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May 2022 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 4.2%

US Unemployment Rate = 3.6%

## CT's payroll jobs higher by 1,600 in May 2022; state jobless rate drops two-tenths to 4.2%

WETHERSFIELD, June 16, 2022 – Connecticut's unemployment rate ticked down another two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2% and the number of nonfarm industry payroll jobs increased by 1,600 (0.1%) to 1,648,500 in May 2022 (preliminary). These are both calculated on a seasonally adjusted basis. The statewide payroll employment level is now 42,200 (2.6%) positions higher than in May 2021. Connecticut has now recovered 82.6% (238,900) of the 289,400 nonfarm positions lost in the March/April 2020 COVID drop off. The previously reported April 2022 increase of 1,600 was revised slightly lower by 200 positions to a 1,400-job gain (0.1%). The two-tenths point decline in the May 2022 unemployment rate was supported by a statistically significant 5,000 decline in the number of the state's unemployed. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produces these survey-based labor statistics in collaboration with their state counterparts.

"May showed solid job growth," said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. "The private sector has added more than 15,000 jobs so far in 2022 and the unemployment rate has fallen in ten of the past eleven months."

**Connecticut's private sector** employment expanded by 2,900 jobs (0.2%) in May 2022 to 1,426,000 and is higher by 42,200 positions (3.0%) from the May 2021 level. The state's private sector is 86.3% recovered from the April 2020 COVID employment trough. The **government supersector** was lower again last month by 1,300 jobs (-0.6%) to a level of 222,500. This is unchanged from the May 2021 levels. The state government portion has been lower six months in a row - influenced by on-going retirements. The public sector is only 39.8% recovered from the COVID lockdown. The government *supersector* in Connecticut covers all federal, state, local, and tribal employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on reservations.

Seven of the ten major industry *supersectors* produced employment gains, while three declined.

### The seven Connecticut industry *supersectors* that increased in May 2022.

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	May 2022 Employment
Professional & Business Services	+1,400	0.6%	217,200
Education & Health Services	+800	0.2%	334,800
Information	+500	1.7%	30,400
Other Services	+500	0.8%	60,800
Leisure & Hospitality	+500	0.3%	148,200
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	+400	0.1%	295,300
Financial Activities	+300	0.3%	118,400

### The three industry *supersectors* that declined.

Decreasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	May 2022 Employment
Construction & Mining	-1,300	-2.1%	61,900
Government	-1,300	-0.6%	222,500
Manufacturing	-200	-0.1%	159,000

**Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs):** Two of the six larger Connecticut **LMAs**, that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS, produced employment gains, while four declined. The **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.4%, 120,700) was the strongest in both monthly numeric and percentage terms, adding 500 jobs. The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (0.1%, 393,000) also chipped in 200 positions. The **New Haven LMA** led job declines, losing 1,000 jobs (-0.3%, 292,500). The **Danbury LMA** (-0.5%, 74,400) and the **Hartford LMA** (-0.1%, 568,200) both decreased by 400 positions. And the **Waterbury LMA** (-0.5%, 65,200) also was lower by 300 jobs.

*Note: The six major Connecticut LMAs are independently estimated from the statewide data by the BLS and cover around 90% of the nonfarm employment in the state. Thus, estimates will not exactly sum to the statewide total.*

**Hours and Earnings:** The May 2022 **private sector** workweek, *not seasonally adjusted*, averaged 34.2 hours. This is down three-tenths of an hour from the May 2021 estimate (34.5, -0.9%). Average hourly earnings at \$34.71, not seasonally adjusted, were up by \$0.73 (2.2%) from the May 2021 estimate of \$33.98. The combined May 2022 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,187.08, higher by \$14.77 from a year ago (1.3%, \$1,172.31). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in May 2022 was up 8.6% from a year ago. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

