	% Change
Total, All Occupations	1,541,793	1,750,039	208,246	13.5%
No formal educational credential	284,194	383,053	98,859	34.8%
High school diploma or equivalent	575,304	637,758	62,454	10.9%
Postsecondary non-degree award	95,809	106,722	10,913	11.4%
Some college, no degree	46,998	50,136	3,138	6.7%
Associate's degree	34,370	40,832	6,462	18.8%
Bachelor's degree	420,641	440,758	20,117	4.8%
Master's degree	31,884	34,462	2,578	8.1%
Doctoral or professional degree	52,593	56,318	3,725	7.1%

employment growth).² The total annual opening figures included in the table are the sum of those three annualized variables to highlight that the labor market will have hundreds of thousands of job openings in the coming year.

Conclusions

The past year has been memorable, for reasons we all hope to forget. The employment projections noted in this article reflect the unprecedented economic conditions that were derived from a pandemic that quickly and drastically altered social and economic foundations. Due to this, there are numerous known and unknown “risks to the projections” that may impact their accuracy. These include COVID-related variables such as vaccination rates and virus mutations, both of which have the potential to drastically shift how the economy functions. The significant economic stimulus policies conducted last year and currently underway will likely continue to avoid the prolonged economic downturn that was feared a year ago. Other behavioral shifts such as permanent widespread adoption of remote work could alter many areas of the economy. At the U.S. level, the highest GDP projections in almost 40 years and concerns of possible inflation could additionally impact the state labor market over the short term in currently unforeseen ways. An upside of many of these risks is that, unlike last year, it seems more likely that they would positively impact the labor market than function as drags on the recovery.

Level of Educational Attainment	Largest Occupation in Ed. Level	2020Q2	2022Q2	Emp. Change	% Change
No formal educational credential	Waiters and Waitresses	16,823	31,438	14,615	86.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	Childcare Workers	9,537	16,134	6,597	69.2%
Postsecondary non-degree award	Dental Assistants	2,325	4,183	1,858	79.9%
Some college, no degree	Teaching Assistants	20,145	21,270	1,125	5.6%
Associate's degree	Preschool Teachers	5,127	7,826	2,699	52.6%
Bachelor's degree	General and Operations Managers	27,700	29,938	2,238	8.1%
Master's degree	Nurse Practitioners	2,651	3,111	460	17.4%
Doctoral or professional degree	Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists	5,972	6,560	588	9.8%

Training, & Library Occupations is up 5.6% to 120,800.

Each occupation is assigned an education value based on the minimum education necessary to enter an occupation. The table above shows the breakdown of occupational projections by education value and the specific occupation by educational level with the largest employment change. Over the two years that span the projections period, 23% of job growth will be in occupations that require a credential or degree beyond high school. This share of occupational growth is half what it has been in recent years and reflects the impact of the pandemic on base-quarter employment and subsequent growth — industries and occupations that have lower levels of required educational attainment fell the most due to the pandemic and therefore have a stronger rebound. A shift of employment growth to higher levels of educational attainment can be expected in future rounds of short-term projections as the economy recovers from the pandemic.

Connecticut's Projections Compared to Other States

Connecticut's projected 2020-2022 job growth is projected to grow at a higher rate than Massachusetts but slightly below the rate of New York. The two-year projected growth rates vary in accordance with percent employment declines in the preceding two year period. From 2018Q2 to 2020Q2, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire had employment change of -16.9%, -15.1%, -14.8%, and -12.4% respectively.

The table also includes average annual openings to help illustrate how total net change doesn't fully capture the amount of churn in the labor market. The projections methodology used by all 50 states and territories calculates openings due to separations (people leaving the labor market), transfers (leaving one job for another), and expansions (total

Area	2020	2022	# Change	% Change	Avg. Ann. Openings
New York	8,678,780	10,156,560	1,477,780	17.0%	1,666,580
Connecticut	1,541,790	1,750,040	208,250	13.5%	266,220
Massachusetts	3,366,030	3,785,260	419,230	12.5%	557,300
New Hampshire	617,610	678,990	61,380	9.9%	95,640

Connecticut's short term projections show that the state is well on its way to rebound from the economic downturn that began early last year. The highest growth industries and occupations are those that were most impacted by shutdown orders and other COVID-mitigation policies. As the recovery continues, we expect that future rounds of employment growth projections in the state will realign to more proportional growth with less drastic industry variance. Key takeaways are that the hardest hit industries and occupations are recovering

and we project total statewide employment will rebound through 2022Q2 and recover most of the employment lost during the pandemic. ■

Data Limitations: The Department of Labor's short-term projections in this report have been carefully prepared to ensure accuracy, but by nature are subject to error. For more detail on the short-term occupational projections, visit <https://projectionscentral.org/Projections/ShortTerm>

1 CT Department of Education: Preliminary Data Indicates Three Percent Decline in Statewide Student Enrollment for 2020-21. November 4, 2020. <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2020/Preliminary-Data-Indicates-Three-Percent-Decline-in-Statewide-Student-Enrollment-for-2020>

2 For more information on the projections methodology, see: <https://www.bls.gov/emp/videos/understanding-bls-projections-of-occupational-separations.htm>

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	4Q 2020	4Q 2019	YoY CHG NO. %		3Q 2020	QoQ CHG NO. %	
General Drift Indicator (2007=100)*							
Leading	105.6	115.2	-9.6	-8.3	106.2	-0.6	-0.5
Coincident	91.7	94.9	-3.2	-3.4	91.4	0.3	0.34
Real Gross Domestic Product** (2012 Chained \$, SAAR)	3Q 2020	3Q 2019	YoY CHG NO. %		2Q 2020	QoQ CHG NO. %	
Connecticut (\$ in millions)	242,765.5	251,046.5	-8,281.0	-3.3	226,222.0	16,543.5	7.3
United States (\$ in millions)	18,596,521	19,141,744	-545,223	-2.8	17,302,511	1,294,010	7.5
New England (\$ in millions)	958,935.4	992,084.5	-33,149.1	-3.3	890,906.1	68,029.3	7.6
Per Capita Personal Income** (Current \$, SAAR)	4Q 2020	4Q 2019	YoY CHG NO. %		3Q 2020	QoQ CHG NO. %	
Connecticut	79,423	77,710	1,713	2.2	79,906	-483	-0.6
United States	59,086	56,995	2,091	3.7	60,184	-1,098	-1.8
New England	72,728	70,075	2,653	3.8	74,531	-1,803	-2.4
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YoY CHG NO. %		Feb 2021	MoM CHG NO. %	
Connecticut	109.87	122.11	-12.2	-10.0	109.24	0.6	0.6
United States	126.42	130.07	-3.7	-2.8	125.62	0.8	0.6

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

General Drift Indicators are composite measures of the four-quarter change in three coincident (Connecticut Manufacturing Production Index, nonfarm employment, and real personal income) and three leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 2007 = 100.

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

Total nonfarm
employment decreased
over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,580.3	1,683.3	-103.0	-6.1	1,574.9
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-16.7	0.5
Construction	57.1	59.8	-2.7	-4.5	56.0
Manufacturing	152.8	160.1	-7.3	-4.6	152.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	289.3	293.1	-3.8	-1.3	291.4
Information	27.6	31.3	-3.7	-11.8	27.7
Financial Activities	119.2	122.5	-3.3	-2.7	118.6
Professional and Business Services	203.0	217.8	-14.8	-6.8	205.6
Education and Health Services	328.3	348.8	-20.5	-5.9	322.9
Leisure and Hospitality	122.6	150.7	-28.1	-18.6	121.0
Other Services	58.6	64.2	-5.6	-8.7	58.2
Government*	221.3	234.4	-13.1	-5.6	220.9

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

Average weekly initial
claims fell from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
(Seasonally adjusted)					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,729.8	1,915.6	-185.8	-9.7	1,712.6
Employed (000s)	1,586.5	1,842.2	-255.7	-13.9	1,567.0
Unemployed (000s)	143.2	73.4	69.8	95.1	145.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	3.8	4.5	---	8.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	60.1	66.4	-6.3	---	59.5
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	55.1	63.9	-8.8	---	54.4
Average Weekly Initial Claims	10,553	25,989	-15,436	-59.4	8,184
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	3.49	3.04	0.45	---	3.69
	1Q 2021	1Q 2020			2020
U-6 Rate (%)	15.2	8.1	7.1	---	14.1

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

The production worker
weekly earnings fell over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb	Jan
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021	2021
(Not seasonally adjusted)						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	39.5	41.3	-1.8	-4.4	39.2	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	27.79	28.87	-1.08	-3.7	27.71	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,097.71	1,192.33	-94.62	-7.9	1,086.23	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)	92.6	89.5	3.0	3.4	91.0	92.2
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,867	3,678	189	5.1	3,767	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	220	220	0.3	0.2	218	3769
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)	95.6	93.3	2.4	2.5	96.5	96.9

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

*Latest two months are forecasted.

