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In October...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,680,600
 Change over month -0.39%
 Change over year +0.1%

United States 147,010,000
 Change over month +0.18%
 Change over year +1.4%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 4.5%
 United States 4.1%

Consumer Price Index

United States 246.663
 Change over year +2.0%

Life in the Slow Lane?

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The Connecticut State Data Center at the University of Connecticut recently released population projections for Connecticut and its towns through 2040. The projections suggest a slowing of population growth but do not show an exodus of young people from Connecticut. Declines in the younger population groups are driven by a low birth rate while migration out of state is concentrated in older age groups. Nevertheless, the number of senior citizens will increase while the school-aged population will decline. Growth will be uneven across cities and towns with some (particularly the largest cities) gaining significant population while

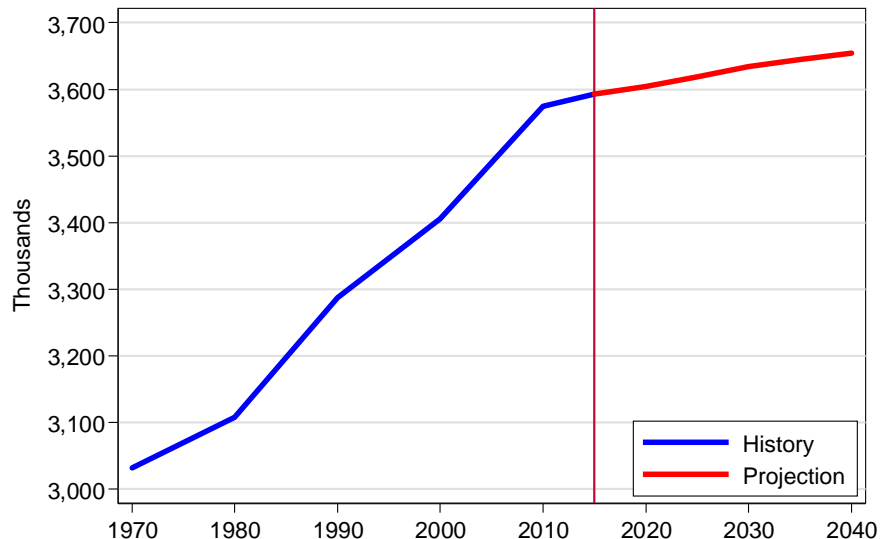
others decline. Some of the smallest towns are projected to reverse part of the strong growth they have experienced in recent decades.

Statewide

Overview

Connecticut's population increased by over 255,000 from 1970 to 1990 and added an additional 300,000 from 1990 to 2015, a 9.3% increase (Chart 1). Population growth is projected to grow just 1.7% in the 25 years from 2015 to 2040, less than 20% of the growth rate of the previous 25 years. Focusing on the most recent 15 year period and comparing it to the next shows a similar pattern. Population grew

Chart 1: Connecticut Population Total



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5.5% from 2000 to 2015 but is projected to grow just 1.1% from 2015 to 2030. While these projections are not predictions of what will happen (unforeseen events such as changes in the economy could affect these projections), they are carefully calculated projections based on fertility rates, survival rates, domestic migration, international migration, and college migration.

Age profile

The age profile of Connecticut's population will change during the projections period. As shown in Chart 2, compared to 2015, in 2040 Connecticut is projected to have more children under age 10, people aged 25 to 44, and age 70 and over. On the other hand, there will be fewer aged 10 to 24 and 45 to 69.

Focus on 2015-2030

While the longer-term trends are of interest, many planning horizons are of shorter duration.² The rest of this article will compare the 15 years from 2000 to 2015 with the projections for 2015 to 2030. The age distribution of the population changed from 2000 to 2015 as the largest cohort aged into its 50s and beyond. There will be more changes by 2030 (Chart 3) as the number of school and college-aged (age 5 to 24) is expected to decline and the number of those mid-twenties to mid-forties is projected to increase as the millennial generation ages. The number of people in the mid-forties through late-fifties will decline as the last of the baby-boomers moves past age 60.

Chart 4 compares the 2015 and projected 2030 populations but also includes an "Aged 2015" population – that is, a representation of what the 2030 population would look like if everyone in Connecticut in 2015

were still here in 2030 and no one died or moved in or out. Compared to the "Aged 2015" population, the 2030 projected population shows more people from age 40 to 54, but fewer people aged 55 and above. While some of this is due to natural decrease (death) the majority of the decline is due to migration to other states. For example, in 2015 the largest five-year age cohort were those aged 50 to 54. By 2030 there are projected to be more than 90,000 fewer people aged 65 to 69 than there were people aged 50 to 54 in 2015. Three-quarters of this decline is due to domestic net migration (people leaving Connecticut for other states).

Cities and Towns

Overview

In addition to statewide projections, the Connecticut State Data Center provides population projections by age for every town in Connecticut. From 1970 to 2000, Connecticut's largest cities lost population. Hartford had the largest decline (down 36,439), but Bridgeport (down 17,013), New Haven (down 14,081) and New Britain (down 11,903) all lost significant population. On the other hand, Danbury and suburban towns such as New Milford, Glastonbury, Shelton, and Southbury all gained more than 10,000 residents each with other suburban towns such as Cheshire, Guilford, Farmington, South Windsor and Southington not far behind. Since 2000 some of this trend has reversed. From 2000 to 2015, New Haven gained the most population of any city or town in Connecticut (+8,245) followed by Danbury, Stamford, Norwich, and Bridgeport (+6,313). Hartford gained more than 3,000 residents and New Britain more

Chart 2: Population by Age Group Through 2040 (Thousands)

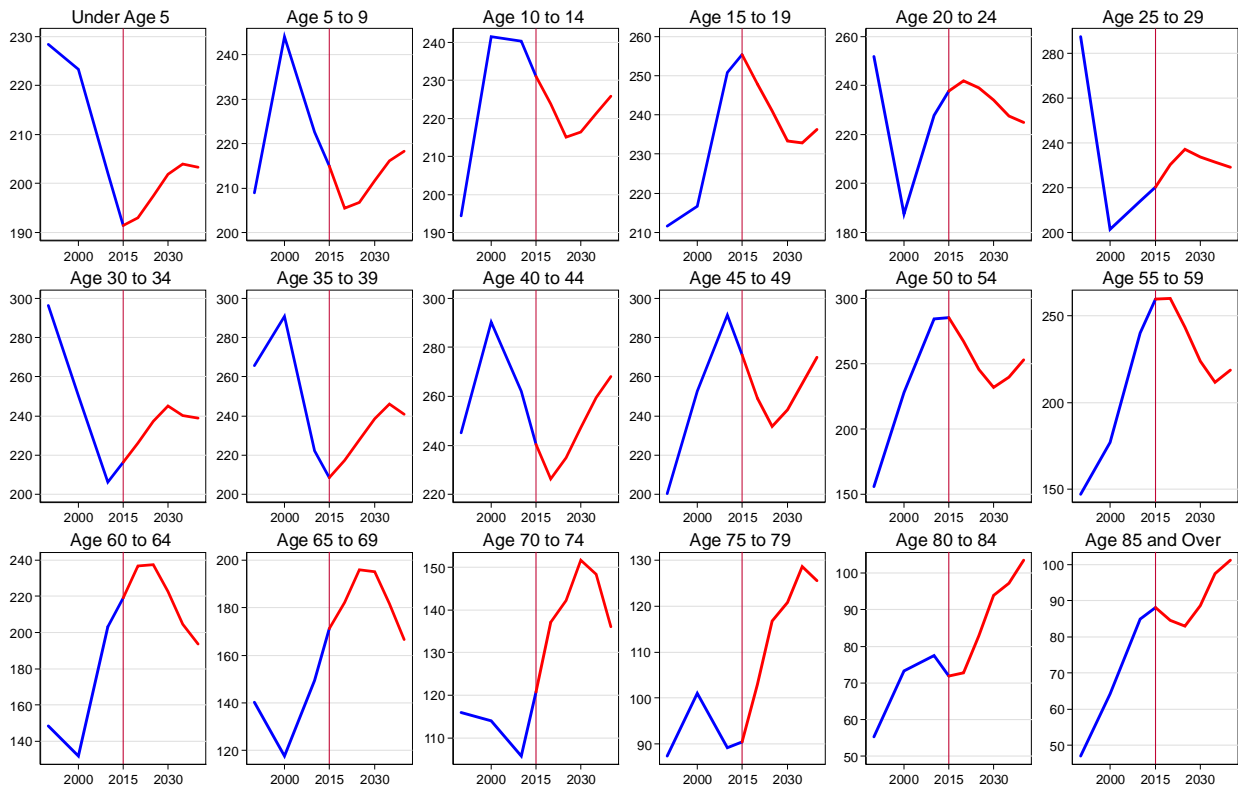
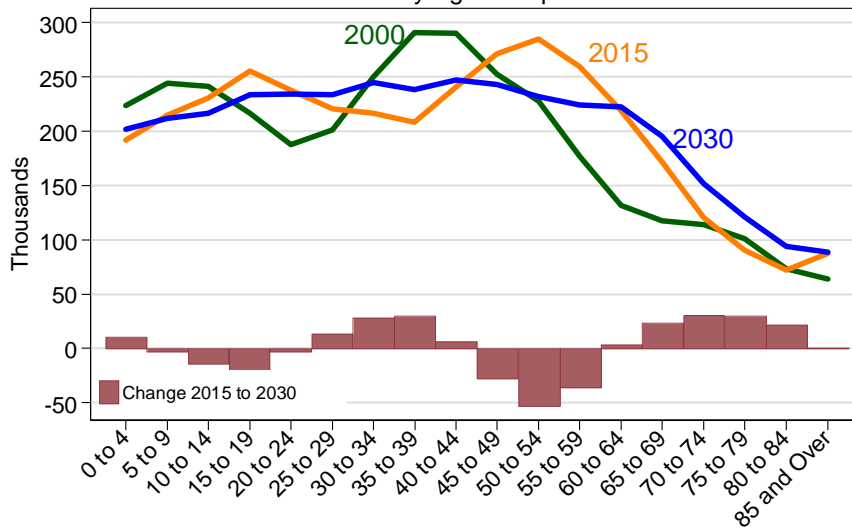