### **Labor Force Data (residential household survey)**

The May 2022 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **4.2%** (seasonally adjusted), lower by two-tenths of a percentage point from the revised April 2022 level of 4.4%. The Connecticut unemployment rate was 6.7% in May 2021. The Connecticut unemployment was 3.4% in February 2020 just before the COVID lockdown. The U.S. unemployment rate for May 2022 was 3.6%, unchanged from the April 2022 rate of 3.6% and down from the May 2021 jobless rate of 5.8%.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 3,066 per week in May 2022, up by 218 (7.7%) from the April 2022 (2,848) level but much lower by 5,636 claims (-64.8%) than the average weekly count of 8,702 in May 2021. This level of average weekly initial claims is now back above the February 2020 level (2,937) - just before the COVID lockdown.

*The nonfarm employment estimate, derived from a survey of businesses, is a measure of jobs in the state; the unemployment rate and labor force estimates are based on a household survey, and measure the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Overall, as the national and state economies recover, volatility in monthly numbers can be expected. **Job and employment estimates are best understood in the context of their movement over several months rather than observed changes in a single month's value.***

*Next Connecticut Labor Situation release: Thursday, July 21, 2022  
(Preliminary June 2022 data)*

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## Jobs - by Place of Work

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	May 2022 P	April 2022 R	March 2022	February 2022	May 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>1,648,500</b>	<b>1,646,900</b>	<b>1,645,500</b>	<b>1,641,800</b>	<b>1,606,300</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,426,000</b>	<b>1,423,100</b>	<b>1,420,900</b>	<b>1,416,200</b>	<b>1,383,800</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>									
Mining	500	500	600	600	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	61,400	62,700	62,300	61,400	58,700	-1,300	-2.1%	2,700	4.6%
Manufacturing	159,000	159,200	158,300	158,100	153,100	-200	-0.1%	5,900	3.9%
Durable Goods	123,500	123,500	123,200	123,000	119,900	0	0.0%	3,600	3.0%
Nondurable Goods	35,500	35,700	35,100	35,100	33,200	-200	-0.6%	2,300	6.9%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	295,300	294,900	296,300	296,900	289,700	400	0.1%	5,600	1.9%
Wholesale	60,000	59,500	59,000	59,500	56,900	500	0.8%	3,100	5.4%
Retail	167,500	167,300	168,600	168,600	168,200	200	0.1%	-700	-0.4%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	67,800	68,100	68,700	68,800	64,600	-300	-0.4%	3,200	5.0%
Information	30,400	29,900	30,800	30,700	29,800	500	1.7%	600	2.0%
Financial Activities	118,400	118,100	117,900	118,300	117,800	300	0.3%	600	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	99,000	98,700	98,600	99,000	99,300	300	0.3%	-300	-0.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	19,400	19,400	19,300	19,300	18,500	0	0.0%	900	4.9%
Professional & Business Services	217,200	215,800	215,800	212,100	213,500	1,400	0.6%	3,700	1.7%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	96,500	95,800	96,300	97,100	95,100	700	0.7%	1,400	1.5%
Management of Companies	30,300	30,300	30,400	30,300	30,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.7%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	90,400	89,700	89,100	84,700	87,900	700	0.8%	2,500	2.8%
Educational & Health Services	334,800	334,000	334,400	334,000	332,600	800	0.2%	2,200	0.7%
Educational Services	67,500	66,200	67,100	66,300	64,400	1,300	2.0%	3,100	4.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	267,300	267,800	267,300	267,700	268,200	-500	-0.2%	-900	-0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	148,200	147,700	144,500	144,100	130,700	500	0.3%	17,500	13.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26,500	27,000	25,900	25,200	21,800	-500	-1.9%	4,700	21.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	121,700	120,700	118,600	118,900	108,900	1,000	0.8%	12,800	11.8%
Other Services	60,800	60,300	60,000	60,000	57,400	500	0.8%	3,400	5.9%
Government**	222,500	223,800	224,600	225,600	222,500	-1,300	-0.6%	0	0.0%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>151,682,000</b>	<b>151,292,000</b>	<b>150,856,000</b>	<b>150,458,000</b>	<b>145,141,000</b>	<b>390,000</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>6,541,000</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

### LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

Labor Market Area employment estimates are made independently of Statewide estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted data	May 2022 P	April 2022 R	March 2022	February 2022	May 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk</b>	393,000	392,800	394,700	395,500	383,000	200	0.1%	10,000	2.6%
<b>Danbury</b>	74,400	74,800	74,900	74,800	73,200	-400	-0.5%	1,200	1.6%
<b>Hartford</b>	568,200	568,600	567,800	565,400	555,300	-400	-0.1%	12,900	2.3%
<b>New Haven</b>	292,500	293,500	294,500	293,800	285,100	-1,000	-0.3%	7,400	2.6%
<b>Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI</b>	120,700	120,200	119,200	118,800	117,200	500	0.4%	3,500	3.0%
<b>Waterbury</b>	65,200	65,500	65,600	65,700	63,900	-300	-0.5%	1,300	2.0%
Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)									
<b>Enfield</b>	41,600	40,900	41,000	41,100	41,200	700	1.7%	400	1.0%
<b>Torrington-Northwest</b>	31,900	31,000	31,200	31,100	31,200	900	2.9%	700	2.2%
<b>Danielson-Northeast</b>	26,700	26,200	26,100	26,000	26,500	500	1.9%	200	0.8%

\* Less than 0.05%    \*\* Includes Native American tribal government employment

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Starting with March, 2011, our monthly statewide and major LMA nonfarm job estimates have been taken over by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the final phase of transition in this program, which began in 2008. As a result of changes in the estimation procedures, you are likely to see more variability in month-to-month estimates of job counts. Caution should be used in interpreting any single month's estimate. The data are best interpreted to identify trends and cycles over several months and quarters. If you have any questions about these changes, please email us at: [dol.lmi@ct.gov](mailto:dol.lmi@ct.gov). Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

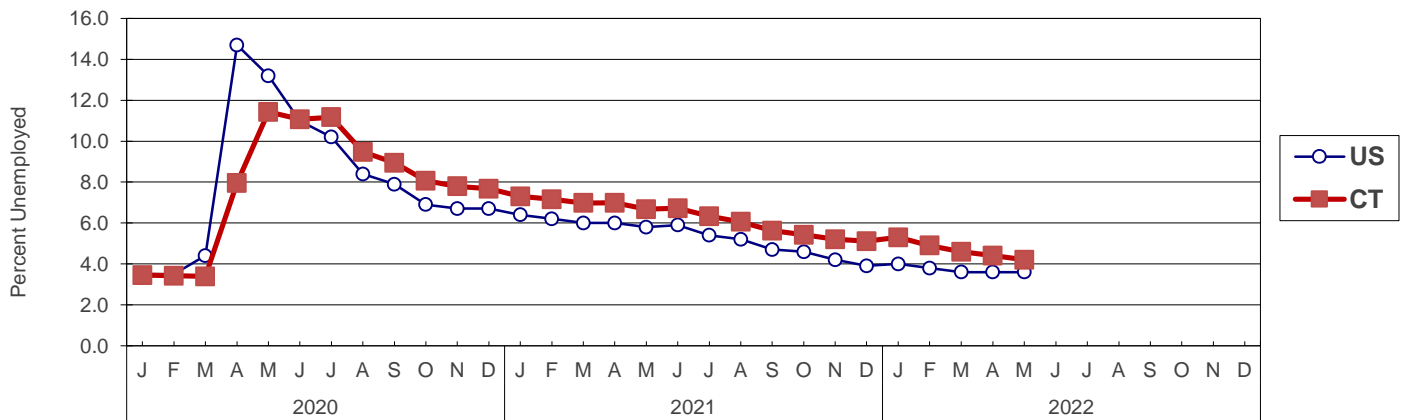
# UNEMPLOYMENT

## Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	May 2022 P		May 2021 R		Change		Apr 2022 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Unemployed	78,700	4.2	123,700	6.7	-45,000	-2.5	83,700	4.4
Labor Force	1,895,100		1,853,900		41,200		1,887,900	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Unemployed	5,950,000	3.6	9,251,000	5.8	-3,301,000	-2.2	5,941,000	3.6
Labor Force	164,376,000		160,801,000		3,575,000		164,046,000	