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

INCOME

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

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations increased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Mar 2021	564	-12.3	1,094	1,376	-20.5
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Feb 2021	2,278	5.7	4,747	4,518	5.1
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	Mar 2021	365.5	-27.2	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Mar 2021	22,015	86.8	55,579	42,475	30.9
Exports (Bil. \$)	4Q 2020	3.27	-20.4	13.80	16.24	-15.0
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Mar 2021	3,972.89	53.7	---	---	---

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

* Estimated by the Bureau of the Census

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Mar 2021	5,351	93.7	13,811	9,150	50.9
Department of Labor	3Q 2020	2,927	9.0	8,547	8,847	-3.4
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Mar 2021	1,931	35.8	6,104	4,346	40.5
Department of Labor	3Q 2020	1,798	-17.5	2,179	6,269	-65.2

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

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were up from a year ago.

(Millions of dollars)	Mar	Mar	%	YEAR TO DATE		%
	2021	2020	CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	2,110.5	1,820.1	16.0	5,635.6	5,236.1	7.6
Corporate Tax	556.2	449.5	23.7	849.2	658.4	29.0
Personal Income Tax	891.7	792.7	12.5	2,722.5	2,552.9	6.6
Real Estate Conv. Tax	20.9	9.9	111.1	75.4	38.6	95.3
Sales & Use Tax	474.4	419.7	13.0	1,266.9	1,212.1	4.5
Gaming Payments**	18.9	8.5	122.9	41.6	47.9	-13.1

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

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

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Gaming slots rose over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Mar 2021	47.8	45.3	42.9	44.7	-4.0
Tourism Website Visitors	Mar 2021	273,975	17.4	724,930	765,550	-5.3
Air Passenger Count	Feb 2021	163,994	-67.2	324,571	987,994	-67.1
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Mar 2021	863.4	108.9	2,257.3	2,308.8	-2.2

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

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

***See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 2.8 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	3-Mo % Chg	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	12-Mo % Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	143.2	141.8	1.0	143.3	139.4	2.8
Wages and Salaries	144.4	142.8	1.1	144.6	140.4	3.0
Benefit Costs	140.2	139.3	0.6	140.3	136.9	2.5
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	146.1	141.7	3.1
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	146.7	141.9	3.4

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 2.6 percent over the year.

CONSUMER NEWS

(Not seasonally adjusted)	MO/QTR	LEVEL	% CHANGE	
			Y/Y	P/P*
CONSUMER PRICES				
CPI-U (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Mar 2021	264.877	2.6	0.7
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Mar 2021	0.378	-2.6	-0.7
Northeast Region	Mar 2021	278.197	2.1	0.6
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Mar 2021	287.481	2.0	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Mar 2021	289.240	1.3	0.9
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Mar 2021	258.935	3.0	0.8

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

*Change over prior monthly or quarterly period

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

Conventional mortgage rate rose to 3.08 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Mar 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2020
Prime	3.25	3.25	3.78
Federal Funds	0.07	0.08	0.65
3 Month Treasury Bill	0.03	0.04	0.30
6 Month Treasury Bill	0.05	0.06	0.30
1 Year Treasury Note	0.08	0.07	0.33
3 Year Treasury Note	0.32	0.21	0.50
5 Year Treasury Note	0.82	0.54	0.59
7 Year Treasury Note	1.27	0.91	0.78
10 Year Treasury Note	1.61	1.26	0.87
20 Year Treasury Note	2.24	1.88	1.26
Conventional Mortgage	3.08	2.81	3.45

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>	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
Connecticut	1,580.3	1,437.5	142.8	9.9	1,574.9
Maine	609.6	557.8	51.8	9.3	605.5
Massachusetts	3,426.7	3,090.4	336.3	10.9	3,413.9
New Hampshire	657.5	589.8	67.7	11.5	652.8
New Jersey	3,897.3	3,519.2	378.1	10.7	3,876.5
New York	8,847.8	8,011.3	836.5	10.4	8,784.1
Pennsylvania	5,678.5	5,155.0	523.5	10.2	5,654.5
Rhode Island	466.9	414.3	52.6	12.7	464.6
Vermont	288.7	266.5	22.2	8.3	287.1
United States	144,120.0	150,840.0	-6,720.0	-4.5	143,204.0

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

LABOR FORCE

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
Connecticut	1,729,780	1,915,644	-185,864	-9.7	1,712,565
Maine	673,064	697,728	-24,664	-3.5	672,049
Massachusetts	3,745,324	3,728,887	16,437	0.4	3,740,812
New Hampshire	759,400	768,900	-9,500	-1.2	761,266
New Jersey	4,422,173	4,576,233	-154,060	-3.4	4,400,717
New York	9,524,018	9,490,040	33,978	0.4	9,289,219
Pennsylvania	6,337,250	6,525,913	-188,663	-2.9	6,336,114
Rhode Island	541,555	562,287	-20,732	-3.7	538,742
Vermont	313,096	342,487	-29,391	-8.6	313,180
United States	160,558,000	162,721,000	-2,163,000	-1.3	160,211,000

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

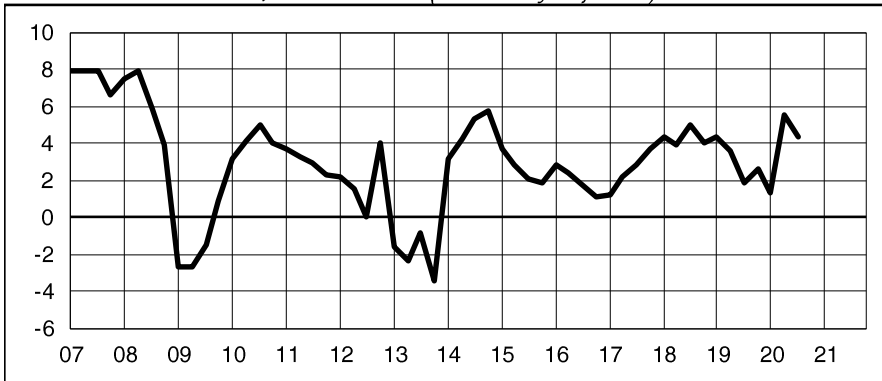
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020			2021
Connecticut	8.3	3.8	4.5		8.5
Maine	4.8	3.1	1.7		4.8
Massachusetts	6.8	2.7	4.1		7.0
New Hampshire	3.0	2.7	0.3		3.3
New Jersey	7.7	3.8	3.9		7.8
New York	8.5	3.9	4.6		8.9
Pennsylvania	7.3	5.1	2.2		7.4
Rhode Island	7.1	4.0	3.1		7.3
Vermont	2.9	2.6	0.3		3.0
United States	6.0	4.4	1.6		6.2

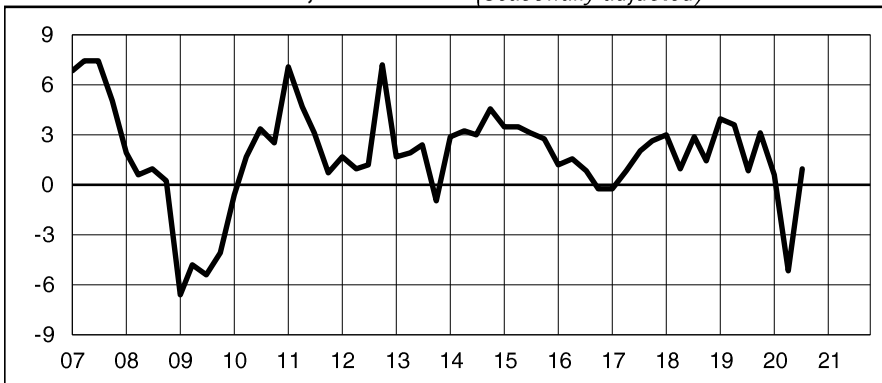
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PERSONAL INCOME, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*