Chart 3: Connecticut Population By Age Group



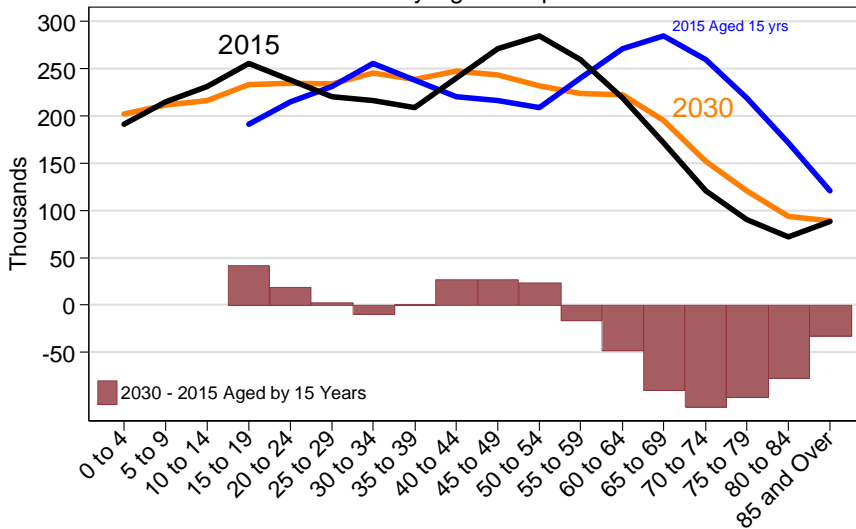
than 2,000. Towns that lost the most population from 2000 to 2015 were Branford, Enfield and Greenwich. When considering the towns that are projected to lose population, the Connecticut

State Data Center (CSDC) emphasizes that the projections are for resident population. As noted on the CSDC website, "Resident population is defined as those persons who usually

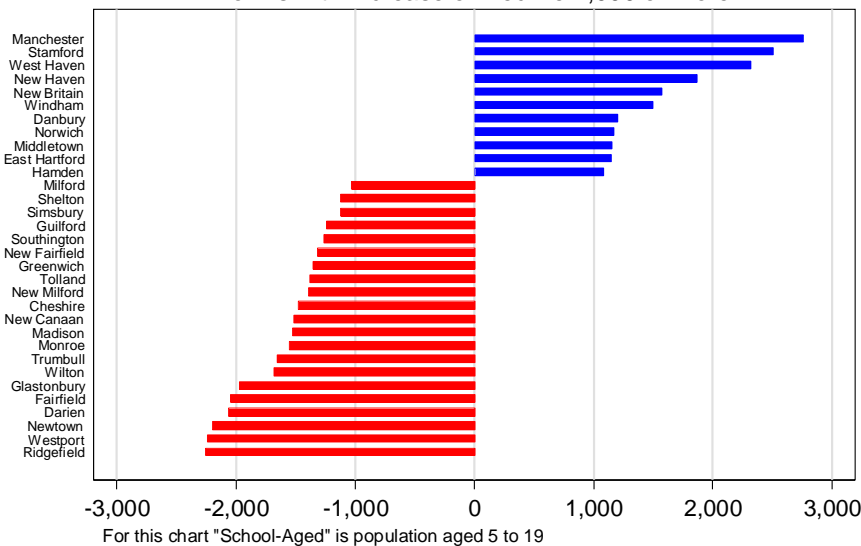
reside within a town in the state of Connecticut (where they live and sleep majority of the time). Individuals who reside in another state but either own property or work remotely in a town within the state of Connecticut are not included in these population projections."

Looking ahead through 2030, towns expected to gain the most population are New Haven, West Haven, Manchester, Bridgeport, Norwich, and Danbury. Greenwich, Westport, Monroe, New Fairfield and Wilton will have the largest losses. The five largest cities in 1970 -- Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven, Stamford and Waterbury -- had 60,000 fewer residents by 2000, but they have been increasing since and are projected to top their 1970 population by 2030. On the other hand, the 10 smallest towns in 1970 gained nearly 60%

**Chart 4: Connecticut Population
By Age Group**



**Chart 5: School-Aged Gains or Losses 2015 - 2030
Towns with Increase or Decline 1,000 or More**



by 2015 but are projected to decline through 2040.

School-Aged population

Connecticut's population aged 5 to 19 fell by just over 1,000 from 2000 to 2015 and is projected to decline nearly 40,000 by 2030. However, some towns will see an expanding school-aged population with three towns (Manchester, Stamford, and West

Haven) increasing by more than 2,000 school-aged children each.³ While the upper end of the 5 to 19 age group may include those no longer in school, for towns losing school-aged population the largest declines are all in the age 10 to 14 cohort. Similarly, for towns gaining school-aged population, the largest increases are in the age 10 to 14 group. As noted,

these are population projections, not projections of school enrollment. Nevertheless, these projections suggest there will be towns with significant increases in school-aged population even as the statewide number of people of school-age will be declining.

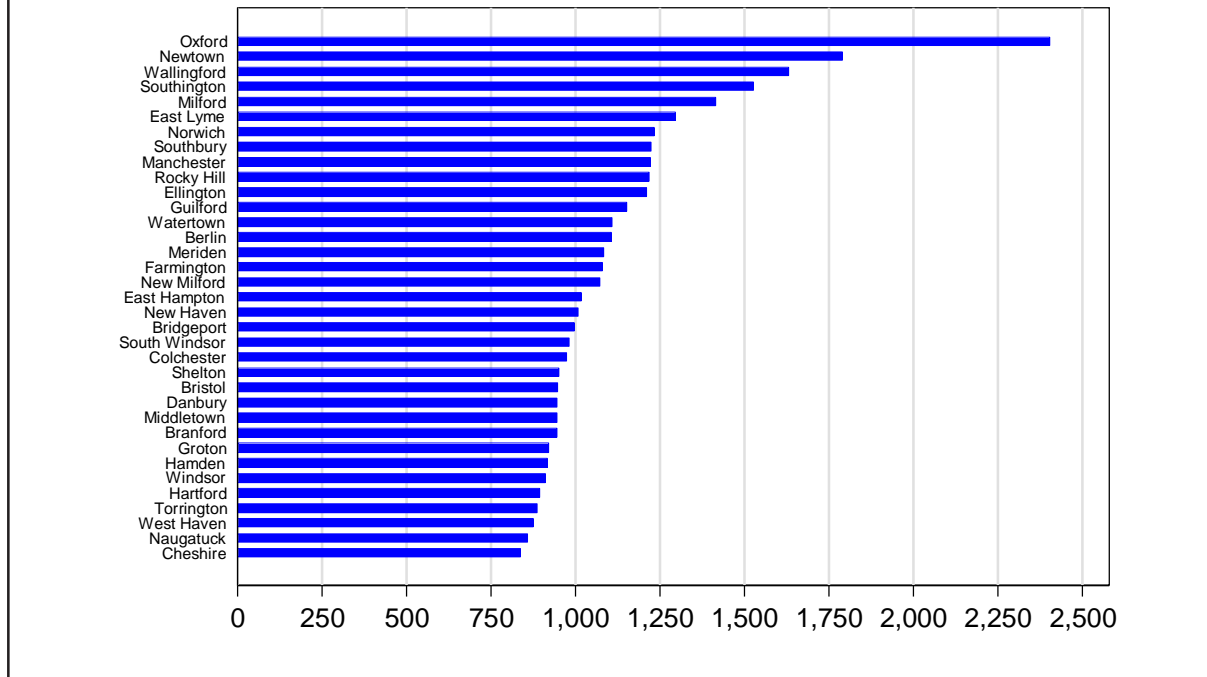
Senior population

Connecticut is projected to see an increase of more than 84,000 in the population aged 70 and over from 2015 to 2030. Nearly every town will see a population increase for this age group. For example, as shown in Chart 6, Oxford, Newtown, Wallingford, and Southington are projected to see the largest increases in the population aged 70 and above. The enormous increase in Oxford is a good illustration of the difference between a projection and a forecast and shows the limitations of the projections. Oxford has seen a significant number of seniors moving into town over recent decades. The models used to create the projections assume this trend will continue. A forecast (which tried to predict exactly how many seniors would be living in Oxford in 2030) would need to consider other factors such as the availability of housing for seniors and not just past trends. Nevertheless, the projections are a useful indication of where things are headed, even though other factors - from economic events to policy changes - will affect the course of population growth in Connecticut.

Implications

As the millennial generation ages into its 40s, Connecticut may have an opportunity to attract even more of this large generation than the projections suggest. The projections may also understate the aging of the

Chart 6: Population Gains Age 70 and Above
Towns with Increase of 800 or More from 2015 to 2030



population – the 85+ age group is the most difficult to project and the groups just under that may not leave Connecticut at the pace suggested by the projections. On the other hand, the declines in the school-aged population have already begun and are likely to continue even as some towns and school districts are facing an influx of new students. ■

1 Details about the projections including on-line data visualizations are available at <http://ctsd.c.uconn.edu/>. Questions about the methodology for producing the projections should be directed to the Connecticut State Data Center through the above-referenced website.