### U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2020 - 2022



### LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	May 2022 P		May 2021 R		Change		Apr 2022 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	18,900	4.1	29,700	6.6	-10,800	-2.5	17,200	3.8
Danbury	3,600	3.4	5,600	5.5	-2,000	-2.1	3,300	3.2
Danielson-Northeast*	1,600	3.8	2,500	6.0	-900	-2.2	1,500	3.6
Worcester NECTA	1,600	3.8	2,400	6.1	-800	-2.3	1,500	3.6
Hampton	100	3.2	100	5.0	0	-1.8	100	3.0
Enfield	1,800	3.5	2,800	5.8	-1,000	-2.3	1,700	3.4
Hartford	24,500	3.9	41,000	6.7	-16,500	-2.8	23,200	3.8
New Haven	12,500	3.8	20,500	6.3	-8,000	-2.5	11,300	3.5
Norwich-New London	5,800	4.2	9,800	7.3	-4,000	-3.1	5,300	4.0
Torrington-Northwest**	1,700	3.5	2,700	5.9	-1,000	-2.4	1,600	3.4
Torrington NECTA	1,100	4.2	1,800	7.1	-700	-2.9	1,000	4.0
Litchfield	600	2.7	900	4.3	-300	-1.6	500	2.6
Waterbury	5,400	4.9	9,000	8.3	-3,600	-3.4	5,100	4.7
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>122,700</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-47,200</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>69,800</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>5,548,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>8,829,000</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-3,281,000</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>5,458,000</b>	<b>3.3</b>

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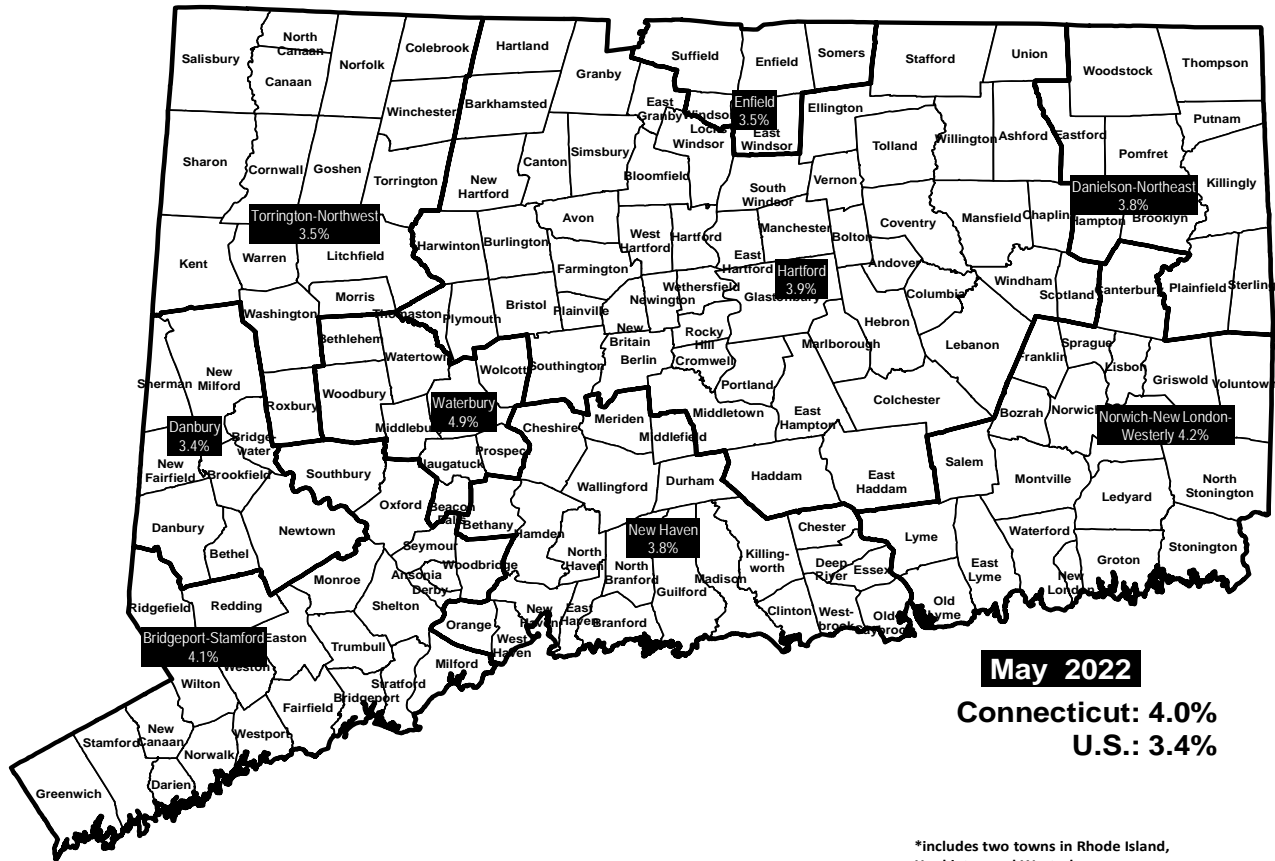
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\* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined \*\* Torrington Micropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Not Seasonally Adjusted