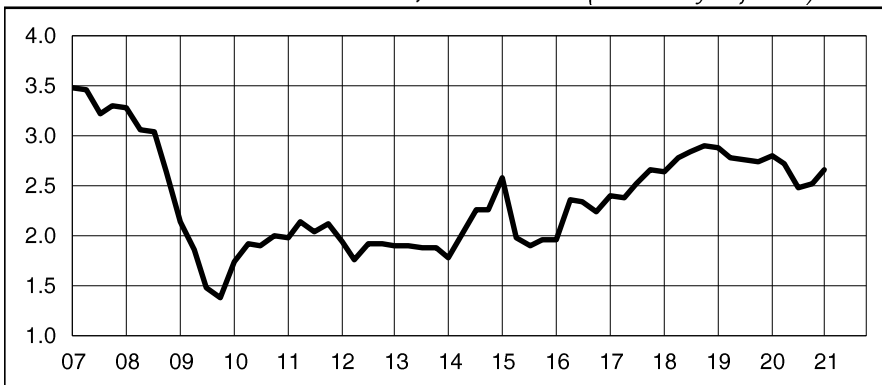
Quarter	2019	2020	2021
First	4.4	1.3	
Second	3.5	5.5	
Third	1.8	4.3	
Fourth	2.6		

WAGES AND SALARIES, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*



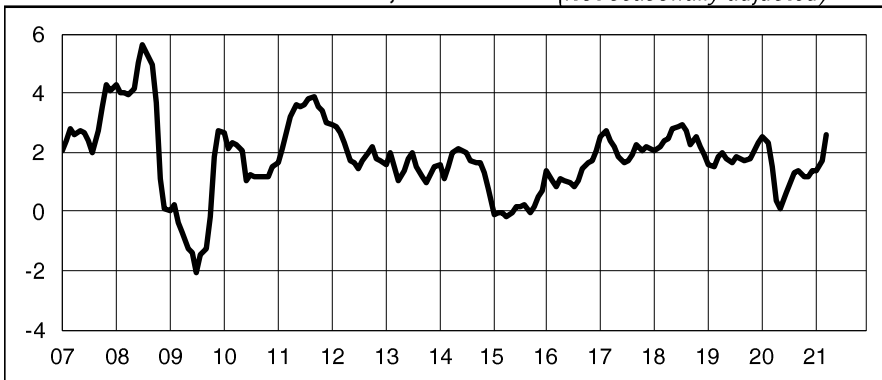
Quarter	2019	2020	2021
First	3.9	0.5	
Second	3.6	-5.2	
Third	0.8	0.9	
Fourth	3.1		

U.S. EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*



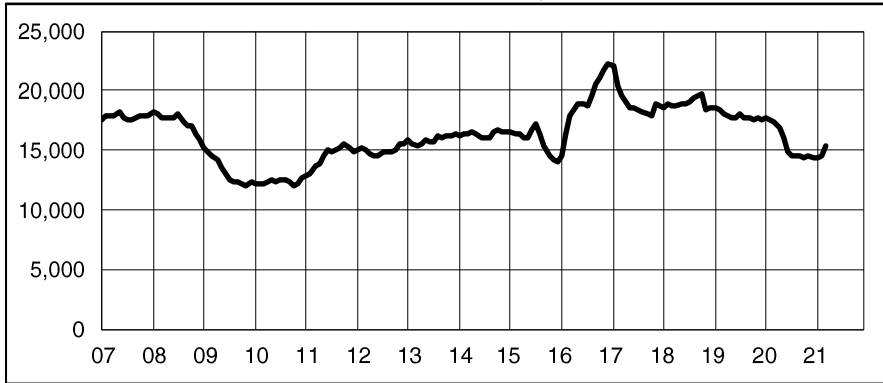
Quarter	2019	2020	2021
First	2.9	2.8	2.6
Second	2.8	2.7	
Third	2.8	2.5	
Fourth	2.7	2.5	

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, YOY % CHG *(Not seasonally adjusted)*



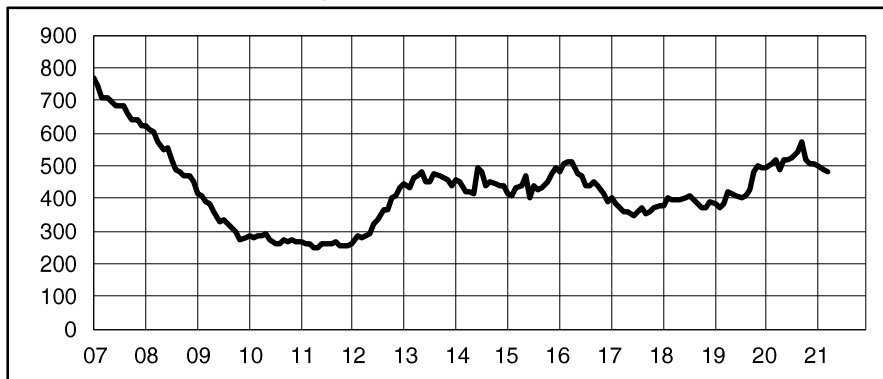
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	1.6	2.5	1.4
Feb	1.5	2.3	1.7
Mar	1.9	1.5	2.6
Apr	2.0	0.3	
May	1.8	0.1	
Jun	1.6	0.6	
Jul	1.8	1.0	
Aug	1.7	1.3	
Sep	1.7	1.4	
Oct	1.8	1.2	
Nov	2.1	1.2	
Dec	2.3	1.4	

NEW AUTO REGISTRATIONS PROCESSED, 12 MMA



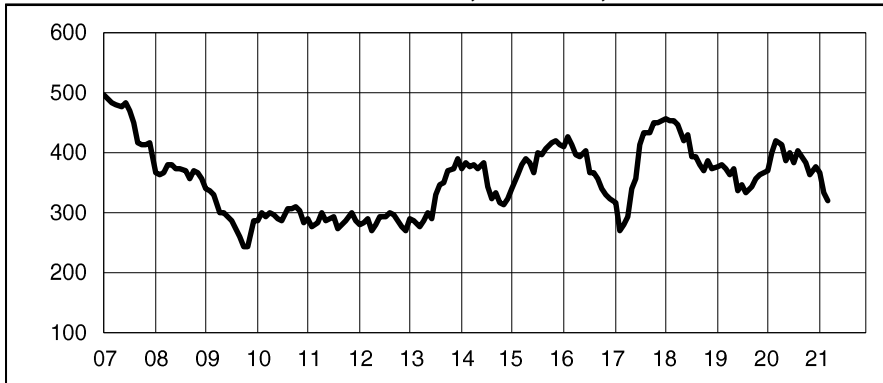
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	18,473	17,636	14,284
Feb	18,317	17,479	14,530
Mar	18,091	17,364	15,382
Apr	17,858	16,858	
May	17,621	16,063	
Jun	17,784	14,834	
Jul	17,980	14,468	
Aug	17,762	14,455	
Sep	17,628	14,494	
Oct	17,583	14,408	
Nov	17,678	14,509	
Dec	17,605	14,290	

