

# Annual Town Unemployment Rates, 2010-2014

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**U**nemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. There are total of 169 cities and towns in Connecticut for which labor force estimates are produced monthly by the Connecticut Department of Labor in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Recently LAUS underwent a major revision back to 2010.

## 2013 to 2014

Reflecting a continued economic recovery, unemployment rates decreased in nearly all cities and towns in Connecticut over the year. Of the total 169 cities and towns, Hampton had the largest decrease from 9.2% in 2013 to 6.2% in 2014 (-3.0 percentage points). Only two towns experienced an increase in the jobless rate from 2013, which are Colebrook (+0.4 percentage points) and Scotland (+1.1 percentage points). The annual

average Connecticut unemployment rate in 2014 was 6.6%, down from 7.7% a year earlier. Overall, a total of 131 cities and towns had jobless rates below the statewide figure of 6.6%, 34 had rates above it, and 4 had rates equal to that of Connecticut last year. Cornwall had the lowest unemployment rate of 3.7%, while the City of Hartford experienced the highest rate of 12.2% in 2014 (See table on page 4).

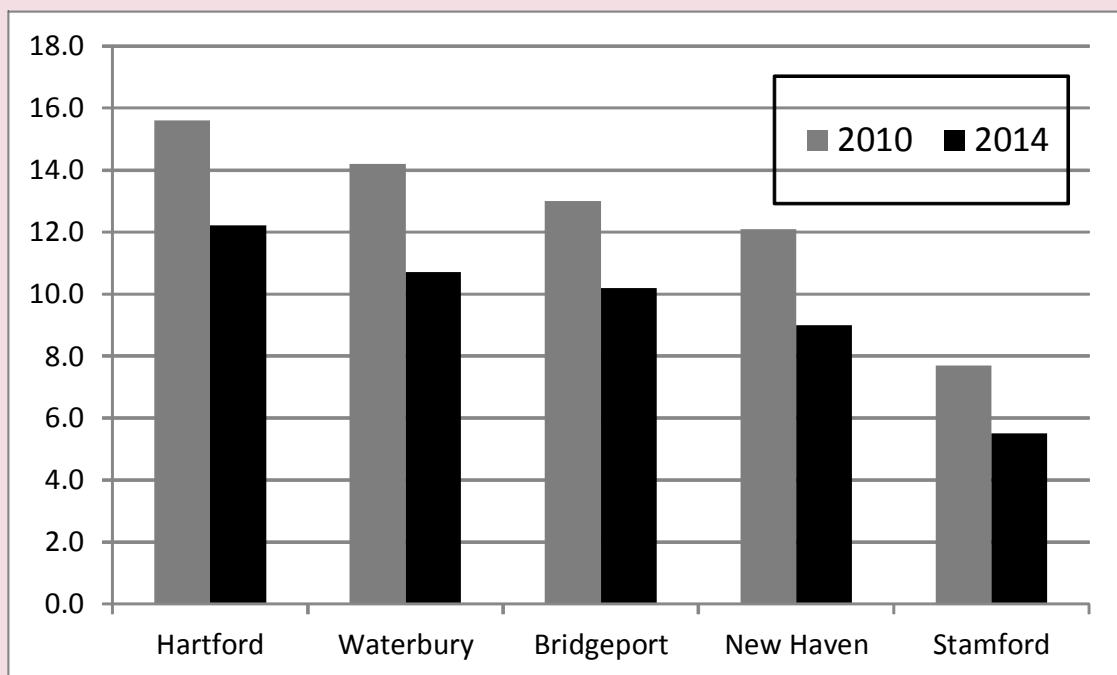
Of the five largest cities in the State with a 2010 Census population of 100,000 or more Stamford had the lowest unemployment rate in 2014 of 5.5%. Hartford had the highest jobless rate among the large cities, 12.2% (Chart). All five cities had over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which occurred in Hartford (-2.1 percentage points).

## 2010 to 2014

As the table shows, last year's unemployment rates were also down in almost all cities and towns when compared with 2010, as the economy improved from the last recession. Only Scotland and Colebrook's rates went up, while Warren's was unchanged. Hampton, again, showed the largest decline from 2010 to 2014 of -5.1 percentage points. Over five years, the State unemployment rate fell significantly from 9.1% to 6.6%. Colebrook had the lowest unemployment rate of 4.0%, while Hartford's was the highest at 15.6% in 2010.

