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January 2022 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 5.3%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.0%

Benchmark Revisions show stronger 2021 -- January 2022 jobs drop 700

WETHERSFIELD, March 11, 2022 – Connecticut payroll employment declined by 700 jobs (0.04%) in January 2022 (preliminary) to a seasonally adjusted employment level of 1,635,100. After benchmark revisions, Connecticut industry employment is now 51,000 (3.2%) positions higher than the January 2021 job estimate of 1,584,100. Connecticut has now recovered 77.9% (225,500) of the 289,400 positions lost in the March and April 2020 Covid lockdown. December 2021 job gains were revised lower by 1,100 to a small 500 (-0.03%) position decline on the new benchmark. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and their state partners develop these labor statistics from a current sample of worksites and households in the state. Information on the benchmarking process is on page 3.

“Job growth was stronger in 2021 than previously estimated and the unemployment rate was lower,” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor.

“Connecticut’s economy was not immune to the effects of the Omicron variant which caused weakness in December and January. Nevertheless, important industries such as manufacturing and construction continued to add jobs.”

Connecticut private sector employment declined by 1,700 jobs (-0.1%) to 1,408,800 in January 2022 and is now higher by 47,300 positions (3.5%) from the revised January 2021 levels. The private sector is 79.9% recovered from the Covid lockdown. The **government supersector** was higher by 1,000 jobs (0.4%) in January to a level of 226,300. This is 3,700 (1.7%) positions higher than January 2021. The government *supersector* includes all federal, state, and local employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on tribal reservation land.

Three of the ten major industry *supersectors* had employment gains, while six declined, and the Information *supersector* was unchanged in January 2022.

The four Connecticut industry *supersectors* that gained or were unchanged in January 2022 (P) included:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	January 2022 Employment
Government	+1,000	0.4%	226,300
Manufacturing	+700	0.4%	157,100
Construction & Mining	+400	0.6%	62,600
Information	unchanged	0.0%	30,200

Six industry *supersector* declined in January 2022.

Decreasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	January 2022 Employment
Professional & Business Services	-1,200	-0.6%	214,100
Other Services	-600	-1.0%	59,900
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	-500	-0.2%	291,200
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.1%	142,400
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.1%	334,700
Financial Activities	-100	-0.1%	116,600

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Five of the six Connecticut **LMAs**, that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS, had monthly employment increases, while the **Hartford LMA** (-0.4%, 560,700) posted a 2,200 job decline in January 2022 (preliminary). The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (0.9%, 393,000) posted the largest monthly job gain of 3,500 positions. This was followed by the **New Haven LMA** (0.3%, 292,300), adding 900 jobs. The **Waterbury LMA** (0.6%, 66,000) increased by 400 positions. And the **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.3%, 118,600) added 300 jobs while the **Danbury LMA** (0.1%, 74,800) chipped in 100.

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

Hours and Earnings: The January 2022 **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 34.0 hours. This is down two-tenths of an hour from the January 2021 level (-0.6%, 34.2). Average hourly earnings at \$34.71, not seasonally adjusted, were higher by \$0.94 (2.8%) from the January 2021 estimate of \$33.77. The resultant January 2022 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,180.14, higher by \$25.21 from a year ago (2.2%). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in January 2022 was up 7.5% 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 January 2022 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **5.3%** (seasonally adjusted), up by two-tenths of a percentage point from the recently revised December 2021 level of 5.1%. The Connecticut jobless rate was 7.3% in January 2021. The U.S. unemployment rate in January 2022 was 4.0%, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the December 2021 rate of 3.9% but well below the 6.4% jobless rate in January 2021.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 3,585 per week in January 2022, down 195 (-5.2%) from the December 2021 (3,780) level and lower by 3,641 claims (-50.4%) from the average weekly count of 7,226 in January 2021. In the last year, Connecticut monthly average weekly initial claims hit their lowest in November 2021 (3,376), just before Omicron emergence.