NEW HOUSING PERMITS, 12 MMA



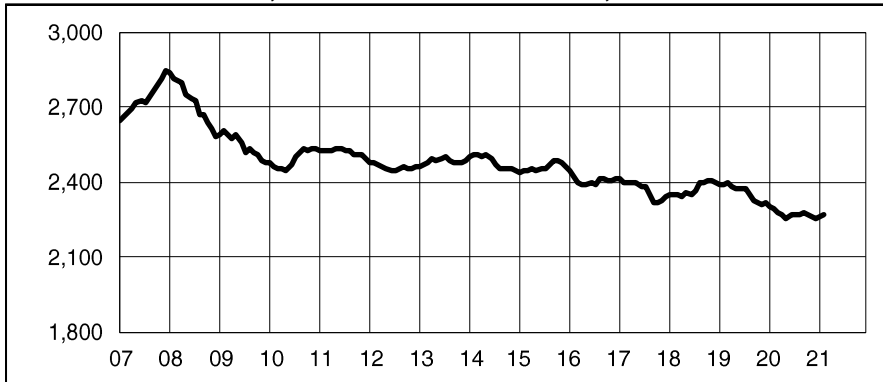
Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	382	492	500
Feb	369	503	486
Mar	383	516	479
Apr	419	489	
May	415	516	
Jun	409	520	
Jul	404	525	
Aug	406	541	
Sep	424	570	
Oct	482	517	
Nov	499	507	
Dec	492	503	

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS INDEX, 1980=100, 12 MMA



Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	375.2	367.4	365.6
Feb	377.1	398.0	330.2
Mar	373.3	417.3	318.7
Apr	362.3	412.5	
May	371.3	385.5	
Jun	336.3	397.6	
Jul	346.5	383.1	
Aug	332.7	401.6	
Sep	341.3	390.8	
Oct	354.6	382.7	
Nov	360.4	360.8	
Dec	365.9	375.0	

ELECTRICITY SALES, millions of kilowatt hours, 12 MMA



Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	2,386	2,300	2,257
Feb	2,389	2,294	2,268
Mar	2,393	2,276	
Apr	2,384	2,265	
May	2,370	2,256	
Jun	2,368	2,271	
Jul	2,373	2,270	
Aug	2,345	2,272	
Sep	2,326	2,277	
Oct	2,315	2,272	
Nov	2,309	2,260	
Dec	2,318	2,249	

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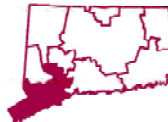
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	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	CHANGE		Feb 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,564,400	1,664,500	-100,100	-6.0	1,552,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,336,300	1,424,100	-87,800	-6.2	1,326,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	204,800	214,900	-10,100	-4.7	201,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	52,900	55,400	-2,500	-4.5	50,800
MANUFACTURING	151,900	159,500	-7,600	-4.8	150,800
Durable Goods	119,900	125,500	-5,600	-4.5	119,300
Fabricated Metal.....	26,500	29,100	-2,600	-8.9	26,600
Machinery.....	12,700	13,200	-500	-3.8	12,700
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,200	10,600	-400	-3.8	10,100
Transportation Equipment.....	45,500	46,800	-1,300	-2.8	45,300
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	30,700	32,100	-1,400	-4.4	30,800
Non-Durable Goods	32,000	34,000	-2,000	-5.9	31,500
Chemical.....	7,300	7,800	-500	-6.4	7,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,359,600	1,449,600	-90,000	-6.2	1,350,800
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	284,200	287,700	-3,500	-1.2	285,300
Wholesale Trade.....	54,300	58,400	-4,100	-7.0	54,100
Retail Trade.....	163,100	169,300	-6,200	-3.7	164,000
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	19,900	21,600	-1,700	-7.9	19,800
Building Material.....	15,300	14,600	700	4.8	14,900
Food and Beverage Stores.....	41,100	41,400	-300	-0.7	42,300
General Merchandise Stores.....	25,300	26,500	-1,200	-4.5	25,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	66,800	60,000	6,800	11.3	67,200
Utilities.....	5,000	5,100	-100	-2.0	5,000
Transportation and Warehousing.....	61,800	54,900	6,900	12.6	62,200
INFORMATION	27,500	31,200	-3,700	-11.9	27,600
Telecommunications.....	6,100	6,400	-300	-4.7	6,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	118,900	121,600	-2,700	-2.2	117,900
Finance and Insurance.....	100,800	102,000	-1,200	-1.2	100,100
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	21,600	22,100	-500	-2.3	21,500
Financial Investments and Related.....	21,700	21,700	0	0.0	21,500
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	57,500	58,200	-700	-1.2	57,100
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	18,100	19,600	-1,500	-7.7	17,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	199,500	213,300	-13,800	-6.5	200,800
Professional, Scientific.....	92,800	96,600	-3,800	-3.9	92,000
Legal Services.....	11,300	12,300	-1,000	-8.1	11,300
Computer Systems Design.....	21,700	23,200	-1,500	-6.5	21,500
Management of Companies.....	32,100	33,000	-900	-2.7	32,100
Administrative and Support.....	74,600	83,700	-9,100	-10.9	76,700
Employment Services.....	21,000	26,500	-5,500	-20.8	21,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	328,000	349,300	-21,300	-6.1	325,100
Educational Services.....	67,200	67,800	-600	-0.9	66,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	260,800	281,500	-20,700	-7.4	259,100
Hospitals.....	59,400	59,500	-100	-0.2	59,100
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	52,200	59,800	-7,600	-12.7	52,400
Social Assistance.....	59,500	69,500	-10,000	-14.4	59,200
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	115,800	142,600	-26,800	-18.8	111,100
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	16,100	23,500	-7,400	-31.5	14,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	99,700	119,100	-19,400	-16.3	96,200
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	94,000	108,800	-14,800	-13.6	90,500
OTHER SERVICES	57,600	63,500	-5,900	-9.3	57,200
GOVERNMENT	228,100	240,400	-12,300	-5.1	225,800
Federal Government.....	18,100	18,500	-400	-2.2	18,100
State Government.....	74,400	74,500	-100	-0.1	73,400
Local Government**.....	135,600	147,400	-11,800	-8.0	134,300

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2020.

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

BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	366,400	395,500	-29,100	-7.4	364,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	326,600	351,400	-24,800	-7.1	324,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	39,200	39,400	-200	-0.5	38,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	12,200	11,400	800	7.0	11,700
MANUFACTURING	27,000	28,000	-1,000	-3.6	26,900
Durable Goods.....	21,500	21,900	-400	-1.8	21,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	327,200	356,100	-28,900	-8.1	325,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	62,400	66,100	-3,700	-5.6	62,700
Wholesale Trade.....	11,900	12,400	-500	-4.0	11,800
Retail Trade.....	41,600	44,400	-2,800	-6.3	42,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	8,900	9,300	-400	-4.3	8,900
INFORMATION	11,200	12,200	-1,000	-8.2	11,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	35,500	36,400	-900	-2.5	35,500
Finance and Insurance.....	29,700	30,200	-500	-1.7	29,600
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	7,500	7,900	-400	-5.1	7,500
Financial Investments and Related.....	15,500	15,600	-100	-0.6	15,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	60,100	63,700	-3,600	-5.7	61,300
Professional, Scientific.....	27,800	29,700	-1,900	-6.4	28,000
Administrative and Support.....	22,300	23,000	-700	-3.0	22,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	71,000	77,200	-6,200	-8.0	70,100
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	59,100	64,600	-5,500	-8.5	58,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	31,600	39,300	-7,700	-19.6	29,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	25,200	30,200	-5,000	-16.6	24,300
OTHER SERVICES	15,600	17,100	-1,500	-8.8	15,300
GOVERNMENT	39,800	44,100	-4,300	-9.8	39,400
Federal.....	2,400	2,400	0	0.0	2,400
State & Local.....	37,400	41,700	-4,300	-10.3	37,000

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	70,700	76,200	-5,500	-7.2	70,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	61,300	65,700	-4,400	-6.7	61,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,300	11,500	-200	-1.7	11,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	59,400	64,700	-5,300	-8.2	59,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	15,800	16,600	-800	-4.8	16,000
Retail Trade.....	11,600	11,900	-300	-2.5	11,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,600	9,400	-800	-8.5	8,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,800	7,000	-1,200	-17.1	5,700
GOVERNMENT	9,400	10,500	-1,100	-10.5	9,300
Federal.....	700	800	-100	-12.5	700
State & Local.....	8,700	9,700	-1,000	-10.3	8,600

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2020.

