

Annual Town Unemployment Rates, 2011-2015

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Unemployment rates come 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 (BLS). For a brief explanation of the methodology of LAUS, see “*Labor Force Estimates*” on page 23. In July 2015 Digest, 2010-2014 annual average town unemployment rate estimates were published. This year, revised 2011-2015 data are analyzed.

2014 to 2015

Reflecting a continued economic recovery (see “*Employment Grew for the Fifth Year,*” March 2016 issue), unemployment rates decreased in all 169 cities and towns in Connecticut in 2015. Of the total 169 cities and towns, Canaan had the largest decrease from 5.5% in 2014 to 3.6% in 2015

(-1.9 percentage points). The annual average Connecticut unemployment rate in 2015 was 5.6%, down from 6.6% a year earlier. Overall, a total of 132 cities and towns had jobless rates below the statewide figure of 5.6%, 36 had rates above it, and one (Middletown) had a rate equal to it last year. Roxbury had the lowest annual average unemployment rate of 3.3%, while the City of Hartford experienced the highest rate of 10.4% in 2015 (See table on page 4 for the complete town data).

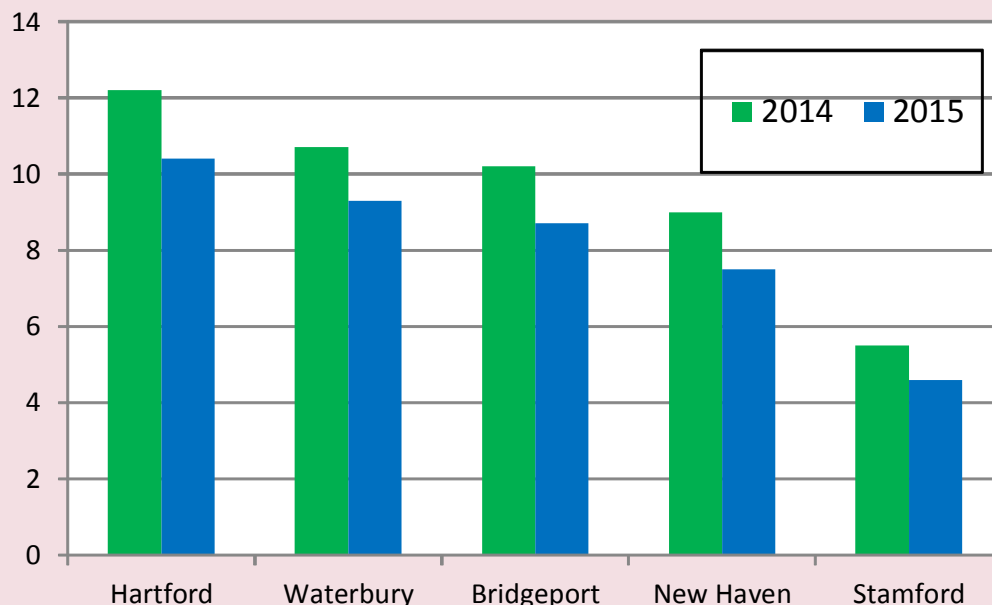
Of the five largest cities in the State with a 2010 Census population of 100,000 or more, Stamford, once again, had the lowest unemployment rate in 2015 of 4.6%. Hartford again had the highest jobless rate among the large cities at 10.4% (See Chart). All five cities had over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which occurred in Hartford (-1.8 percentage points).

2011 to 2015

As the table also shows, last year’s unemployment rates were also down in all but one town when compared with 2011, as the Connecticut economy ended its fifth year of employment recovery. Scotland was the only town to experience an increase in the rate, from 4.8% to 6.3%. Hampton, again, led the largest decline of 5.6 percentage points from 2011 to 2015. Over five years, the State unemployment rate fell from 8.8% to 5.6%. Colebrook had the lowest jobless rate of 4.4%, while Hartford’s was the highest at 15.7% in 2011.

In 2011, Stamford had the lowest unemployment rate (7.3%) out of the five largest cities in Connecticut, while Hartford’s (15.7%) was the highest. All five cities had jobless rate declines during the 2011-2015 period, the largest of which was Hartford (-5.3 percentage points). ■

Unemployment Rates of Five Largest CT Cities (%)



Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town, 2011-2015

Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Andover	6.9	6.6	6.4	5.6	4.4	Griswold	10.4	10.0	9.4	8.1	6.9	Prospect	7.5	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.8
Ansonia	11.8	11.5	10.9	9.3	8.0	Groton	8.5	8.0	7.4	6.0	5.2	Putnam	9.9	10.0	9.5	7.6	6.7
Ashford	7.8	7.7	6.8	5.5	4.5	Guilford	6.0	5.5	5.3	4.6	3.8	Redding	6.1	6.1	5.9	4.9	4.2
Avon	5.6	5.4	5.0	4.3	3.6	Haddam	6.1	6.0	5.5	4.8	4.0	Ridgefield	6.1	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9
Barkhamsted	8.2	7.6	6.4	5.3	4.5	Hamden	7.9	7.5	6.8	5.8	5.0	Rocky Hill	6.7	6.2	5.7	4.9	4.2
Beacon Falls	8.3	7.4	6.4	6.0	5.1	Hampton	10.8	10.0	9.3	6.2	5.2	Roxbury	5.1	5.2	5.1	3.9	3.3
Bethlehem	7.0	6.5	5.7	5.4	4.6	Hartford	15.7	15.1	14.3	12.2	10.4	Salem	7.9	8.2	7.5	6.1	5.4
Berlin	7.4	6.7	6.0	5.2	4.6	Hartland	6.4	6.3	5.7	5.2	4.7	Salisbury	6.2	5.5	4.9	4.0	3.4
Bethany	6.9	6.1	5.6	5.3	4.3	Harwinton	6.4	6.6	5.8	5.1	4.2	Scotland	4.8	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.1
Bethel	7.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	4.6	Hebron	6.3	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.0	Seymour	9.2	8.6	8.0	7.1	6.0
Bloomfield	9.3	9.0	8.4	7.2	6.3	Kent	6.8	6.3	5.7	4.5	4.0	Sharon	5.9	5.4	5.4	4.3	3.4
Bolton	6.2	5.7	5.5	4.5	3.9	Killingly	10.6	10.4	9.5	7.9	6.8	Shelton	8.5	7.9	7.3	6.3	5.4
Bozrah	7.4	7.9	7.6	6.6	5.3	Killingworth	6.2	5.8	5.7	4.7	3.8	Sherman	6.8	6.3	5.9	4.9	4.1
Branford	8.0	7.5	6.7	5.7	5.0	Lebanon	8.3	8.0	6.9	5.8	4.8	Simsbury	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.3	3.6
Bridgeport	13.2	12.6	11.9	10.2	8.7	Ledyard	7.3	7.3	6.8	5.6	4.9	Somers	6.9	6.9	6.3	5.5	4.7
Bridgewater	6.3	5.7	6.0	5.9	4.4	Lisbon	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.7	5.9	South Windsor	6.8	6.3	5.8	5.1	4.4
Bristol	9.9	9.2	8.5	7.3	6.5	Litchfield	6.8	6.1	5.7	5.0	4.2	Southbury	7.8	7.0	6.7	5.7	5.1
Brookfield	6.9	6.6	6.2	5.2	4.4	Lyme	6.1	5.5	5.5	4.7	4.1	Southington	7.5	7.1	6.4	5.5	4.6
Brooklyn	9.0	8.6	7.9	7.0	5.9	Madison	6.3	6.1	5.7	4.8	4.0	Sprague	10.8	11.0	9.6	7.8	6.6
Burlington	6.9	6.2	5.5	4.5	4.3	Manchester	8.5	8.3	7.5	6.5	5.5	Stafford	8.8	8.5	7.9	6.8	6.0
Canaan	7.9	8.5	7.2	5.5	3.6	Mansfield	8.2	8.1	7.7	6.2	5.1	Stamford	7.3	7.0	6.4	5.5	4.6
Canterbury	8.5	8.5	7.6	6.6	5.8	Marlborough	6.6	6.3	5.7	5.1	4.4	Sterling	10.3	10.6	9.6	8.6	7.3
Canton	6.6	5.6	5.4	4.7	3.9	Meriden	11.0	10.3	9.8	8.5	7.1	Stonington	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.7	4.8
Chaplin	8.3	7.8	7.2	6.6	6.0	Middlebury	7.1	6.7	5.8	5.1	4.3	Stratford	9.6	9.3	8.8	7.5	6.4
Cheshire	6.2	5.5	5.2	4.5	3.8	Middlefield	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.5	4.5	Suffield	7.3	6.8	6.2	5.4	4.4
Chester	6.4	5.6	5.3	4.6	3.9	Middletown	8.5	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.6	Thomaston	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.1	4.9
Clinton	7.7	7.2	6.5	5.6	4.7	Milford	8.3	7.3	6.6	5.7	4.9	Thompson	9.4	8.6	7.7	6.2	5.3
Colchester	7.6	7.0	6.3	5.2	4.4	Monroe	7.8	7.2	6.4	5.7	5.0	Tolland	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.5	3.7