2 For example, the Department of Labor's long term industry and

occupational projections look out 10 years.

3 The Connecticut State Data Center website says that projections are NOT intended for use when considering individual school enrollment or school district enrollment planning as these projections do not include school enrollment nor include data on school choice or other dynamics related to school enrollment.

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	2Q	2Q	CHANGE		1Q
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
General Drift Indicator (1996=100)*					
Leading	116.7	118.2	-1.5	-1.3	118.4
Coincident	117.1	117.3	-0.2	-0.2	116.8
Farmington Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**	136.1	135.5	0.6	0.4	135.2
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (July 1992=100)***					
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Connecticut	Oct 2017 183.37	Oct 2016 179.74	3.6	2.0	Sep 2017 182.70
United States	183.53	178.60	4.9	2.8	183.01

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

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

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

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

Total nonfarm
employment increased
over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,680.6	1,679.2	1.4	0.1	1,687.2
Natural Res & Mining	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Construction	58.7	58.6	0.1	0.2	56.5
Manufacturing	156.8	156.6	0.2	0.1	156.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	297.7	298.1	-0.4	-0.1	299.1
Information	31.6	32.2	-0.6	-1.9	32.1
Financial Activities	132.4	130.4	2.0	1.5	133.4
Professional and Business Services	217.8	216.6	1.2	0.6	218.2
Education and Health Services	333.7	330.7	3.0	0.9	333.2
Leisure and Hospitality	154.0	155.3	-1.3	-0.8	157.0
Other Services	66.4	66.2	0.2	0.3	68.5
Government*	230.9	233.9	-3.0	-1.3	231.9

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

Average weekly initial
claims fell from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,906.1	1,888.8	17.3	0.9	1,914.0
Employed (000s)	1,820.4	1,801.9	18.5	1.0	1,826.9
Unemployed (000s)	85.6	86.9	-1.3	-1.5	87.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	-0.1	---	4.6
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	66.2	65.8	0.4	---	66.5
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	63.2	62.7	0.5	---	63.5
Average Weekly Initial Claims	3,365	3,852	-488	-12.7	3,956
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	2.15	2.49	-0.34	---	2.26
	3Q 2017	3Q 2016			2Q 2017
U-6 Rate (%)	9.8	11.1	-1.3	---	10.3

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

The production worker
weekly earnings fell over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep	Aug
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017	2017
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	41.6	43.4	-1.8	-4.1	41.7	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	24.67	25.56	-0.89	-3.5	25.06	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,026.27	1,109.30	-83.03	-7.5	1,045.00	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)	107.0	106.9	0.0	0.0	111.5	119.5
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,661	4,011	-351	-8.7	3,720	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	260	256	3.8	1.5	274	302
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)	106.6	111.2	-4.6	-4.1	107.7	106.6

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

*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for
second quarter 2018 is
forecasted to increase 1.9
percent from a year
earlier.

INCOME

	<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>		CHANGE		1Q*
	2Q*	2Q	NO.	%	2018
<i>(Annualized; \$ Millions)</i>					
Personal Income	\$256,066	\$251,389	4,676	1.9	\$254,888
UI Covered Wages	\$114,208	\$111,861	2,347	2.1	\$113,616

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

*Forecasted by Connecticut Department of Labor

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations decreased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Oct 2017	561	7.1	3,944	4,859	-18.8
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Sep 2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Construction Contracts						
Index (1980=100)	Oct 2017	482.7	130.0	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Oct 2017	16,954	-3.5	176,786	228,996	-22.8
Exports (Bil. \$)	3Q 2017	4.06	22.9	10.86	10.71	1.4
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Oct 2017	2,575.26	21.1	---	---	---

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 Department of Labor, was up over the year.

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Oct 2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	1Q 2017	2,964	-0.7	2,964	2,985	-0.7
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Oct 2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	1Q 2017	1,321	-22.6	1,321	1,707	-22.6

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

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were down from a year ago.

	YEAR TO DATE					
	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	% CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	1,505.0	1,345.1	11.9	14,867.6	14,789.7	0.5
Corporate Tax	33.6	46.4	-27.6	825.0	819.3	0.7
Personal Income Tax	540.2	524.3	3.0	7,682.2	7,799.7	-1.5
Real Estate Conv. Tax	15.9	19.3	-17.6	170.0	172.1	-1.2
Sales & Use Tax	469.5	374.4	25.4	3,698.8	3,583.9	3.2
Gaming Payments**	22.1	22.5	-1.9	229.9	223.5	2.9

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

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

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Gaming slots fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Oct 2017	70.2	2.8	63.2	62.3	1.4
Major Attraction Visitors**	Oct 2017	580,971	-6.4	5,521,865	5,757,808	-4.1
Air Passenger Count	May 2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Oct 2017	1,072.7	-1.6	11,177.1	10,923.9	2.3

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

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

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

***See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 2.5 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep	Jun	3-Mo	Sep	Sep	12-Mo
	2017	2017	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	130.0	129.0	0.8	130.0	126.8	2.5
Wages and Salaries	129.9	129.0	0.7	130.0	126.7	2.6
Benefit Costs	130.0	129.1	0.7	130.0	127.0	2.4
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	131.8	128.2	2.8
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	131.5	127.7	3.0

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 2.0 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	Oct 2017	246.663	2.0	-0.1
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Oct 2017	0.405	-2.0	0.1
Northeast Region	Oct 2017	260.580	1.5	-0.1
NY-Northern NJ-Long Island	Oct 2017	269.575	1.8	-0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua**	Sep 2017	269.757	2.7	1.2
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Oct 2017	240.573	2.1	-0.2

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; The Conference Board

*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 3.90 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016
Prime	4.25	4.25	3.50
Federal Funds	1.15	1.15	0.40
3 Month Treasury Bill	1.09	1.05	0.33
6 Month Treasury Bill	1.25	1.17	0.48
1 Year Treasury Note	1.40	1.28	0.66
3 Year Treasury Note	1.68	1.51	0.99
5 Year Treasury Note	1.98	1.80	1.27
7 Year Treasury Note	2.20	2.03	1.56
10 Year Treasury Note	2.36	2.20	1.76
20 Year Treasury Note	2.65	2.53	2.17
Conventional Mortgage	3.90	3.81	3.47

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

(Seasonally adjusted: 000s)

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
Connecticut	1,680.6	1,679.2	1.4	0.1	1,687.2
Maine	621.2	616.0	5.2	0.8	621.4
Massachusetts	3,643.5	3,574.5	69.0	1.9	3,638.7
New Hampshire	680.6	674.3	6.3	0.9	678.1
New Jersey	4,125.7	4,095.7	30.0	0.7	4,124.0
New York	9,523.4	9,420.8	102.6	1.1	9,538.0
Pennsylvania	5,973.8	5,908.0	65.8	1.1	5,978.1
Rhode Island	495.8	491.2	4.6	0.9	496.0
Vermont	317.1	313.9	3.2	1.0	317.6
United States	147,010.0	145,006.0	2,004.0	1.4	146,749.0

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

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

LABOR FORCE

(Seasonally adjusted)

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
Connecticut	1,906,087	1,888,778	17,309	0.9	1,913,982
Maine	704,153	695,060	9,093	1.3	705,266
Massachusetts	3,656,098	3,585,359	70,739	2.0	3,669,467
New Hampshire	747,906	750,989	-3,083	-0.4	750,028
New Jersey	4,520,764	4,511,792	8,972	0.2	4,524,302
New York	9,712,825	9,530,003	182,822	1.9	9,693,682
Pennsylvania	6,399,091	6,455,269	-56,178	-0.9	6,414,524
Rhode Island	554,495	551,668	2,827	0.5	555,203
Vermont	345,212	345,202	10	0.0	344,734
United States	160,381,000	159,643,000	738,000	0.5	161,146,000

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

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

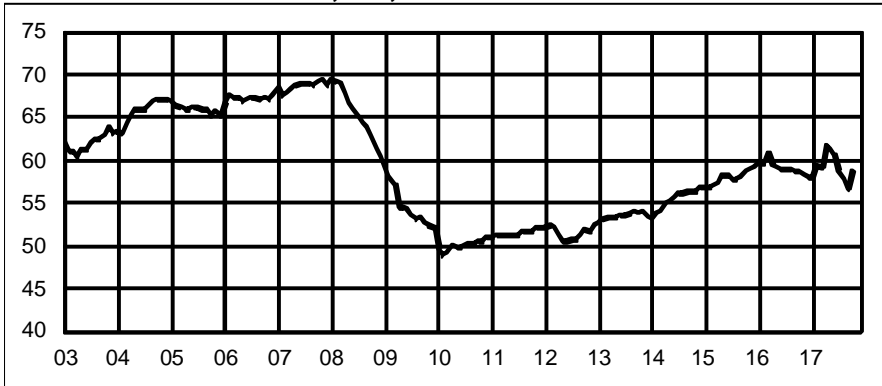
(Seasonally adjusted)

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
Connecticut	4.5	4.6	-0.1		4.6
Maine	3.5	3.9	-0.4		3.7
Massachusetts	3.7	3.2	0.5		3.9
New Hampshire	2.7	2.8	-0.1		2.7
New Jersey	4.9	4.8	0.1		4.7
New York	4.8	4.9	-0.1		4.9
Pennsylvania	4.7	5.5	-0.8		4.8
Rhode Island	4.2	5.1	-0.9		4.2
Vermont	2.9	3.2	-0.3		2.9
United States	4.1	4.8	-0.7		4.2