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

HARTFORD LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	544,900	581,900	-37,000	-6.4	542,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	453,300	487,100	-33,800	-6.9	452,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	72,200	78,200	-6,000	-7.7	71,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	17,300	18,800	-1,500	-8.0	17,400
MANUFACTURING	54,900	59,400	-4,500	-7.6	54,500
Durable Goods.....	45,800	49,600	-3,800	-7.7	45,400
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,100	9,800	-700	-7.1	9,100
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	472,700	503,700	-31,000	-6.2	471,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	89,100	89,400	-300	-0.3	89,500
Wholesale Trade.....	15,400	17,100	-1,700	-9.9	15,400
Retail Trade.....	49,500	51,300	-1,800	-3.5	49,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	24,200	21,000	3,200	15.2	24,400
Transportation and Warehousing.....	23,500	20,300	3,200	15.8	23,700
INFORMATION	8,400	9,900	-1,500	-15.2	8,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	53,700	55,600	-1,900	-3.4	53,000
Depository Credit Institutions.....	5,400	5,700	-300	-5.3	5,400
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	37,400	38,300	-900	-2.3	37,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	68,200	73,300	-5,100	-7.0	69,000
Professional, Scientific.....	34,300	34,700	-400	-1.2	33,800
Management of Companies.....	12,400	12,600	-200	-1.6	12,300
Administrative and Support.....	21,500	26,000	-4,500	-17.3	22,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	105,300	113,800	-8,500	-7.5	104,800
Educational Services.....	13,100	13,800	-700	-5.1	13,200
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	92,200	100,000	-7,800	-7.8	91,600
Ambulatory Health Care.....	31,300	32,800	-1,500	-4.6	30,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	35,900	44,500	-8,600	-19.3	34,400
Accommodation and Food Services.....	31,800	38,100	-6,300	-16.5	30,300
OTHER SERVICES	20,500	22,400	-1,900	-8.5	21,100
GOVERNMENT	91,600	94,800	-3,200	-3.4	90,800
Federal.....	5,300	5,500	-200	-3.6	5,300
State & Local.....	86,300	89,300	-3,000	-3.4	85,500

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT*Seasonally Adjusted*

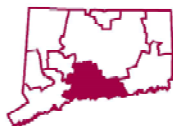
Labor Market Areas	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	373,900	401,900	-28,000	-7.0	372,800
DANBURY LMA	71,400	77,200	-5,800	-7.5	71,200
HARTFORD LMA	548,500	585,300	-36,800	-6.3	548,700
NEW HAVEN LMA	287,300	293,600	-6,300	-2.1	281,800
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	115,300	126,900	-11,600	-9.1	114,400
WATERBURY LMA	65,100	67,700	-2,600	-3.8	65,000
ENFIELD LMA**	42,500	44,500	-2,000	-4.5	42,100
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**	30,900	32,900	-2,000	-6.1	30,900
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**	26,100	27,100	-1,000	-3.7	25,800

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

NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
	2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	281,600	289,700	-8,100	-2.8	279,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	244,700	253,200	-8,500	-3.4	242,800
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	32,700	34,500	-1,800	-5.2	32,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	9,500	10,400	-900	-8.7	9,100
MANUFACTURING	23,200	24,100	-900	-3.7	23,100
Durable Goods.....	16,900	17,500	-600	-3.4	16,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	248,900	255,200	-6,300	-2.5	247,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	55,100	52,600	2,500	4.8	55,500
Wholesale Trade.....	10,700	11,100	-400	-3.6	10,600
Retail Trade.....	25,800	27,300	-1,500	-5.5	26,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	18,600	14,200	4,400	31.0	18,600
INFORMATION	3,500	4,000	-500	-12.5	3,500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	11,600	12,000	-400	-3.3	11,500
Finance and Insurance.....	7,900	8,100	-200	-2.5	7,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	30,700	29,800	900	3.0	30,800
Administrative and Support.....	14,700	15,200	-500	-3.3	15,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	82,100	85,600	-3,500	-4.1	81,400
Educational Services.....	31,900	31,500	400	1.3	31,500
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	50,200	54,100	-3,900	-7.2	49,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	19,000	23,600	-4,600	-19.5	18,000
Accommodation and Food Services.....	16,200	19,700	-3,500	-17.8	15,600
OTHER SERVICES	10,000	11,100	-1,100	-9.9	9,900
GOVERNMENT	36,900	36,500	400	1.1	36,600
Federal.....	5,000	5,000	0	0.0	5,000
State & Local.....	31,900	31,500	400	1.3	31,600

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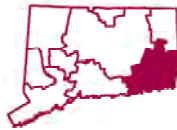
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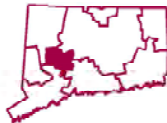
Labor Market Area	Mar. 2021 Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	27,083	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,275	Registered Nurses	1,166
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	15,979	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,726	Retail Salespersons	538
New Haven	9,766	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,007	Registered Nurses	510
Norwich-New London	3,756	Health Care and Social Assistance	778	Retail Salespersons	175
Danbury	2,625	Retail Trade	462	Retail Salespersons	160
Waterbury	2,379	Health Care and Social Assistance	621	Registered Nurses	131
Enfield	1,476	Manufacturing	244	Retail Salespersons	64
Torrington	1,250	Health Care and Social Assistance	301	Retail Salespersons	52
Danielson-Northeast	1,029	Health Care and Social Assistance	244	Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers	53

Source: CT DOL Research Office Analysis of HWOL Data Series

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

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

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	CHANGE		Feb 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	112,800	124,200	-11,400	-9.2	111,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	88,600	95,000	-6,400	-6.7	87,800
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	21,700	21,300	400	1.9	21,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,700	3,800	-100	-2.6	3,700
MANUFACTURING	18,000	17,500	500	2.9	17,700
Durable Goods.....	14,700	14,100	600	4.3	14,500
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,300	3,400	-100	-2.9	3,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	91,100	102,900	-11,800	-11.5	90,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	20,100	21,300	-1,200	-5.6	20,100
Wholesale Trade.....	2,100	2,300	-200	-8.7	2,100
Retail Trade.....	14,000	14,800	-800	-5.4	13,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	4,000	4,200	-200	-4.8	4,100
INFORMATION	1,200	1,400	-200	-14.3	1,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,600	2,700	-100	-3.7	2,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,700	9,100	-400	-4.4	8,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	19,800	21,400	-1,600	-7.5	20,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	17,100	18,500	-1,400	-7.6	17,100
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	11,700	14,500	-2,800	-19.3	11,200
Accommodation and Food Services.....	10,400	12,400	-2,000	-16.1	10,200
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.....	9,000	10,600	-1,600	-15.1	8,800
OTHER SERVICES	2,800	3,300	-500	-15.2	2,700
GOVERNMENT	24,200	29,200	-5,000	-17.1	23,700
Federal.....	2,900	2,900	0	0.0	2,900
State & Local**.....	21,300	26,300	-5,000	-19.0	20,800

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	CHANGE		Feb 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	64,400	66,900	-2,500	-3.7	64,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	53,300	56,000	-2,700	-4.8	53,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	9,500	10,000	-500	-5.0	9,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	2,600	2,700	-100	-3.7	2,500
MANUFACTURING	6,900	7,300	-400	-5.5	6,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	54,900	56,900	-2,000	-3.5	54,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	12,400	12,600	-200	-1.6	12,400
Wholesale Trade.....	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3	1,800
Retail Trade.....	8,600	8,600	0	0.0	8,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	2,000	2,100	-100	-4.8	2,000
INFORMATION	500	600	-100	-16.7	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,000	1,900	100	5.3	2,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,100	5,000	100	2.0	5,100
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	16,900	18,100	-1,200	-6.6	16,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	14,600	16,200	-1,600	-9.9	14,800
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	4,700	5,200	-500	-9.6	4,600
OTHER SERVICES	2,200	2,600	-400	-15.4	2,200
GOVERNMENT	11,100	10,900	200	1.8	11,000
Federal.....	400	500	-100	-20.0	500
State & Local.....	10,700	10,400	300	2.9	10,500

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SMALLER LMAs*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	CHANGE		Feb 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	42,000	44,000	-2,000	-4.5	41,500
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	30,000	31,900	-1,900	-6.0	29,900
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	25,600	26,600	-1,000	-3.8	25,300