Colebrook	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.3	Montville	9.2	8.9	8.2	6.9	6.1	Torrington	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.2	6.2
Columbia	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.3	4.7	Morris	7.4	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.4	Trumbull	6.9	6.8	6.3	5.4	4.7
Cornwall	6.2	5.6	5.6	3.7	3.5	Naugatuck	10.2	9.4	8.8	7.6	6.6	Union	6.7	6.1	5.8	5.2	4.8
Coventry	7.2	7.0	6.2	5.2	4.5	New Britain	12.5	11.9	11.2	9.5	8.1	Vernon	8.1	8.0	7.4	6.4	5.5
Cromwell	7.2	6.8	6.3	5.5	4.7	New Canaan	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.0	4.3	Voluntown	10.0	10.2	9.0	6.9	5.8
Danbury	7.2	6.8	6.1	5.2	4.6	New Fairfield	7.8	7.2	6.5	5.2	4.6	Wallingford	7.8	7.2	6.6	5.7	4.8
Darien	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.1	4.3	New Hartford	7.0	6.3	6.5	5.7	4.6	Warren	5.5	6.2	6.2	5.4	4.9
Deep River	6.8	6.1	5.7	5.2	4.5	New Haven	12.2	11.6	10.8	9.0	7.5	Washington	6.2	5.6	5.4	4.7	3.8
Derby	10.5	9.8	9.1	8.1	6.8	New London	12.2	12.6	11.9	9.8	8.3	Waterbury	13.7	12.9	12.3	10.7	9.3
Durham	6.5	5.8	5.3	4.8	3.8	New Milford	7.3	7.1	6.6	5.6	4.7	Waterford	8.0	7.8	7.3	5.8	5.1
East Granby	6.1	5.6	5.5	4.9	3.9	Newington	7.6	7.1	6.4	5.4	4.7	Watertown	7.5	7.0	6.3	5.5	4.9
East Haddam	7.1	7.0	6.5	5.8	4.9	Newtown	6.6	6.1	5.7	4.9	4.3	West Hartford	6.5	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.0
East Hampton	7.3	6.9	6.2	5.0	4.3	North Branford	7.6	6.9	6.0	5.2	4.6	West Haven	10.8	10.3	9.5	8.1	6.8
East Hartford	11.1	10.7	10.0	8.5	7.3	North Canaan	8.0	7.1	6.1	5.3	4.5	Westbrook	7.6	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.9
East Haven	10.1	9.5	8.8	7.4	6.3	North Haven	7.8	7.2	6.4	5.5	4.7	Weston	6.5	6.1	5.9	5.0	4.2
East Lyme	7.9	7.9	7.0	5.8	5.2	North Stonington	7.0	7.3	7.1	6.1	4.8	Westport	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.0	4.1
East Windsor	9.2	8.7	8.0	6.7	5.7	Norfolk	7.0	6.7	7.2	6.0	4.8	Wethersfield	7.8	7.1	6.5	5.7	4.8
Eastford	7.3	6.4	6.4	5.6	4.0	Norwalk	7.4	7.0	6.4	5.6	4.8	Willington	6.6	6.4	5.6	5.3	4.2
Easton	5.9	5.8	5.5	4.7	3.9	Norwich	10.5	10.1	9.7	8.4	7.2	Wilton	5.9	5.9	5.6	4.6	4.0
Ellington	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.1	4.7	Old Lyme	6.8	6.8	6.1	5.3	4.5	Winchester	10.6	9.2	8.7	7.2	5.9
Enfield	8.8	8.1	7.6	6.4	5.4	Old Saybrook	7.6	7.0	6.3	5.3	4.6	Windham	11.2	10.6	10.0	8.4	7.0
Essex	7.3	6.7	6.1	5.2	4.7	Orange	6.3	6.0	5.7	4.9	4.1	Windsor	8.2	8.1	7.6	6.4	5.4
Fairfield	7.3	7.1	6.5	5.4	4.7	Oxford	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.4	4.7	Windsor Locks	8.1	8.0	7.4	6.3	5.5
Farmington	6.1	5.8	5.4	4.6	3.9	Plainfield	10.8	10.2	9.6	8.3	7.0	Wolcott	8.2	7.5	6.6	5.4	4.7
Franklin	7.3	6.6	6.5	6.3	5.3	Plainville	8.9	8.1	7.5	6.3	5.2	Woodbridge	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.2	3.8
Glastonbury	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.5	3.8	Plymouth	10.6	9.7	9.1	7.9	6.7	Woodbury	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.1	4.3
Goshen	7.3	7.1	5.8	5.1	4.6	Pomfret	6.5	6.3	5.6	4.8	4.1	Woodstock	7.6	7.3	6.7	5.6	4.7
Granby	6.1	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.0	Portland	7.2	6.7	6.2	5.4	4.7						
Greenwich	6.7	6.2	5.7	4.8	4.1	Preston	8.4	8.4	7.8	6.8	5.5	CONNECTICUT	8.8	8.3	7.8	6.6	5.6