Stamford had the lowest unemployment rate (7.7%) out of the five largest cities in Connecticut, while Hartford's (15.6%) was the highest in 2010. All five biggest cities had jobless rate declines over the five year period, the largest of which was Waterbury (-3.5 percentage points). ■

### Unemployment Rates of Five Largest CT Cities (%)



### Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town, 2010-2014

Town/City	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Town/City	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Town/City	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Andover	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.4	5.6	Griswold	10.2	10.3	9.9	9.1	7.9	Prospect	8.4	7.6	6.9	5.9	5.3
Ansonia	11.7	11.8	11.4	10.8	9.2	Groton	8.5	8.5	8.2	7.6	6.1	Putnam	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.4	7.5
Ashford	8.1	7.7	7.7	6.9	5.5	Guilford	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.3	4.6	Redding	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	4.8
Avon	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.0	4.4	Haddam	6.8	6.1	6.0	5.5	4.8	Ridgefield	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.5	4.7
Barkhamsted	8.8	8.1	7.6	6.4	5.3	Hamden	7.9	7.9	7.5	6.9	5.9	Rocky Hill	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.0
Beacon Falls	9.2	8.3	7.4	6.5	6.1	Hampton	11.3	10.8	9.9	9.2	6.2	Roxbury	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.1	3.9
Bethlehem	7.7	7.0	6.5	5.7	5.4	Hartford	15.6	15.7	15.1	14.3	12.2	Salem	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.4	6.0
Berlin	7.7	7.4	6.7	6.0	5.2	Hartland	7.0	6.4	6.4	5.7	5.1	Salisbury	6.8	6.2	5.5	4.9	4.1
Bethany	7.4	6.9	6.1	5.6	5.3	Harwinton	6.8	6.4	6.6	5.8	5.1	Scotland	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.6	5.7
Bethel	8.1	7.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	Hebron	6.9	6.4	5.9	5.3	4.8	Seymour	9.6	9.2	8.4	7.8	7.0
Bloomfield	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.3	Kent	7.5	6.8	6.3	5.6	4.5	Sharon	6.2	6.0	5.4	5.3	4.3
Bolton	6.7	6.3	5.8	5.5	4.5	Killingly	11.1	10.7	10.4	9.5	7.9	Shelton	8.6	8.5	7.8	7.2	6.2
Bozrah	8.0	7.4	8.0	7.6	6.6	Killingworth	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.7	4.7	Sherman	7.1	6.8	6.3	5.9	4.9
Branford	8.3	8.0	7.5	6.6	5.7	Lebanon	8.6	8.3	8.0	6.8	5.8	Simsbury	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.4
Bridgeport	13.0	13.2	12.5	11.9	10.2	Ledyard	7.6	7.2	7.3	6.8	5.6	Somers	7.4	6.9	7.0	6.4	5.6
Bridgewater	6.5	6.3	5.7	6.0	5.7	Lisbon	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.3	6.7	South Windsor	7.5	6.8	6.3	5.8	5.2
Bristol	10.3	9.8	9.1	8.4	7.3	Litchfield	7.2	6.8	6.2	5.7	5.1	Southbury	8.1	7.8	7.0	6.7	5.7
Brookfield	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.2	5.2	Lyme	7.0	6.1	5.4	5.4	4.8	Southington	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.4	5.5
Brooklyn	9.6	9.0	8.7	8.0	7.1	Madison	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.7	4.8	Sprague	10.5	10.8	11.0	9.6	7.8
Burlington	7.1	6.8	6.3	5.5	4.6	Manchester	8.8	8.5	8.3	7.5	6.5	Stafford	9.6	8.8	8.5	7.9	6.8
Canaan	5.9	8.0	8.4	6.8	5.2	Mansfield	7.9	8.2	8.0	7.6	6.2	Stamford	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.4	5.5
Canterbury	9.0	8.5	8.5	7.5	6.6	Marlborough	7.3	6.6	6.3	5.7	5.1	Sterling	10.7	10.3	10.6	9.5	8.5
Canton	7.7	6.6	5.6	5.3	4.7	Meriden	11.4	11.0	10.3	9.8	8.5	Stonington	6.9	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.7
Chaplin	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.1	6.6	Middlebury	7.2	7.1	6.7	5.8	5.1	Stratford	9.7	9.6	9.2	8.8	7.5
Cheshire	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.2	4.6	Middlefield	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.5	Suffield	7.3	7.3	6.8	6.2	5.4
Chester	6.6	6.4	5.6	5.2	4.6	Middletown	8.7	8.5	7.9	7.5	6.5	Thomaston	9.0	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.1
Clinton	8.2	7.7	7.1	6.5	5.6	Milford	9.2	8.3	7.3	6.6	5.7	Thompson	10.6	9.4	8.6	7.7	6.1