*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, March 24, 2022
(Preliminary February 2022 data on the new benchmark)

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Notes on Labor Data – Connecticut Labor Statistics Revisions, 2021 Benchmark Announcement

2021 Benchmark Revisions to Connecticut's Establishment Survey Data (Total Nonfarm Industry Employment Series – CES - Current Employment Statistics)

The establishment payroll survey data released today have been benchmarked to reflect more comprehensive counts of nonfarm payroll industry jobs in the state. This procedure replaces the preliminary monthly not seasonally adjusted employment sample estimates with actual census job counts derived from unemployment insurance (UI) tax records through March 2021 (considered the official benchmark month). Preliminary second and third quarter monthly UI tax records also replace the sample estimates through September 2021. The survey data are then re-estimated from October 2021 to December 2021 with more complete random samples from the preliminary benchmarked September 2021 levels.

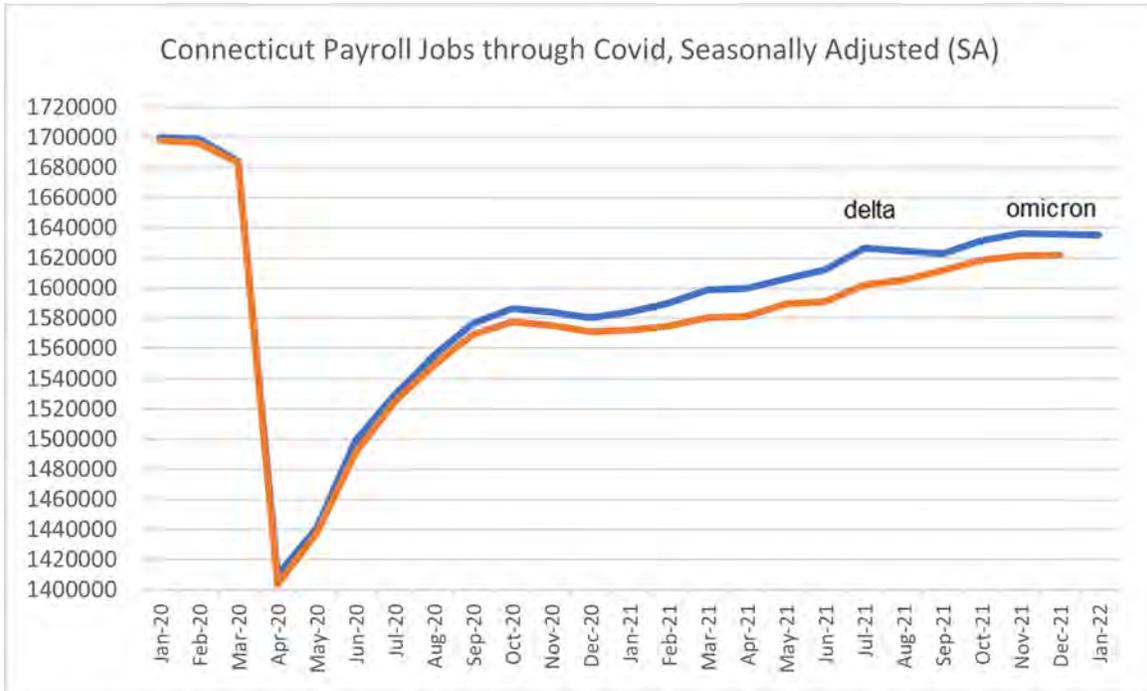
Monthly **seasonally adjusted data** from January 2017 forward are also subject to revision due to changing concurrent seasonal factors in the seasonal adjustment process. This is especially relevant now as different Covid variants have emerged that may have influenced monthly employment seasonality. This seems apparent in the recent data revisions. Additionally, data for many industry employment series prior to 2020 (some going back to 1990), both seasonally and not seasonally adjusted, may incorporate some revisions and data reconstruction due to changes in scope of industry coverage and updated information. (This year, there were *no* not-seasonally adjusted industry data history changes back prior to 2020.)

Connecticut's total nonfarm employment level for March 2021 (the official benchmark month) was revised **upward** by 18,600 jobs from the initially published estimate of 1,580,100 to 1,598,700, or +1.2% *seasonally adjusted*. Going forward, the monthly benchmark revision changes to Connecticut's December 2021 *seasonally adjusted* nonfarm employment monthly levels were also revised higher by 13,800, from 1,622,000 to 1,635,800 (+0.9%). With the release of January 2022 newly benchmarked nonfarm employment data at 1,635,100 SA, Connecticut has now recovered 225,500 or 77.9% of the jobs lost in the Covid lockdown.