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

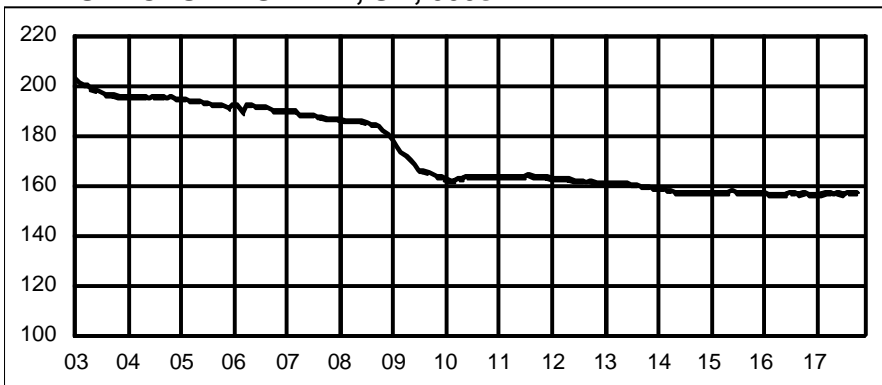
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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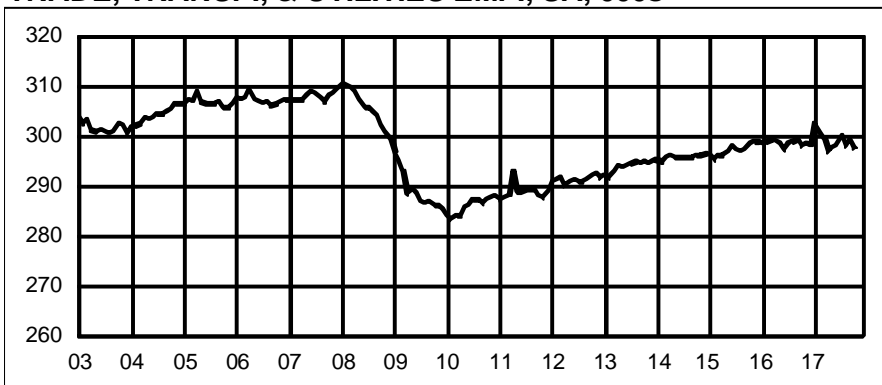
Month	2015	2016	2017
Jan	56.7	59.6	58.0
Feb	56.7	59.6	59.3
Mar	57.0	60.8	59.1
Apr	57.3	59.4	61.7
May	58.1	59.1	61.2
Jun	58.3	58.9	60.5
Jul	57.7	58.8	58.7
Aug	57.8	59.0	57.7
Sep	57.9	58.7	56.5
Oct	58.6	58.6	58.7
Nov	58.8	58.1	
Dec	59.2	58.0	

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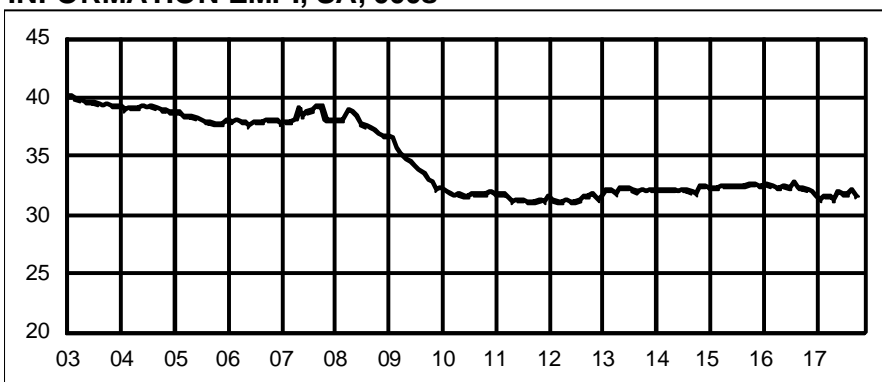
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Feb	156.6	156.4	155.7
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May	157.2	156.1	155.8
Jun	157.4	156.1	156.6
Jul	157.1	156.5	156.4
Aug	157.2	156.8	157.0
Sep	157.1	156.4	156.7
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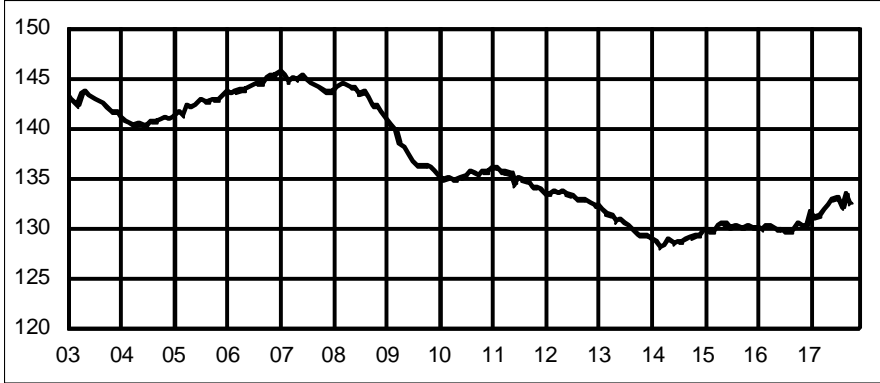
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Feb	295.4	299.0	300.6
Mar	295.9	299.3	299.3
Apr	296.0	298.7	296.8
May	296.9	298.4	297.8
Jun	297.9	297.3	298.2
Jul	297.1	298.5	299.9
Aug	296.9	298.7	298.0
Sep	297.3	299.3	299.1
Oct	298.3	298.1	297.7
Nov	298.9	298.5	
Dec	298.7	298.1	

INFORMATION EMP., SA, 000s



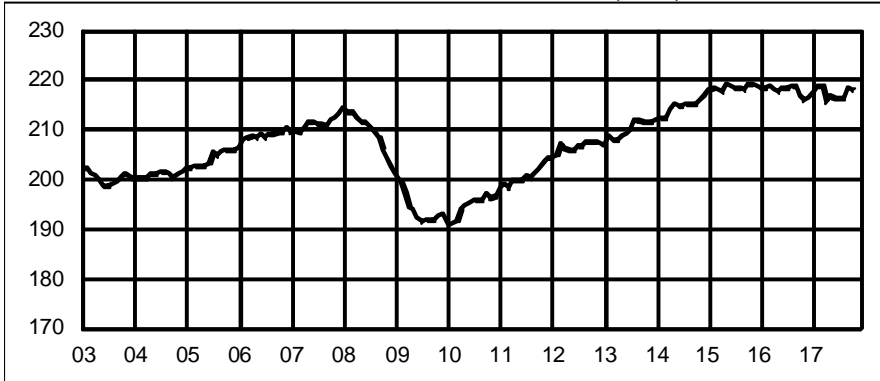
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Jan	32.3	32.5	31.5
Feb	32.3	32.6	31.2
Mar	32.3	32.4	31.5
Apr	32.4	32.2	31.5
May	32.5	32.3	31.3
Jun	32.5	32.4	31.9
Jul	32.4	32.3	31.8
Aug	32.5	32.7	31.8
Sep	32.5	32.2	32.1
Oct	32.6	32.2	31.6
Nov	32.6	32.1	
Dec	32.5	31.9	

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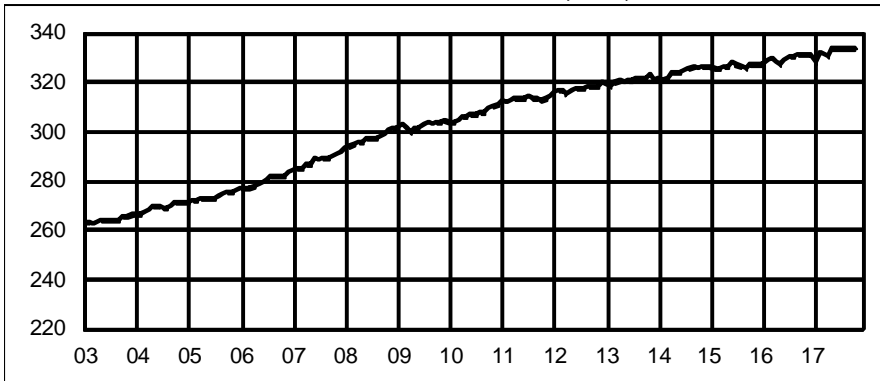
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Jan	129.8	130.1	131.6
Feb	129.7	129.9	131.1
Mar	129.7	130.3	131.2
Apr	130.2	130.2	131.8
May	130.4	129.8	132.3
Jun	130.5	129.8	132.8
Jul	130.1	129.7	133.0
Aug	130.3	129.7	132.1
Sep	130.1	129.7	133.4
Oct	130.1	130.4	132.4
Nov	130.2	130.2	
Dec	130.1	130.2	

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



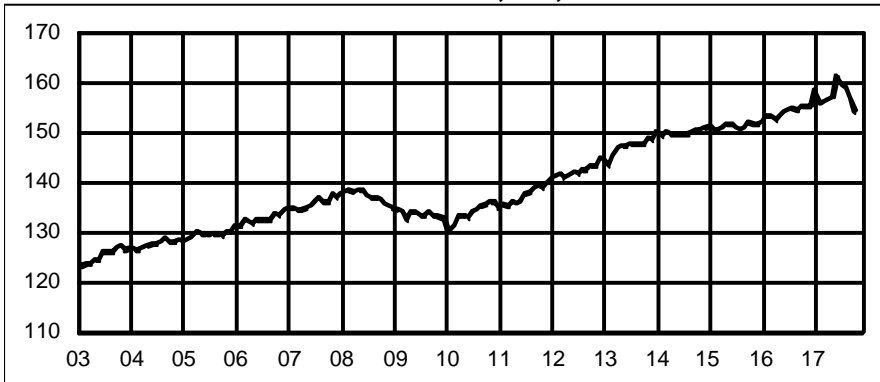
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Jan	218.0	218.3	217.4
Feb	218.5	218.3	218.6
Mar	218.0	218.7	218.7
Apr	217.5	217.9	215.5
May	219.0	217.7	216.8
Jun	218.9	218.2	216.3
Jul	218.4	218.5	216.4
Aug	218.3	218.6	216.5
Sep	218.1	218.9	218.2
Oct	219.0	216.6	217.8
Nov	219.2	215.8	
Dec	218.7	216.4	