## LABOR MARKET AREAS



# HOURS AND EARNINGS

## CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	May 2022 P	May 2021	Change over Yr.	April 2022 R	May 2022 P	May 2021	Change over Yr.	April 2022 R	May 2022 P	May 2021	Change over Yr.	April 2022 R
<b>Private Industry All Employees</b>	\$1,187.08	\$1,172.31	\$14.77	\$1,161.03	34.2	34.5	-0.3	33.8	\$34.71	\$33.98	\$0.73	\$34.35
<b>Manufacturing* Production Workers</b>	\$1,154.20	\$1,115.97	\$38.23	\$1,092.86	40.9	39.7	1.2	39.9	\$28.22	\$28.11	\$0.11	\$27.39

\* Production worker data have been impacted by the loss of a large, high-paying manufacturer from the monthly sample.

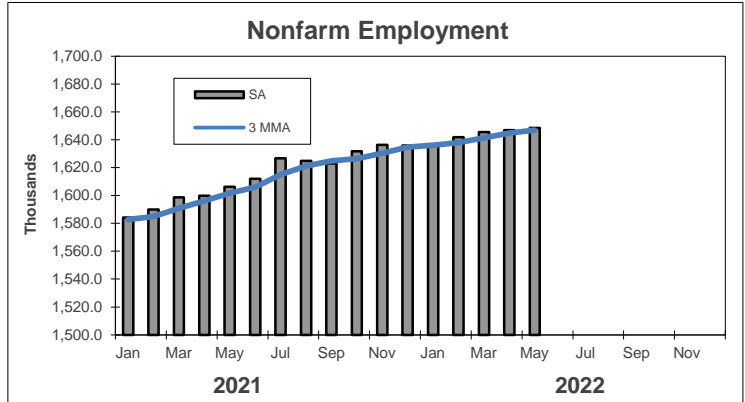
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi)