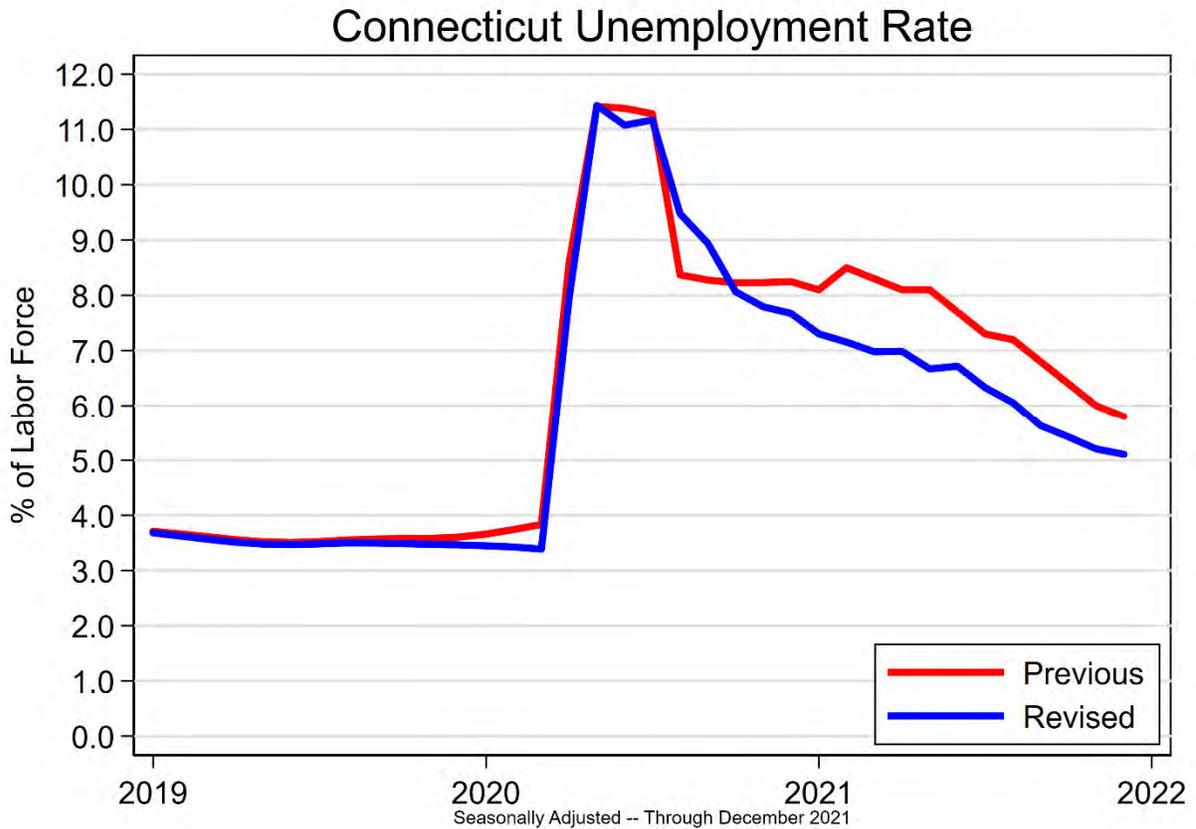
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) 2021 Annual Processing

As is done every year, the whole history of statewide Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) was revised from 1976 to 2021. Detailed information describing this change is available at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/gen-5-changes-in-2021.htm>. On an annual average basis, the revised 2020 Connecticut unemployment rate was 7.8%, the year the pandemic started, making it the highest level since 2013 (8.0%). The jobless rate fell to 6.3% in 2021.

All revised nonfarm employment and unemployment data for Connecticut are available on Connecticut's Department of Labor's website under Labor Market Information www.ctworkforce.info.