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



Month	2015	2016	2017
Jan	326.6	327.3	327.9
Feb	325.8	328.3	331.8
Mar	325.4	329.4	330.8
Apr	326.3	327.6	330.2
May	326.2	327.3	333.2
Jun	327.6	328.8	333.2
Jul	326.7	330.5	333.4
Aug	326.6	329.9	333.3
Sep	325.6	330.7	333.2
Oct	327.0	330.7	333.7
Nov	327.2	331.2	
Dec	327.2	331.3	

LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY EMP., SA, 000s



Month	2015	2016	2017
Jan	151.1	152.0	158.4
Feb	150.5	153.1	155.6
Mar	150.6	153.3	156.0
Apr	151.0	152.6	156.4
May	151.7	153.3	156.7
Jun	151.5	153.9	161.1
Jul	150.8	154.3	159.1
Aug	150.5	154.8	158.8
Sep	150.9	154.6	157.0
Oct	152.0	155.3	154.0
Nov	151.6	155.3	
Dec	151.8	155.3	

CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,692,200	1,691,100	1,100	0.1	1,684,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,458,000	1,453,900	4,100	0.3	1,455,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	219,000	218,800	200	0.1	216,300
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	62,500	62,400	100	0.2	59,700
MANUFACTURING	156,500	156,400	100	0.1	156,600
Durable Goods	122,300	122,500	-200	-0.2	122,400
Fabricated Metal.....	29,400	29,400	0	0.0	29,400
Machinery.....	13,100	13,400	-300	-2.2	13,200
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,900	11,500	-600	-5.2	10,900
Transportation Equipment.....	44,000	42,100	1,900	4.5	44,100
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	28,600	27,800	800	2.9	28,600
Non-Durable Goods	34,200	33,900	300	0.9	34,200
Chemical.....	7,200	7,300	-100	-1.4	7,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,473,200	1,472,300	900	0.1	1,468,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	299,000	299,400	-400	-0.1	296,800
Wholesale Trade.....	63,900	63,300	600	0.9	63,500
Retail Trade.....	180,100	184,100	-4,000	-2.2	178,900
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,400	21,300	100	0.5	21,500
Building Material.....	14,900	15,000	-100	-0.7	15,000
Food and Beverage Stores.....	44,200	44,900	-700	-1.6	44,400
General Merchandise Stores.....	29,300	29,000	300	1.0	28,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	55,000	52,000	3,000	5.8	54,400
Utilities.....	5,300	5,400	-100	-1.9	5,400
Transportation and Warehousing.....	49,700	46,600	3,100	6.7	49,000
INFORMATION	31,500	32,100	-600	-1.9	31,800
Telecommunications.....	8,300	8,800	-500	-5.7	8,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	131,900	129,900	2,000	1.5	132,300
Finance and Insurance.....	111,000	109,600	1,400	1.3	111,300
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	24,800	24,800	0	0.0	24,900
Financial Investments and Related.....	26,700	26,000	700	2.7	26,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	59,500	58,800	700	1.2	59,600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	20,900	20,300	600	3.0	21,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	219,400	218,300	1,100	0.5	219,300
Professional, Scientific.....	97,700	95,900	1,800	1.9	97,500
Legal Services.....	12,200	12,700	-500	-3.9	12,400
Computer Systems Design.....	25,300	25,800	-500	-1.9	25,300
Management of Companies.....	31,700	32,300	-600	-1.9	31,800
Administrative and Support.....	90,000	90,100	-100	-0.1	90,000
Employment Services.....	28,500	28,900	-400	-1.4	28,700
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	337,500	334,500	3,000	0.9	332,900
Educational Services.....	68,300	68,100	200	0.3	64,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	269,200	266,400	2,800	1.1	268,600
Hospitals.....	59,400	58,700	700	1.2	59,400
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	62,700	62,200	500	0.8	62,500
Social Assistance.....	56,800	57,500	-700	-1.2	56,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	153,600	155,000	-1,400	-0.9	158,100
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	27,300	25,900	1,400	5.4	29,000
Accommodation and Food Services.....	126,300	129,100	-2,800	-2.2	129,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	114,400	117,300	-2,900	-2.5	117,000
OTHER SERVICES	66,100	65,900	200	0.3	67,900
GOVERNMENT	234,200	237,200	-3,000	-1.3	229,200
Federal Government.....	17,900	17,900	0	0.0	18,000
State Government.....	65,700	67,600	-1,900	-2.8	62,700
Local Government**.....	150,600	151,700	-1,100	-0.7	148,500

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

BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	412,800	409,900	2,900	0.7	413,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	368,600	365,900	2,700	0.7	369,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	42,200	41,700	500	1.2	41,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	13,500	12,500	1,000	8.0	12,800
MANUFACTURING	28,700	29,200	-500	-1.7	28,700
Durable Goods.....	22,300	22,900	-600	-2.6	22,400
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	370,600	368,200	2,400	0.7	371,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	69,800	71,000	-1,200	-1.7	69,200
Wholesale Trade.....	13,600	13,500	100	0.7	13,500
Retail Trade.....	45,200	47,200	-2,000	-4.2	44,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	11,000	10,300	700	6.8	10,900
INFORMATION	12,500	12,600	-100	-0.8	12,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	43,500	41,100	2,400	5.8	43,400
Finance and Insurance.....	36,400	34,100	2,300	6.7	36,300
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	8,700	9,000	-300	-3.3	8,800
Financial Investments and Related.....	17,300	17,300	0	0.0	17,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	63,900	65,800	-1,900	-2.9	64,500
Professional, Scientific.....	30,700	29,900	800	2.7	30,500
Administrative and Support.....	22,900	24,600	-1,700	-6.9	23,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	75,200	72,900	2,300	3.2	74,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	62,600	60,600	2,000	3.3	62,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	43,600	42,800	800	1.9	44,600
Accommodation and Food Services.....	33,600	32,800	800	2.4	34,300
OTHER SERVICES	17,900	18,000	-100	-0.6	18,400
GOVERNMENT	44,200	44,000	200	0.5	44,300
Federal.....	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	2,500
State & Local.....	41,700	41,500	200	0.5	41,800

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	79,700	79,200	500	0.6	79,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	69,200	68,700	500	0.7	69,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	12,200	12,200	0	0.0	12,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	67,500	67,000	500	0.7	67,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	17,100	17,400	-300	-1.7	17,100
Retail Trade.....	12,000	12,900	-900	-7.0	12,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,500	9,500	0	0.0	9,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	7,400	7,400	0	0.0	7,600
GOVERNMENT	10,500	10,500	0	0.0	10,400
Federal.....	700	700	0	0.0	700
State & Local.....	9,800	9,800	0	0.0	9,700

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HARTFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	575,900	576,900	-1,000	-0.2	572,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	489,500	488,700	800	0.2	488,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	77,000	77,200	-200	-0.3	76,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	20,600	21,500	-900	-4.2	19,800
MANUFACTURING	56,400	55,700	700	1.3	56,400
Durable Goods.....	46,400	46,100	300	0.7	46,400
Non-Durable Goods.....	10,000	9,600	400	4.2	10,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	498,900	499,700	-800	-0.2	496,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	91,300	90,800	500	0.6	91,200
Wholesale Trade.....	18,900	18,500	400	2.2	18,600
Retail Trade.....	53,800	55,200	-1,400	-2.5	54,400
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	18,600	17,100	1,500	8.8	18,200
Transportation and Warehousing.....	17,700	16,200	1,500	9.3	17,300
INFORMATION	11,300	11,500	-200	-1.7	11,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	56,500	57,400	-900	-1.6	56,600
Depository Credit Institutions.....	6,100	6,100	0	0.0	6,100
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	36,300	36,900	-600	-1.6	36,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	77,000	73,800	3,200	4.3	75,600
Professional, Scientific.....	35,000	33,700	1,300	3.9	34,900
Management of Companies.....	10,300	10,500	-200	-1.9	10,300
Administrative and Support.....	31,700	29,600	2,100	7.1	30,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	108,400	107,900	500	0.5	107,500
Educational Services.....	13,000	14,300	-1,300	-9.1	12,400
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	95,400	93,600	1,800	1.9	95,100
Ambulatory Health Care.....	31,000	31,500	-500	-1.6	31,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	45,700	47,900	-2,200	-4.6	46,800
Accommodation and Food Services.....	37,600	40,600	-3,000	-7.4	38,000
OTHER SERVICES	22,300	22,200	100	0.5	23,100
GOVERNMENT	86,400	88,200	-1,800	-2.0	84,100
Federal.....	5,400	5,300	100	1.9	5,400
State & Local.....	81,000	82,900	-1,900	-2.3	78,700

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Labor Market Areas	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA.....	411,800	408,800	3,000	0.7	412,500
DANBURY LMA.....	79,100	78,600	500	0.6	79,900
HARTFORD LMA.....	571,300	572,300	-1,000	-0.2	571,300
NEW HAVEN LMA.....	284,000	281,900	2,100	0.7	286,500
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA.....	129,400	129,200	200	0.2	129,400
WATERBURY LMA.....	66,900	67,200	-300	-0.4	67,000
ENFIELD LMA**.....	45,000	44,900	100	0.2	44,700
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**.....	32,800	32,800	0	0.0	33,000
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**.....	27,100	27,000	100	0.4	27,100