Colchester	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.3	5.3	Monroe	7.9	7.8	7.1	6.3	5.7	Tolland	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.3	4.5
Colebrook	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.3	Montville	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.1	6.8	Torrington	10.7	9.8	9.1	8.4	7.2
Columbia	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.3	Morris	7.7	7.3	6.3	5.6	5.0	Trumbull	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.2	5.4
Cornwall	6.3	6.2	5.6	5.6	3.7	Naugatuck	10.8	10.2	9.4	8.9	7.6	Union	6.5	6.7	5.9	5.8	5.2
Coventry	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.3	5.3	New Britain	12.8	12.5	11.9	11.2	9.5	Vernon	8.6	8.1	8.0	7.4	6.4
Cromwell	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.3	5.5	New Canaan	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.8	4.9	Voluntown	10.0	10.0	10.1	8.9	6.7
Danbury	7.7	7.1	6.8	6.1	5.2	New Fairfield	8.2	7.8	7.2	6.4	5.2	Wallingford	8.3	7.8	7.2	6.6	5.8
Darien	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.1	New Hartford	7.6	7.0	6.4	6.4	5.7	Warren	5.5	5.5	6.2	6.2	5.5
Deep River	7.0	6.7	6.1	5.8	5.3	New Haven	12.1	12.2	11.6	10.8	9.0	Washington	6.2	6.2	5.7	5.3	4.7
Derby	10.8	10.5	9.7	9.0	7.9	New London	11.9	12.2	12.6	11.8	9.7	Waterbury	14.2	13.6	12.9	12.2	10.7
Durham	6.4	6.5	5.8	5.4	4.8	New Milford	7.6	7.3	7.1	6.6	5.5	Waterford	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.3	5.9
East Granby	6.8	6.2	5.7	5.5	4.9	Newington	8.1	7.6	7.0	6.4	5.4	Watertown	8.2	7.6	7.1	6.5	5.7
East Haddam	7.6	7.1	7.0	6.5	5.8	Newtown	6.9	6.6	6.1	5.7	4.9	West Hartford	6.8	6.5	6.1	5.5	4.7
East Hampton	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.2	5.1	North Branford	8.0	7.6	6.9	6.0	5.2	West Haven	10.7	10.8	10.2	9.4	8.0
East Hartford	11.3	11.1	10.7	10.0	8.5	North Canaan	8.5	8.0	7.2	6.2	5.4	Westbrook	8.1	7.6	7.2	6.4	5.6
East Haven	10.4	10.1	9.4	8.7	7.4	North Haven	8.0	7.8	7.2	6.4	5.5	Weston	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.9	4.9
East Lyme	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.0	5.9	North Stonington	7.5	7.0	7.2	7.1	6.1	Westport	6.4	6.3	6.2	5.9	4.9
East Windsor	9.8	9.2	8.7	7.9	6.6	Norfolk	7.4	7.0	6.6	7.2	6.0	Wethersfield	8.3	7.8	7.1	6.5	5.7
Eastford	8.1	7.3	6.4	6.4	5.6	Norwalk	7.7	7.4	6.9	6.4	5.6	Willington	6.9	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.2
Easton	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	Norwich	10.4	10.4	10.0	9.5	8.3	Wilton	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.6	4.6
Ellington	7.5	6.9	6.4	6.0	5.1	Old Lyme	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.1	5.3	Winchester	11.5	10.6	9.1	8.5	7.1
Enfield	9.1	8.9	8.1	7.5	6.3	Old Saybrook	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.3	5.3	Windham	11.3	11.2	10.6	9.9	8.4
Essex	7.5	7.2	6.6	6.1	5.2	Orange	6.6	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.0	Windsor	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.6	6.4
Fairfield	7.6	7.3	7.1	6.5	5.4	Oxford	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.4	Windsor Locks	8.9	8.2	8.0	7.5	6.3
Farmington	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.6	Plainfield	11.2	10.9	10.2	9.6	8.3	Wolcott	8.9	8.3	7.6	6.8	5.5
Franklin	8.4	7.3	6.6	6.6	6.4	Plainville	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.5	6.3	Woodbridge	5.7	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.2
Glastonbury	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.5	Plymouth	11.3	10.6	9.7	9.1	7.8	Woodbury	7.4	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.1
Goshen	7.2	7.3	7.1	5.8	5.1	Pomfret	7.9	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.0	Woodstock	8.3	7.6	7.3	6.7	5.6
Granby	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.2	4.6	Portland	7.7	7.2	6.7	6.2	5.4	CONNECTICUT	9.1	8.8	8.3	7.7	6.6
Greenwich	6.7	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.8	Preston	8.7	8.3	8.4	7.8	6.8						