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

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	CHANGE		Feb 2021
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	302,000	334,400	-32,400	-9.7	300,600
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	243,000	269,400	-26,400	-9.8	242,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	39,000	40,600	-1,600	-3.9	38,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	10,200	11,200	-1,000	-8.9	9,800
MANUFACTURING.....	28,800	29,400	-600	-2.0	28,700
Durable Goods.....	19,700	19,600	100	0.5	19,700
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,100	9,800	-700	-7.1	9,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	263,000	293,800	-30,800	-10.5	262,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	56,300	59,300	-3,000	-5.1	55,600
Wholesale Trade.....	11,100	11,600	-500	-4.3	10,900
Retail Trade.....	31,600	32,500	-900	-2.8	31,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	13,600	15,200	-1,600	-10.5	13,000
INFORMATION.....	2,600	2,900	-300	-10.3	2,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	14,900	15,500	-600	-3.9	14,900
Finance and Insurance.....	12,000	12,400	-400	-3.2	12,000
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	8,400	8,700	-300	-3.4	8,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	23,400	25,000	-1,600	-6.4	24,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	74,300	83,700	-9,400	-11.2	75,000
Educational Services.....	12,600	15,100	-2,500	-16.6	12,500
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	61,700	68,600	-6,900	-10.1	62,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	22,400	29,600	-7,200	-24.3	21,100
OTHER SERVICES.....	10,100	12,800	-2,700	-21.1	10,100
GOVERNMENT.....	59,000	65,000	-6,000	-9.2	58,400
Federal.....	6,100	6,000	100	1.7	6,100
State & Local.....	52,900	59,000	-6,100	-10.3	52,300

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** New England City and Town Area

	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Mar	Mar	CHANGE		Feb
		2021	2020	NO.	%	2021
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>						
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,724,700	1,903,600	-178,900	-9.4	1,685,700
	Employed	1,581,500	1,822,700	-241,200	-13.2	1,545,700
	Unemployed	143,200	81,000	62,200	76.8	140,000
	Unemployment Rate	8.3	4.3	4.0	---	8.3
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	415,400	461,600	-46,200	-10.0	404,300
	Employed	380,400	441,800	-61,400	-13.9	369,900
	Unemployed	35,000	19,900	15,100	75.9	34,400
	Unemployment Rate	8.4	4.3	4.1	---	8.5
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	94,800	105,900	-11,100	-10.5	92,700
	Employed	87,900	101,900	-14,000	-13.7	85,700
	Unemployed	7,000	4,000	3,000	75.0	7,000
	Unemployment Rate	7.3	3.8	3.5	---	7.5
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	38,600	43,700	-5,100	-11.7	37,900
	Employed	35,600	41,800	-6,200	-14.8	34,800
	Unemployed	3,100	1,900	1,200	63.2	3,100
	Unemployment Rate	7.9	4.5	3.4	---	8.1
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	44,000	50,400	-6,400	-12.7	43,200
	Employed	40,600	48,400	-7,800	-16.1	39,900
	Unemployed	3,400	2,100	1,300	61.9	3,300
	Unemployment Rate	7.7	4.1	3.6	---	7.7
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	570,800	630,200	-59,400	-9.4	559,600
	Employed	523,800	603,900	-80,100	-13.3	513,700
	Unemployed	47,000	26,400	20,600	78.0	45,900
	Unemployment Rate	8.2	4.2	4.0	---	8.2
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	305,400	330,100	-24,700	-7.5	298,600
	Employed	281,900	317,000	-35,100	-11.1	275,700
	Unemployed	23,500	13,200	10,300	78.0	22,900
	Unemployment Rate	7.7	4.0	3.7	---	7.7
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	125,600	139,300	-13,700	-9.8	122,800
	Employed	113,900	133,100	-19,200	-14.4	111,200
	Unemployed	11,700	6,200	5,500	88.7	11,500
	Unemployment Rate	9.3	4.5	4.8	---	9.4
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	42,000	46,600	-4,600	-9.9	41,000
	Employed	38,500	44,500	-6,000	-13.5	37,700
	Unemployed	3,500	2,100	1,400	66.7	3,400
	Unemployment Rate	8.3	4.4	3.9	---	8.2
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	103,100	111,300	-8,200	-7.4	100,700
	Employed	92,700	105,200	-12,500	-11.9	90,800
	Unemployed	10,400	6,100	4,300	70.5	9,900
	Unemployment Rate	10.1	5.5	4.6	---	9.8
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	160,397,000	162,537,000	-2,140,000	-1.3	160,008,000
	Employed	150,493,000	155,167,000	-4,674,000	-3.0	149,522,000
	Unemployed	9,905,000	7,370,000	2,535,000	34.4	10,486,000
	Unemployment Rate	6.2	4.5	1.7	---	6.6

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	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Mar		CHG	Feb	Mar		CHG	Feb	Mar		CHG	Feb
	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021	2021	2020	Y/Y	2021
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>												
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,097.71	\$1,192.33	-\$94.63	\$1,086.23	39.5	41.3	-1.8	39.2	\$27.79	\$28.87	-\$1.08	\$27.71
DURABLE GOODS	1,170.18	1,288.46	-118.28	1,146.38	39.6	40.8	-1.2	39.3	29.55	31.58	-2.03	29.17
NON-DUR. GOODS	856.83	889.01	-32.18	888.09	39.0	42.7	-3.7	38.9	21.97	20.82	1.15	22.83
CONSTRUCTION	1,406.20	1,289.54	116.66	1,332.10	40.2	38.9	1.3	38.4	34.98	33.15	1.83	34.69
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,146.38	1,131.97	14.42	1,143.79	34.2	33.5	0.7	33.9	33.52	33.79	-0.27	33.74
GOODS PRODUCING	1,397.43	1,404.04	-6.60	1,378.84	39.1	38.7	0.4	38.1	35.74	36.28	-0.54	36.19
Construction	1,422.96	1,323.14	99.82	1,378.47	38.5	36.4	2.1	36.4	36.96	36.35	0.61	37.87
Manufacturing	1,366.46	1,470.61	-104.15	1,361.49	39.3	39.8	-0.5	38.8	34.77	36.95	-2.18	35.09
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,100.57	1,084.28	16.29	1,100.24	33.3	32.6	0.7	33.1	33.05	33.26	-0.21	33.24
Trade, Transp., Utilities	951.29	987.84	-36.55	944.89	33.1	33.6	-0.5	32.9	28.74	29.40	-0.66	28.72
Financial Activities	1,955.09	1,947.44	7.65	1,956.68	38.6	38.2	0.4	38.8	50.65	50.98	-0.33	50.43
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,290.20	1,239.95	50.25	1,289.62	35.7	34.3	1.4	35.4	36.14	36.15	-0.01	36.43
Education & Health Ser.	1,057.73	970.86	86.86	1,053.91	33.6	32.7	0.9	33.5	31.48	29.69	1.79	31.46
Leisure & Hospitality	478.41	439.82	38.58	467.75	25.1	23.8	1.3	24.4	19.06	18.48	0.58	19.17
Other Services	809.78	732.45	77.33	819.56	29.5	29.1	0.4	29.9	27.45	25.17	2.28	27.41
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,278.40	1,216.39	62.02	1,292.06	34.0	33.5	0.5	33.7	37.60	36.31	1.29	38.34
Danbury	1,031.43	1,068.81	-37.38	1,036.98	34.6	34.5	0.1	34.1	29.81	30.98	-1.17	30.41
Hartford	1,200.20	1,200.27	-0.07	1,192.80	35.3	34.6	0.7	35.0	34.00	34.69	-0.69	34.08
New Haven	1,139.79	1,045.81	93.98	1,122.43	34.3	32.6	1.7	33.9	33.23	32.08	1.15	33.11
Norwich-New London	889.53	855.19	34.33	878.72	32.5	31.2	1.3	32.0	27.37	27.41	-0.04	27.46
Waterbury	902.89	964.80	-61.91	889.76	30.7	33.5	-2.8	30.1	29.41	28.80	0.61	29.56