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NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep
	2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	286,700	284,700	2,000	0.7	286,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	250,700	249,000	1,700	0.7	250,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	34,200	34,600	-400	-1.2	33,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	11,400	11,200	200	1.8	11,000
MANUFACTURING	22,800	23,400	-600	-2.6	22,900
Durable Goods.....	16,400	17,000	-600	-3.5	16,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	252,500	250,100	2,400	1.0	252,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	52,300	51,900	400	0.8	51,600
Wholesale Trade.....	11,700	11,600	100	0.9	11,700
Retail Trade.....	30,300	30,700	-400	-1.3	29,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,300	9,600	700	7.3	10,200
INFORMATION	3,100	3,200	-100	-3.1	3,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	12,600	12,500	100	0.8	12,700
Finance and Insurance.....	8,800	8,800	0	0.0	8,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	30,500	30,700	-200	-0.7	31,300
Administrative and Support.....	14,600	14,700	-100	-0.7	14,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	82,000	81,100	900	1.1	80,300
Educational Services.....	32,100	31,100	1,000	3.2	30,500
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	49,900	50,000	-100	-0.2	49,800
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	25,000	24,000	1,000	4.2	26,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	21,100	21,000	100	0.5	22,000
OTHER SERVICES	11,000	11,000	0	0.0	11,200
GOVERNMENT	36,000	35,700	300	0.8	36,200
Federal.....	5,000	4,900	100	2.0	4,900
State & Local.....	31,000	30,800	200	0.6	31,300

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HELP WANTED ONLINE

CT online labor demand rose 700 in October 2017

The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) data reported that there were 66,100 advertisements for Connecticut-based jobs in October 2017, a 1.1 percent increase over the month but a 3.6 percent decrease over the year. There were 3.45 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Connecticut's labor force, while nationally it was 2.83 percent. Among the New England states, Massachusetts had the highest labor demand rate (3.68), while Maine had the lowest rate (2.30).

	Oct	Oct	Sep
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	2017	2016	2017
CT Vacancies (000s)	66.1	68.6	65.4
Hartford Vac. (000s)	26.2	27.6	25.8
Labor Demand Rate *			
Connecticut	3.45	3.63	3.42
United States	2.83	3.14	2.78
Maine	2.30	3.62	2.32
Massachusetts	3.68	4.09	3.64
New Hampshire	3.02	3.47	2.97
Rhode Island	2.52	2.85	2.50
Vermont	2.83	3.88	2.88

* A percent of advertised vacancies per 100 persons in labor force
Source: The Conference Board

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. Background information and technical notes and discussion of revisions to the series are available at: www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm.

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

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	130,000	129,800	200	0.2	129,800
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	99,900	98,500	1,400	1.4	99,500
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	22,200	21,200	1,000	4.7	21,800
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	5,000	4,600	400	8.7	4,500
MANUFACTURING.....	17,200	16,600	600	3.6	17,300
Durable Goods.....	14,000	13,300	700	5.3	14,000
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,200	3,300	-100	-3.0	3,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	107,800	108,600	-800	-0.7	108,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	24,100	23,200	900	3.9	23,500
Wholesale Trade.....	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,600
Retail Trade.....	16,800	16,200	600	3.7	16,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	4,700	4,400	300	6.8	4,700
INFORMATION.....	1,100	1,100	0	0.0	1,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	2,800	2,800	0	0.0	2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,900	8,900	0	0.0	8,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	20,600	21,200	-600	-2.8	20,400
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	17,700	18,300	-600	-3.3	17,800
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	16,600	16,500	100	0.6	17,300
Accommodation and Food Services.....	14,300	14,500	-200	-1.4	14,800
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.....	12,300	12,100	200	1.7	12,700
OTHER SERVICES.....	3,600	3,600	0	0.0	3,700
GOVERNMENT	30,100	31,300	-1,200	-3.8	30,300
Federal.....	2,800	2,800	0	0.0	2,800
State & Local**.....	27,300	28,500	-1,200	-4.2	27,500

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	67,300	67,700	-400	-0.6	67,200
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	56,900	57,300	-400	-0.7	57,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	10,600	10,400	200	1.9	10,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	2,900	2,700	200	7.4	2,800
MANUFACTURING.....	7,700	7,700	0	0.0	7,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	56,700	57,300	-600	-1.0	56,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	13,100	13,200	-100	-0.8	13,100
Wholesale Trade.....	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	2,100
Retail Trade.....	9,100	9,200	-100	-1.1	9,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	1,900	1,900	0	0.0	1,900
INFORMATION.....	600	600	0	0.0	600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	1,900	2,000	-100	-5.0	1,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,300	5,400	-100	-1.9	5,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	17,400	17,400	0	0.0	17,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	16,000	15,900	100	0.6	16,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	5,400	5,700	-300	-5.3	5,700
OTHER SERVICES.....	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,700
GOVERNMENT	10,400	10,400	0	0.0	10,100
Federal.....	500	500	0	0.0	500
State & Local.....	9,900	9,900	0	0.0	9,600

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

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	45,200	45,000	200	0.4	44,700
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	33,300	33,200	100	0.3	33,300
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	27,300	27,200	100	0.4	27,200

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

For further information on these nonfarm employment estimates contact Lincoln Dyer at (860) 263-6292.

SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	CHANGE		Sep 2017
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	345,400	339,200	6,200	1.8	340,800
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	279,100	273,500	5,600	2.0	276,900
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	41,400	40,300	1,100	2.7	41,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	12,900	11,700	1,200	10.3	13,100
MANUFACTURING.....	28,500	28,600	-100	-0.3	28,500
Durable Goods.....	19,500	19,500	0	0.0	19,500
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,000	9,100	-100	-1.1	9,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	304,000	298,900	5,100	1.7	299,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	62,100	59,800	2,300	3.8	61,500
Wholesale Trade.....	11,600	11,400	200	1.8	11,600
Retail Trade.....	36,600	34,900	1,700	4.9	36,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	13,900	13,500	400	3.0	13,800
INFORMATION.....	3,400	3,400	0	0.0	3,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	16,900	16,800	100	0.6	16,900
Finance and Insurance.....	13,500	13,400	100	0.7	13,500
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.....	8,900	9,000	-100	-1.1	9,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES.....	28,800	27,100	1,700	6.3	28,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	83,600	81,900	1,700	2.1	81,800
Educational Services.....	16,100	15,700	400	2.5	14,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	67,500	66,200	1,300	2.0	66,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	29,600	31,400	-1,800	-5.7	29,900
OTHER SERVICES.....	13,300	12,800	500	3.9	13,200
GOVERNMENT.....	66,300	65,700	600	0.9	63,900
Federal.....	5,900	6,100	-200	-3.3	5,900
State & Local.....	60,400	59,600	800	1.3	58,000

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

** New England City and Town Area

LMA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(Not seasonally adjusted)	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Oct	Oct	CHANGE		Sep
		2017	2016	NO.	%	2017
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,899,400	1,885,700	13,700	0.7	1,896,400
	Employed	1,817,400	1,806,300	11,100	0.6	1,820,200
	Unemployed	82,000	79,400	2,600	3.3	76,200
	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	0.1	---	4.0
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	465,700	461,600	4,100	0.9	467,300
	Employed	445,600	442,300	3,300	0.7	448,700
	Unemployed	20,100	19,300	800	4.1	18,700
	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	0.1	---	4.0
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	107,200	106,500	700	0.7	107,400
	Employed	103,600	102,900	700	0.7	104,000
	Unemployed	3,700	3,600	100	2.8	3,500
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.4	0.0	---	3.2
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,600	43,100	500	1.2	43,200
	Employed	41,700	41,200	500	1.2	41,400
	Unemployed	1,900	1,900	0	0.0	1,800
	Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	0.0	---	4.1
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	51,300	50,400	900	1.8	50,600
	Employed	49,200	48,200	1,000	2.1	48,600
	Unemployed	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	1,900
	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	-0.1	---	3.8
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	620,200	617,600	2,600	0.4	617,200
	Employed	593,300	591,800	1,500	0.3	592,100
	Unemployed	26,900	25,800	1,100	4.3	25,100
	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	0.1	---	4.1
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	326,600	323,300	3,300	1.0	326,600
	Employed	312,400	309,500	2,900	0.9	313,400
	Unemployed	14,200	13,700	500	3.6	13,200
	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	0.1	---	4.0
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	142,400	141,700	700	0.5	142,000
	Employed	136,400	135,600	800	0.6	136,400
	Unemployed	6,000	6,100	-100	-1.6	5,600
	Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	-0.1	---	3.9
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	47,000	46,900	100	0.2	47,000
	Employed	45,100	45,200	-100	-0.2	45,300
	Unemployed	1,900	1,800	100	5.6	1,700
	Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.8	0.2	---	3.6
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	111,100	110,500	600	0.5	110,700
	Employed	105,100	104,600	500	0.5	105,400
	Unemployed	5,900	5,800	100	1.7	5,400
	Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	0.0	---	4.9
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	160,465,000	159,783,000	682,000	0.4	161,049,000
	Employed	154,223,000	152,335,000	1,888,000	1.2	154,494,000
	Unemployed	6,242,000	7,447,000	-1,205,000	-16.2	6,556,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.7	-0.8	---	4.1