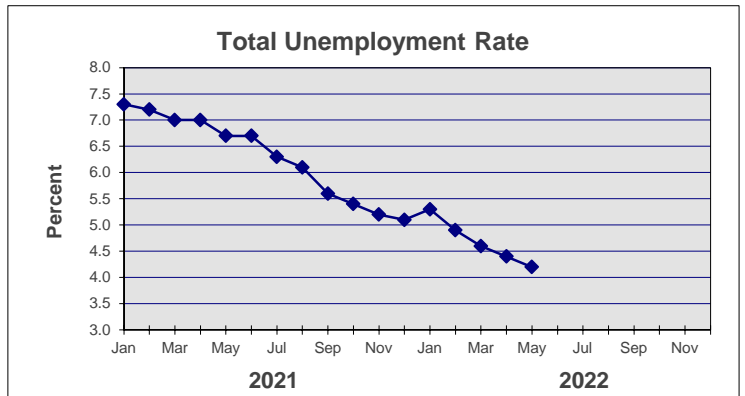
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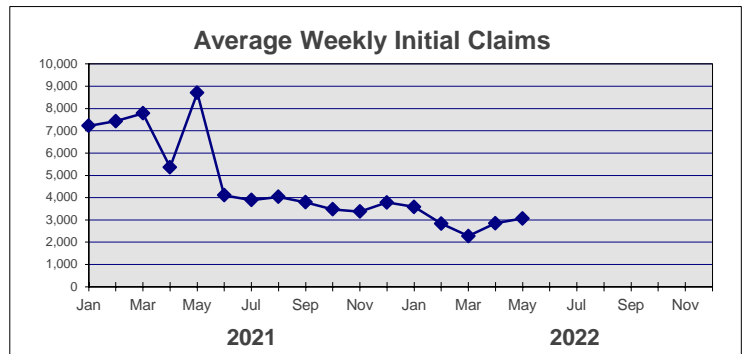
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
<b>2021</b>		
Jan	1,584.1	7.3
Feb	1,590.0	7.2
Mar	1,598.7	7.0
Apr	1,599.8	7.0
May	1,606.3	6.7
Jun	1,612.0	6.7
Jul	1,626.6	6.3
Aug	1,624.7	6.1
Sep	1,622.9	5.6
Oct	1,631.6	5.4
Nov	1,636.3	5.2
Dec	1,635.8	5.1



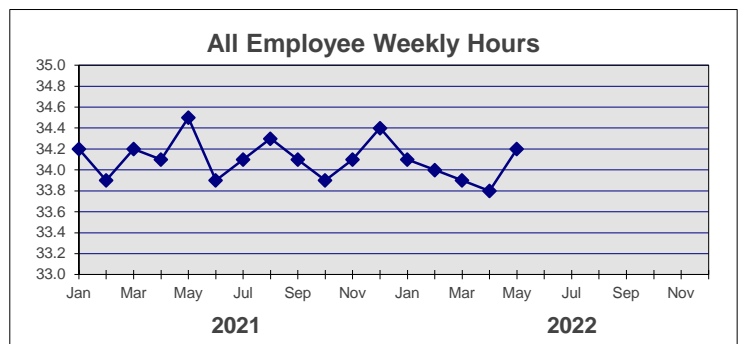
<b>2022</b>		
Jan	1,636.4	5.3
Feb	1,641.8	4.9
Mar	1,645.5	4.6
Apr	1,646.9 R	4.4 R
May	1,648.5 P	4.2 P
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
<b>2021</b>		
Jan	7,226	34.2
Feb	7,431	33.9
Mar	7,780	34.2
Apr	5,366	34.1
May	8,702	34.5
Jun	4,109	33.9
Jul	3,892	34.1
Aug	4,031	34.3
Sep	3,789	34.1
Oct	3,472	33.9
Nov	3,376	34.1
Dec	3,780	34.4



<b>2022</b>		
Jan	3,585	34.1
Feb	2,837	34.0
Mar	2,275	33.9
Apr	2,848	33.8 R
May	3,066	34.2 P
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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\*\* Labor-management dispute