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- Webster Bank announces \$10 billion merger plan, to open Stamford HQ
- Bridgeport shipyard could see 100 new jobs after deal with nationally renowned company Hornblower
- Building materials distributor expands into Greater Hartford
- Sikorsky added 1,000 workers in 2020. The company's new president promises more jobs this year at the Stratford helicopter manufacturer
- Bolton's diversified Able Coil & Electronics sees growth amid pandemic
- Clothing retailer Citi Trends expands Greater Hartford presence
- Guy Fieri opens five 'Flavortown Kitchen' restaurants in Connecticut
- XPO Logistics creates 15,000 jobs in North America in preparation for holiday peak

Layoffs and Closures

No new closures reported

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MARCH 2021

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	415,389	380,412	34,977	8.4	Canton	5,193	4,858	335	6.5
Ansonia	8,458	7,438	1,020	12.1	Chaplin	1,161	1,052	109	9.4
Bridgeport	63,551	55,189	8,362	13.2	Colchester	8,502	7,923	579	6.8
Darien	7,547	7,121	426	5.6	Columbia	2,922	2,742	180	6.2
Derby	5,989	5,373	616	10.3	Coventry	7,130	6,657	473	6.6
Easton	3,378	3,168	210	6.2	Cromwell	7,203	6,715	488	6.8
Fairfield	25,951	24,277	1,674	6.5	East Granby	2,804	2,616	188	6.7
Greenwich	25,377	23,944	1,433	5.6	East Haddam	4,539	4,244	295	6.5
Milford	27,380	25,193	2,187	8.0	East Hampton	7,052	6,545	507	7.2
Monroe	8,893	8,245	648	7.3	East Hartford	25,301	22,550	2,751	10.9
New Canaan	7,328	6,909	419	5.7	Ellington	8,754	8,177	577	6.6
Norwalk	45,649	41,775	3,874	8.5	Farmington	12,907	12,111	796	6.2
Oxford	6,510	6,035	475	7.3	Glastonbury	17,210	16,245	965	5.6
Redding	3,896	3,640	256	6.6	Granby	6,334	5,931	403	6.4
Ridgefield	10,328	9,740	588	5.7	Haddam	4,572	4,300	272	5.9
Seymour	7,982	7,308	674	8.4	Hartford	50,054	43,031	7,023	14.0
Shelton	19,669	18,086	1,583	8.0	Hartland	1,069	980	89	8.3
Southbury	7,744	7,158	586	7.6	Harwinton	2,905	2,726	179	6.2
Stamford	62,805	57,889	4,916	7.8	Hebron	5,074	4,725	349	6.9
Stratford	24,460	22,096	2,364	9.7	Lebanon	3,718	3,421	297	8.0
Trumbull	15,770	14,619	1,151	7.3	Manchester	30,141	27,728	2,413	8.0
Weston	3,845	3,583	262	6.8	Mansfield	11,144	10,550	594	5.3
Westport	11,310	10,708	602	5.3	Marlborough	3,278	3,047	231	7.0
Wilton	7,357	6,933	424	5.8	Middletown	23,906	21,997	1,909	8.0
Woodbridge	4,210	3,983	227	5.4	New Britain	34,662	30,370	4,292	12.4
					New Hartford	3,593	3,367	226	6.3
DANBURY	94,831	87,866	6,965	7.3	Newington	15,688	14,552	1,136	7.2
Bethel	9,697	9,021	676	7.0	Plainville	9,621	8,800	821	8.5
Bridgewater	741	690	51	6.9	Plymouth	6,049	5,533	516	8.5
Brookfield	8,197	7,663	534	6.5	Portland	5,011	4,622	389	7.8
Danbury	42,142	38,930	3,212	7.6	Rocky Hill	10,531	9,917	614	5.8
New Fairfield	6,306	5,860	446	7.1	Scotland	904	811	93	10.3
New Milford	13,504	12,435	1,069	7.9	Simsbury	12,576	11,913	663	5.3
Newtown	12,583	11,717	866	6.9	Southington	22,448	20,940	1,508	6.7
Sherman	1,660	1,550	110	6.6	South Windsor	13,057	12,253	804	6.2
					Stafford	6,345	5,811	534	8.4
ENFIELD	44,030	40,620	3,410	7.7	Thomaston	4,302	3,989	313	7.3
East Windsor	5,951	5,458	493	8.3	Tolland	7,750	7,294	456	5.9
Enfield	20,159	18,585	1,574	7.8	Union	413	396	17	4.1
Somers	4,361	4,091	270	6.2	Vernon	16,060	14,738	1,322	8.2
Suffield	6,783	6,280	503	7.4	West Hartford	31,263	29,474	1,789	5.7
Windsor Locks	6,776	6,206	570	8.4	Wethersfield	12,781	11,857	924	7.2
					Willington	3,337	3,104	233	7.0
HARTFORD	570,810	523,825	46,985	8.2	Windham	11,362	10,276	1,086	9.6
Andover	1,776	1,649	127	7.2	Windsor	15,152	13,979	1,173	7.7
Ashford	2,324	2,185	139	6.0					
Avon	8,505	8,048	457	5.4					
Barkhamsted	2,093	1,937	156	7.5					
Berlin	10,759	10,007	752	7.0					
Bloomfield	10,851	9,910	941	8.7					
Bolton	2,863	2,700	163	5.7					
Bristol	30,668	27,656	3,012	9.8					
Burlington	5,189	4,865	324	6.2					

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LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

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

The **employed** are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a family member. Persons temporarily absent from a job because of illness, bad weather, strike or for personal reasons are also counted as employed whether they were paid by their employer or were seeking other jobs. The **unemployed** are all persons who did not work, but were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness) and made specific efforts to find a job in the prior four weeks. Persons waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MARCH 2021

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	305,364	281,876	23,488	7.7
Bethany	2,935	2,766	169	5.8
Branford	15,057	13,995	1,062	7.1
Cheshire	14,437	13,689	748	5.2
Chester	2,176	2,053	123	5.7
Clinton	6,837	6,371	466	6.8
Deep River	2,660	2,499	161	6.1
Durham	3,955	3,757	198	5.0
East Haven	14,838	13,571	1,267	8.5
Essex	3,200	2,998	202	6.3
Guilford	11,955	11,345	610	5.1
Hamden	32,796	30,613	2,183	6.7
Killingworth	3,575	3,353	222	6.2
Madison	8,406	7,954	452	5.4
Meriden	30,566	27,507	3,059	10.0
Middlefield	2,369	2,203	166	7.0
New Haven	61,379	55,449	5,930	9.7
North Branford	7,727	7,170	557	7.2
North Haven	12,565	11,718	847	6.7
Old Saybrook	4,782	4,447	335	7.0
Orange	6,802	6,417	385	5.7
Wallingford	24,439	22,838	1,601	6.6
West Haven	28,465	25,981	2,484	8.7
Westbrook	3,443	3,182	261	7.6

*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART				
	110,584	100,134	10,450	9.4
Bozrah	1,323	1,237	86	6.5
Canterbury	2,539	2,335	204	8.0
East Lyme	7,455	6,856	599	8.0
Franklin	942	856	86	9.1
Griswold	5,548	4,975	573	10.3
Groton	16,049	14,633	1,416	8.8
Ledyard	6,916	6,372	544	7.9
Lisbon	2,052	1,866	186	9.1
Lyme	1,037	973	64	6.2
Montville	7,973	7,260	713	8.9
New London	10,905	9,465	1,440	13.2
No. Stonington	2,560	2,347	213	8.3
Norwich	18,036	15,908	2,128	11.8
Old Lyme	3,240	2,990	250	7.7
Preston	2,131	1,932	199	9.3
Salem	1,860	1,699	161	8.7
Sprague	1,392	1,267	125	9.0
Stonington	8,584	7,924	660	7.7
Voluntown	1,303	1,171	132	10.1
Waterford	8,737	8,066	671	7.7

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

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	125,571	113,904	11,667	9.3
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	14,987	13,770	1,217	8.1