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Oct		CHG	Sep	Oct		CHG	Sep	Oct		CHG	Sep
	2017	2016	Y/Y	2017	2017	2016	Y/Y	2017	2017	2016	Y/Y	2017
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,026.27	\$1,109.30	-\$83.03	\$1,045.00	41.6	43.4	-1.8	41.7	\$24.67	\$25.56	-\$0.89	\$25.06
DURABLE GOODS	1,058.80	1,149.30	-90.50	1,083.73	42.2	43.9	-1.7	42.3	25.09	26.18	-1.09	25.62
NON-DUR. GOODS	912.06	956.16	-44.11	910.40	39.5	41.5	-2.0	39.6	23.09	23.04	0.05	22.99
CONSTRUCTION	1,205.60	1,154.03	51.57	1,199.17	40.0	38.7	1.3	40.2	30.14	29.82	0.32	29.83
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,071.68	1,058.49	13.19	1,047.80	34.0	34.2	-0.2	33.8	31.52	30.95	0.57	31.00
GOODS PRODUCING	1,239.03	1,245.27	-6.24	1,235.58	39.0	40.3	-1.3	39.2	31.77	30.90	0.87	31.52
Construction	1,239.94	1,196.98	42.96	1,192.28	38.4	38.8	-0.4	38.3	32.29	30.85	1.44	31.13
Manufacturing	1,228.85	1,268.96	-40.12	1,252.51	39.5	41.2	-1.7	39.8	31.11	30.80	0.31	31.47
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,041.66	1,024.78	16.88	1,016.28	33.1	33.1	0.0	32.9	31.47	30.96	0.51	30.89
Trade, Transp., Utilities	850.86	907.69	-56.83	867.24	32.6	33.2	-0.6	32.9	26.10	27.34	-1.24	26.36
Financial Activities	1,864.66	1,825.78	38.88	1,714.21	38.0	38.6	-0.6	37.0	49.07	47.30	1.77	46.33
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,279.82	1,249.92	29.90	1,267.00	35.6	35.6	0.0	35.5	35.95	35.11	0.84	35.69
Education & Health Ser.	937.90	906.50	31.40	933.40	32.6	32.1	0.5	32.5	28.77	28.24	0.53	28.72
Leisure & Hospitality	443.50	429.94	13.56	436.64	25.8	25.9	-0.1	25.7	17.19	16.60	0.59	16.99
Other Services	821.93	750.61	71.32	810.85	32.5	31.9	0.6	32.1	25.29	23.53	1.76	25.26
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,164.34	1,197.81	-33.47	1,135.93	33.7	34.4	-0.7	33.4	34.55	34.82	-0.27	34.01
Danbury	917.75	1,015.68	-97.93	934.73	33.3	34.5	-1.2	33.3	27.56	29.44	-1.88	28.07
Hartford	1,117.34	1,092.72	24.62	1,086.06	34.7	34.8	-0.1	34.5	32.20	31.40	0.80	31.48
New Haven	1,010.87	954.53	56.35	993.18	33.1	32.6	0.5	32.8	30.54	29.28	1.26	30.28
Norwich-New London	824.83	828.43	-3.59	810.57	31.7	32.5	-0.8	31.7	26.02	25.49	0.53	25.57
Waterbury	868.68	870.13	-1.45	873.76	34.2	35.4	-1.2	34.4	25.40	24.58	0.82	25.40

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

- Pratt and Whitney dedicated its new \$180 million Engineering and Technology Center in East Hartford. Roughly 1,600 engineers are being moved 200 or 300 at a time into the facility, which is designed to house up to 1,750.

ASML announced its plans to add several hundred more employees over the next couple of years to the 1,200 already working in Wilton. The company has hired 180 this year and plans to add another 200 or so next year.

New Haven-based Clifford Beers Clinic opened its new Marne Street Clinic in Hamden.

Prime Taco opened its newest restaurant in Ridgefield.

- Konica-Minolta is looking to consolidate operations and move its facility in Windsor to New Jersey. More than 500 jobs may be affected by the move.

Marriott plans to lay off 107 Stamford employees in December, increasing total job cuts to 330, since it acquired Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide last year. The downsizing will continue into next year.

MetLife is laying off 61 workers in Bloomfield.

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

OCTOBER 2017

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	465,722	445,621	20,101	4.3	Canton	5,652	5,473	179	3.2
Ansonia	9,391	8,821	570	6.1	Chaplin	1,224	1,172	52	4.2
Bridgeport	70,564	66,062	4,502	6.4	Colchester	9,413	9,116	297	3.2
Darien	8,635	8,317	318	3.7	Columbia	3,231	3,129	102	3.2
Derby	6,894	6,510	384	5.6	Coventry	7,745	7,483	262	3.4
Easton	3,883	3,746	137	3.5	Cromwell	7,966	7,669	297	3.7
Fairfield	29,209	28,054	1,155	4.0	East Granby	3,068	2,972	96	3.1
Greenwich	28,778	27,760	1,018	3.5	East Haddam	5,012	4,815	197	3.9
Milford	30,123	28,930	1,193	4.0	East Hampton	7,647	7,389	258	3.4
Monroe	10,259	9,841	418	4.1	East Hartford	27,441	25,970	1,471	5.4
New Canaan	8,443	8,122	321	3.8	Ellington	9,245	8,929	316	3.4
Norwalk	50,318	48,424	1,894	3.8	Farmington	14,142	13,653	489	3.5
Oxford	7,190	6,949	241	3.4	Glastonbury	18,877	18,301	576	3.1
Redding	4,469	4,314	155	3.5	Granby	6,709	6,516	193	2.9
Ridgefield	11,890	11,475	415	3.5	Haddam	5,073	4,901	172	3.4
Seymour	8,958	8,581	377	4.2	Hartford	53,568	49,376	4,192	7.8
Shelton	22,173	21,246	927	4.2	Hartland	1,138	1,100	38	3.3
Southbury	8,781	8,412	369	4.2	Harwinton	3,176	3,078	98	3.1
Stamford	69,469	66,921	2,548	3.7	Hebron	5,522	5,349	173	3.1
Stratford	27,664	26,267	1,397	5.0	Lebanon	4,048	3,892	156	3.9
Trumbull	18,255	17,574	681	3.7	Manchester	33,018	31,571	1,447	4.4
Weston	4,384	4,206	178	4.1	Mansfield	12,593	12,157	436	3.5
Westport	12,579	12,125	454	3.6	Marlborough	3,589	3,469	120	3.3
Wilton	8,560	8,258	302	3.5	Middletown	26,185	25,083	1,102	4.2
Woodbridge	4,853	4,706	147	3.0	New Britain	36,658	34,460	2,198	6.0
					New Hartford	3,931	3,790	141	3.6
DANBURY	107,241	103,578	3,663	3.4	Newington	17,424	16,775	649	3.7
Bethel	10,847	10,468	379	3.5	Plainville	10,506	10,069	437	4.2
Bridgewater	854	823	31	3.6	Plymouth	6,634	6,321	313	4.7
Brookfield	9,403	9,093	310	3.3	Portland	5,471	5,268	203	3.7
Danbury	47,196	45,598	1,598	3.4	Rocky Hill	11,567	11,168	399	3.4
New Fairfield	7,286	7,017	269	3.7	Scotland	951	914	37	3.9
New Milford	15,433	14,903	530	3.4	Simsbury	13,210	12,809	401	3.0
Newtown	14,316	13,835	481	3.4	Southington	24,442	23,570	872	3.6
Sherman	1,906	1,841	65	3.4	South Windsor	14,101	13,616	485	3.4
					Stafford	6,789	6,531	258	3.8
ENFIELD	51,261	49,164	2,097	4.1	Thomaston	4,682	4,524	158	3.4
East Windsor	6,716	6,425	291	4.3	Tolland	8,602	8,341	261	3.0
Enfield	23,782	22,736	1,046	4.4	Union	460	445	15	3.3
Somers	5,414	5,215	199	3.7	Vernon	17,081	16,383	698	4.1
Suffield	7,730	7,475	255	3.3	West Hartford	34,276	33,160	1,116	3.3
Windsor Locks	7,619	7,313	306	4.0	Wethersfield	14,152	13,560	592	4.2
					Willington	3,639	3,523	116	3.2
HARTFORD	620,219	593,300	26,919	4.3	Windham	12,379	11,746	633	5.1
Andover	1,928	1,866	62	3.2	Windsor	16,674	15,906	768	4.6
Ashford	2,539	2,451	88	3.5					
Avon	9,410	9,105	305	3.2					
Barkhamsted	2,322	2,233	89	3.8					
Berlin	11,749	11,340	409	3.5					
Bloomfield	11,505	10,909	596	5.2					
Bolton	3,169	3,069	100	3.2					
Bristol	33,091	31,468	1,623	4.9					
Burlington	5,595	5,417	178	3.2					

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

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

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

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

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

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

OCTOBER 2017

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	326,595	312,423	14,172	4.3	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST				
Bethany	3,118	3,015	103	3.3	Canaan	46,981	45,105	1,876	4.0
Branford	16,132	15,517	615	3.8	Colebrook	698	679	19	2.7
Cheshire	15,621	15,141	480	3.1	Cornwall	811	780	31	3.8
Chester	2,342	2,265	77	3.3	Goshen	758	735	23	3.0
Clinton	7,328	7,066	262	3.6	Kent	1,645	1,602	43	2.6
Deep River	2,832	2,745	87	3.1	Litchfield	1,526	1,468	58	3.8
Durham	4,345	4,223	122	2.8	Morris	4,756	4,597	159	3.3
East Haven	15,893	15,119	774	4.9	Norfolk	1,424	1,375	49	3.4
Essex	3,313	3,196	117	3.5	Norwich	897	874	23	2.6
Guilford	12,864	12,493	371	2.9	North Canaan	1,663	1,617	46	2.8
Hamden	35,547	34,151	1,396	3.9	Roxbury	1,320	1,282	38	2.9
Killingworth	3,814	3,714	100	2.6	Salisbury	1,787	1,732	55	3.1
Madison	9,084	8,793	291	3.2	Sharon	1,453	1,415	38	2.6
Meriden	32,298	30,622	1,676	5.2	Torrington	19,327	18,380	947	4.9
Middlefield	2,523	2,444	79	3.1	Warren	800	769	31	3.9
New Haven	65,032	61,303	3,729	5.7	Washington	2,033	1,975	58	2.9
North Branford	8,179	7,902	277	3.4	Winchester	6,083	5,825	258	4.2
North Haven	13,401	12,920	481	3.6	WATERBURY				
Old Saybrook	5,105	4,911	194	3.8	Beacon Falls	111,053	105,140	5,913	5.3
Orange	7,275	7,047	228	3.1	Bethlehem	3,433	3,313	120	3.5
Wallingford	26,481	25,500	981	3.7	Middlebury	1,944	1,871	73	3.8
West Haven	30,449	28,852	1,597	5.2	Naugatuck	3,860	3,708	152	3.9
Westbrook	3,619	3,484	135	3.7	Prospect	17,288	16,462	826	4.8
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART					Waterbury	5,571	5,372	199	3.6
	126,667	121,355	5,312	4.2	Watertown	50,740	47,150	3,590	7.1
Bozrah	1,458	1,399	59	4.0	Wolcott	12,943	12,501	442	3.4
Canterbury	2,866	2,761	105	3.7	Woodbury	9,838	9,493	345	3.5
East Lyme	8,805	8,477	328	3.7	DANIELSON-NORTH EAST				
Franklin	1,071	1,041	30	2.8		43,641	41,721	1,920	4.4
Griswold	6,378	6,066	312	4.9	Brooklyn	4,169	3,995	174	4.2
Groton	18,602	17,912	690	3.7	Eastford	955	922	33	3.5
Ledyard	8,020	7,751	269	3.4	Hampton	1,039	989	50	4.8
Lisbon	2,357	2,260	97	4.1	Killingly	9,697	9,246	451	4.7
Lyme	1,203	1,166	37	3.1	Plainfield	8,740	8,334	406	4.6
Montville	9,450	9,039	411	4.3	Pomfret	2,497	2,435	62	2.5
New London	12,073	11,338	735	6.1	Putnam	4,943	4,686	257	5.2
No. Stonington	2,876	2,785	91	3.2	Sterling	2,035	1,931	104	5.1
Norwich	20,393	19,412	981	4.8	Thompson	5,334	5,110	224	4.2
Old Lyme	3,736	3,604	132	3.5	Woodstock	4,232	4,073	159	3.8
Preston	2,435	2,326	109	4.5					
Salem	2,137	2,046	91	4.3					
Sprague	1,613	1,543	70	4.3					
Stonington	9,516	9,189	327	3.4					
Voluntown	1,490	1,426	64	4.3					
Waterford	10,188	9,814	374	3.7					

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

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI

	142,376	136,404	5,972	4.2
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	15,709	15,049	660	4.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,899,400	1,817,400	82,000	4.3
UNITED STATES	160,465,000	154,223,000	6,242,000	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,906,100	1,820,400	85,600	4.5
UNITED STATES	160,381,000	153,861,000	6,520,000	4.1

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	OCT 2017	YR TO DATE 2017	YR TO DATE 2016	TOWN	OCT 2017	YR TO DATE 2017	YR TO DATE 2016	TOWN	OCT 2017	YR TO DATE 2017	YR TO DATE 2016
Andover	0	3	2	Griswold	0	6	9	Preston	0	5	5
Ansonia	na	na	na	Groton	na	na	na	Prospect	2	17	18
Ashford	na	na	na	Guilford	na	na	na	Putnam	na	na	na
Avon	2	17	19	Haddam	1	9	8	Redding	0	1	3
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	na	Ridgefield	0	22	51
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	na	Rocky Hill	1	8	13
Berlin	1	15	14	Hartford	1	4	4	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	1	7	0	Salem	na	na	na
Bethel	6	65	67	Harwinton	na	na	na	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	3	13	8	Scotland	na	na	na
Bloomfield	0	3	408	Kent	1	3	7	Seymour	na	na	na
Bolton	0	3	3	Killingly	na	na	na	Sharon	na	na	na
Bozrah	na	na	na	Killingworth	0	1	4	Shelton	6	55	41
Branford	2	24	22	Lebanon	1	10	17	Sherman	0	2	2
Bridgeport	7	62	73	Ledyard	na	na	na	Simsbury	3	14	249
Bridgewater	0	1	0	Lisbon	na	na	na	Somers	1	11	13
Bristol	2	39	33	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	6	19	111
Brookfield	9	15	26	Lyme	0	4	4	Southbury	na	na	na
Brooklyn	1	14	10	Madison	na	na	na	Southington	4	59	81
Burlington	0	23	16	Manchester	1	23	23	Sprague	1	1	1
Canaan	na	na	na	Mansfield	1	8	3	Stafford	0	8	83
Canterbury	na	na	na	Marlborough	0	2	2	Stamford	3	138	49
Canton	1	4	4	Meriden	na	na	na	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	na	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	na
Cheshire	2	17	23	Middlefield	0	6	7	Stratford	0	13	19
Chester	0	1	3	Middletown	2	27	23	Suffield	1	63	27
Clinton	13	44	12	Milford	16	157	145	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	6	31	57	Monroe	1	11	6	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	na	Montville	na	na	na	Tolland	4	11	7
Columbia	0	3	10	Morris	na	na	na	Torrington	na	na	na
Cornwall	na	na	na	Naugatuck	na	na	na	Trumbull	0	6	7
Coventry	2	20	14	New Britain	2	13	4	Union	0	3	0
Cromwell	4	11	17	New Canaan	0	18	25	Vernon	8	90	83
Danbury	18	139	71	New Fairfield	1	8	11	Voluntown	0	1	4
Darien	3	35	35	New Hartford	na	na	na	Wallingford	2	21	19
Deep River	1	2	2	New Haven	0	22	227	Warren	na	na	na
Derby	na	na	na	New London	3	33	33	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	1	3	8	New Milford	na	na	na	Waterbury	1	32	30
East Granby	1	2	3	Newington	0	13	9	Waterford	na	na	na
East Haddam	1	9	15	Newtown	2	13	41	Watertown	na	na	na
East Hampton	2	23	24	Norfolk	na	na	na	West Hartford	6	59	39
East Hartford	0	3	1	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	na	North Canaan	na	na	na	Westbrook	0	17	14
East Lyme	9	28	19	North Haven	na	na	na	Weston	1	8	9
East Windsor	0	14	15	North Stoningtc	na	na	na	Westport	7	146	62
Eastford	na	na	na	Norwalk	238	426	192	Wethersfield	3	5	1
Easton	1	7	6	Norwich	0	12	22	Willington	1	2	25
Ellington	9	82	74	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	1	6	9
Enfield	0	55	103	Old Saybrook	2	29	12	Winchester	na	na	na
Essex	0	59	28	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	0	3	2
Fairfield	36	92	242	Oxford	2	43	16	Windsor	3	10	19
Farmington	0	30	38	Plainfield	na	na	na	Windsor Locks	3	179	16
Franklin	na	na	na	Plainville	1	10	6	Wolcott	2	18	15
Glastonbury	1	33	28	Plymouth	na	na	na	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	na	Pomfret	na	na	na	Woodbury	2	21	6
Granby	1	33	27	Portland	2	6	7	Woodstock	na	na	na
Greenwich	11	123	116								

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (860) 270-8167.

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

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

GAMING DATA

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

HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

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

INITIAL CLAIMS

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

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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

LABOR MARKET AREAS

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

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

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

UI COVERED WAGES

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

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AT A GLANCE

(Percent change from prior year; see pages 4-8 for reference months or quarters)

Leading General Drift Indicator -1.3	Business Activity	Tourism and Travel
Coincident General Drift Indicator . -0.2	New Housing Permits +7.1	Occupancy Rate +2.8
Farmington Bank Bus. Barometer +0.4	Electricity Sales NA	Major Attraction Visitors -6.4
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index +2.0	Construction Contracts Index +130	Air Passenger Count NA
Total Nonfarm Employment..... +0.1	New Auto Registrations -3.5	Gaming Slots -1.6
Labor Force +0.9	Exports +22.9	
Employed +1.0	S&P 500: Monthly Close +21.1	Employment Cost Index (U.S.)
Unemployed -1.5		Total +2.5
Unemployment Rate -0.1*	Business Starts	Wages & Salaries +2.6
Labor Force Participation Rate +0.4	Secretary of the State NA	Benefit Costs +2.4
Employment-Population Ratio +0.5	Dept. of Labor -0.7	
Average Weekly Initial Claims -12.7	Business Terminations	Consumer Prices
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate -0.34*	Secretary of the State NA	U.S. City Average +2.0
U-6 Rate -1.3*	Dept. of Labor -22.6	Northeast Region +1.5
		NY-NJ-Long Island +1.8
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs, Mfg -4.1	State Revenues +11.9	Boston-Brockton-Nashua +2.7
PW Avg Hourly Earnings, Mfg -3.5	Corporate Tax -27.6	
PW Avg Weekly Earnings, Mfg -7.5	Personal Income Tax +3.0	Interest Rates
CT Mfg. Production Index +0.0	Real Estate Conveyance Tax -17.6	Prime +0.75*
Production Worker Hours -8.7	Sales & Use Tax +25.4	Conventional Mortgage +0.43*
Industrial Electricity Sales +1.5	Gaming Payments -1.9	
Personal Income +1.9		
UI Covered Wages +2.1		

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

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