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST	41,965	38,487	3,478	8.3
Canaan	563	526	37	6.6
Colebrook	734	683	51	6.9
Cornwall	667	630	37	5.5
Goshen	1,431	1,339	92	6.4
Kent	1,303	1,225	78	6.0
Litchfield	4,193	3,905	288	6.9
Morris	1,235	1,158	77	6.2
Norfolk	788	736	52	6.6
North Canaan	1,578	1,432	146	9.3
Roxbury	1,155	1,091	64	5.5
Salisbury	1,607	1,495	112	7.0
Sharon	1,289	1,223	66	5.1
Torrington	17,405	15,672	1,733	10.0
Warren	705	647	58	8.2
Washington	1,792	1,692	100	5.6
Winchester	5,518	5,032	486	8.8

WATERBURY				
	103,107	92,731	10,376	10.1
Beacon Falls	3,228	3,013	215	6.7
Bethlehem	1,789	1,642	147	8.2
Middlebury	3,616	3,397	219	6.1
Naugatuck	15,821	14,436	1,385	8.8
Prospect	5,112	4,772	340	6.7
Waterbury	47,581	41,395	6,186	13.0
Watertown	11,795	10,961	834	7.1
Wolcott	9,066	8,413	653	7.2
Woodbury	5,099	4,701	398	7.8

DANIELSON-NORTHEAST				
	38,642	35,571	3,071	7.9
Brooklyn	3,649	3,400	249	6.8
Eastford	884	823	61	6.9
Hampton	924	863	61	6.6
Killingly	8,679	7,908	771	8.9
Plainfield	7,684	7,069	615	8.0
Pomfret	2,227	2,091	136	6.1
Putnam	4,324	3,953	371	8.6
Sterling	1,833	1,658	175	9.5
Thompson	4,721	4,354	367	7.8
Woodstock	3,716	3,451	265	7.1

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,724,700	1,581,500	143,200	8.3
UNITED STATES	160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,729,800	1,586,500	143,200	8.3
UNITED STATES	160,558,000	150,848,000	9,710,000	6.0

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	MAR 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020	TOWN	MAR 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020	TOWN	MAR 2021	YR TO DATE 2021	2020
Andover	1	2	1	Griswold	1	1	6	Preston	2	5	3
Ansonia	na	na	na	Groton	na	na	na	Prospect	0	0	4
Ashford	na	na	na	Guilford	na	na	na	Putnam	na	na	na
Avon	1	3	2	Haddam	3	5	2	Redding	0	3	0
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	na	Ridgefield	2	2	1
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	na	Rocky Hill	1	1	3
Berlin	2	4	3	Hartford	1	2	2	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	0	0	0	Salem	na	na	na
Bethel	9	29	18	Harwinton	na	na	na	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	1	4	3	Scotland	na	na	na
Bloomfield	4	10	7	Kent	2	2	3	Seymour	na	na	na
Bolton	2	2	0	Killingly	na	na	na	Sharon	na	na	na
Bozrah	na	na	na	Killingworth	0	0	0	Shelton	7	9	74
Branford	7	12	8	Lebanon	0	2	3	Sherman	1	3	0
Bridgeport	5	11	5	Ledyard	na	na	na	Simsbury	6	13	48
Bridgewater	0	0	0	Lisbon	na	na	na	Somers	1	5	1
Bristol	3	15	9	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	2	6	13
Brookfield	2	7	2	Lyme	0	0	0	Southbury	na	na	na
Brooklyn	1	1	3	Madison	na	na	na	Southington	20	28	15
Burlington	5	8	13	Manchester	3	5	17	Sprague	0	0	0
Canaan	na	na	na	Mansfield	1	2	0	Stafford	2	4	0
Canterbury	na	na	na	Marlborough	0	0	0	Stamford	31	34	43
Canton	0	2	4	Meriden	na	na	na	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	na	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	na
Cheshire	7	10	4	Middlefield	1	1	1	Stratford	6	17	10
Chester	1	1	0	Middletown	2	5	4	Suffield	5	11	3
Clinton	2	4	5	Milford	15	49	43	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	1	2	9	Monroe	0	5	0	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	na	Montville	na	na	na	Tolland	2	5	2
Columbia	0	0	1	Morris	na	na	na	Torrington	na	na	na
Cornwall	na	na	na	Naugatuck	na	na	na	Trumbull	0	2	1
Coventry	1	4	6	New Britain	0	2	1	Union	1	3	0
Cromwell	1	3	2	New Canaan	1	8	1	Vernon	5	15	23
Danbury	2	14	27	New Fairfield	1	1	1	Voluntown	0	1	1
Darien	139	144	5	New Hartford	na	na	na	Wallingford	3	7	5
Deep River	0	0	0	New Haven	2	2	337	Warren	na	na	na
Derby	na	na	na	New London	4	12	9	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	0	0	0	New Milford	na	na	na	Waterbury	2	4	5
East Granby	5	5	0	Newington	0	0	2	Waterford	na	na	na
East Haddam	0	2	1	Newtown	11	21	9	Watertown	na	na	na
East Hampton	2	5	4	Norfolk	na	na	na	West Hartford	11	28	21
East Hartford	1	2	2	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	na	North Canaan	na	na	na	Westbrook	1	3	2
East Lyme	1	11	31	North Haven	na	na	na	Weston	1	3	3
East Windsor	1	1	12	North Stonington	na	na	na	Westport	5	17	8
Eastford	na	na	na	Norwalk	16	35	2	Wethersfield	0	0	0
Easton	1	2	2	Norwich	0	0	0	Willington	1	4	1
Ellington	14	35	30	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	0	1	1
Enfield	5	17	17	Old Saybrook	1	3	4	Winchester	na	na	na
Essex	0	0	2	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	1	1	1
Fairfield	9	46	105	Oxford	4	7	7	Windsor	1	8	3
Farmington	6	6	5	Plainfield	na	na	na	Windsor Locks	0	0	0
Franklin	na	na	na	Plainville	1	3	2	Wolcott	2	6	5
Glastonbury	6	12	8	Plymouth	na	na	na	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	na	Pomfret	na	na	na	Woodbury	3	3	2
Granby	2	4	28	Portland	1	1	2	Woodstock	na	na	na
Greenwich	19	44	12								

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

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

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

GAMING DATA

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

HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

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

INITIAL CLAIMS

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

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

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

UI COVERED WAGES

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

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AT A GLANCE

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

Leading General Drift Indicator.....	-8.3	CT Mfg. Production Index	3.4	Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator.	-3.4	Production Worker Hours.....	5.1	Occupancy Rate.....	45.3
Connecticut Real GDP.....	-3.3	Industrial Electricity Sales.....	0.2	Tourism Website Visitors.....	17.4
United States Real GDP.....	-2.8	Personal Income	4.3	Air Passenger Count.....	-67.2
New England Real GDP.....	-3.3	UI Covered Wages	0.9	Gaming Slots.....	108.9
Connecticut PCPI.....	2.2	Business Activity		Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
United States PCPI.....	3.7	New Housing Permits.....	-12.3	Total.....	2.8
New England PCPI.....	3.8	Electricity Sales.....	5.7	Wages & Salaries.....	3.0
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index....	-10.0	Construction Contracts Index.	-27.2	Benefit Costs.....	2.5
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index...	-2.8	New Auto Registrations.....	86.8	Consumer Prices	
		Exports.....	-20.4	U.S. City Average.....	2.6
		S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	53.7	Northeast Region.....	2.1
		Business Starts		NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	2.0
Total Nonfarm Employment	-6.1	Secretary of the State.....	93.7	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	1.3
Labor Force.....	-9.7	Dept. of Labor.....	9.0	Interest Rates	
Employed.....	-13.9	Business Terminations		Prime.....	-0.53 *
Unemployed.....	95.1	Secretary of the State.....	35.8	Conventional Mortgage.....	-0.37 *
Unemployment Rate	4.5 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-17.5		
Labor Force Participation Rate...	-6.3 *	State Revenues	16.0		
Employment-Population Ratio...	-8.8 *	Corporate Tax.....	23.7		
Average Weekly Initial Claims ..	-59.4	Personal Income Tax.....	12.5		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate	0.45 *	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	111.1		
U-6 Rate	7.1 *	Sales & Use Tax.....	13.0		
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs	-4.4	Gaming Payments.....	122.9		
PW Avg Hourly Earnings	-3.7				
PW Avg Weekly Earnings	-7.9				

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

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