Connecticut Nonfarm Employment Benchmark Revisions – 2020-2022 Seasonally Adjusted (blue is newly revised data)



NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	January 2022 P	December 2021 R	November 2021	October 2021	January 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,635,100	1,635,800	1,636,300	1,631,600	1,584,100	-700	0.0%	51,000	3.2%
Total Private	1,408,800	1,410,500	1,410,600	1,406,200	1,361,500	-1,700	-0.1%	47,300	3.5%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	600	500	500	500	400	100	20.0%	200	50.0%
Construction	62,000	61,700	61,700	60,800	58,700	300	0.5%	3,300	5.6%
Manufacturing	157,100	156,400	155,600	153,700	151,800	700	0.4%	5,300	3.5%
Durable Goods	122,400	121,900	121,500	120,000	119,700	500	0.4%	2,700	2.3%
Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,500	34,100	33,700	32,100	200	0.6%	2,600	8.1%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	291,200	291,700	290,700	290,300	288,600	-500	-0.2%	2,600	0.9%
Wholesale	57,700	58,100	58,200	57,600	56,300	-400	-0.7%	1,400	2.5%
Retail	165,200	165,600	165,100	165,800	166,900	-400	-0.2%	-1,700	-1.0%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	68,300	68,000	67,400	66,900	65,400	300	0.4%	2,900	4.4%
Information	30,200	30,200	30,200	30,100	29,100	0	0.0%	1,100	3.8%
Financial Activities	116,600	116,700	116,700	117,100	119,000	-100	-0.1%	-2,400	-2.0%
Finance & Insurance	97,700	97,700	97,800	98,100	100,500	0	0.0%	-2,800	-2.8%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	18,900	19,000	18,900	19,000	18,500	-100	-0.5%	400	2.2%
Professional & Business Services	214,100	215,300	217,100	215,800	209,000	-1,200	-0.6%	5,100	2.4%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	96,900	96,800	98,100	97,600	93,000	100	0.1%	3,900	4.2%
Management of Companies	30,000	30,100	30,300	30,300	30,500	-100	-0.3%	-500	-1.6%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	87,200	88,400	88,700	87,900	85,500	-1,200	-1.4%	1,700	2.0%
Educational & Health Services	334,700	334,900	336,100	336,200	328,900	-200	-0.1%	5,800	1.8%
Educational Services	66,900	66,700	66,000	65,500	62,000	200	0.3%	4,900	7.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	267,800	268,200	270,100	270,700	266,900	-400	-0.1%	900	0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	142,400	142,600	141,800	141,900	119,600	-200	-0.1%	22,800	19.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23,800	24,200	24,200	24,500	20,500	-400	-1.7%	3,300	16.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	118,600	118,400	117,600	117,400	99,100	200	0.2%	19,500	19.7%
Other Services	59,900	60,500	60,200	59,800	56,400	-600	-1.0%	3,500	6.2%
Government**	226,300	225,300	225,700	225,400	222,600	1,000	0.4%	3,700	1.7%
UNITED STATES	149,629,000	149,162,000	148,652,000	148,005,000	143,017,000	467,000	0.3%	6,612,000	4.6%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	January 2022 P	December 2021 R	November 2021	October 2021	January 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	393,000	389,500	391,300	392,800	376,000	3,500	0.9%	17,000	4.5%
Danbury	74,800	74,700	74,700	74,900	72,500	100	0.1%	2,300	3.2%
Hartford	560,700	562,900	564,600	563,400	553,400	-2,200	-0.4%	7,300	1.3%
New Haven	292,300	291,400	292,200	289,700	281,000	900	0.3%	11,300	4.0%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	118,600	118,300	118,900	119,200	116,200	300	0.3%	2,400	2.1%
Waterbury	66,000	65,600	65,400	65,000	63,900	400	0.6%	2,100	3.3%
Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)									
Enfield	41,300	42,100	42,200	41,800	41,300	-800	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Torrington-Northwest	31,200	31,800	31,800	32,100	30,400	-600	-1.9%	800	2.6%
Danielson-Northeast	26,000	26,500	26,500	26,400	25,400	-500	-1.9%	600	2.4%

* Less than 0.05%

** Includes Native American tribal government employment

P = Preliminary

R = Revised

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. Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

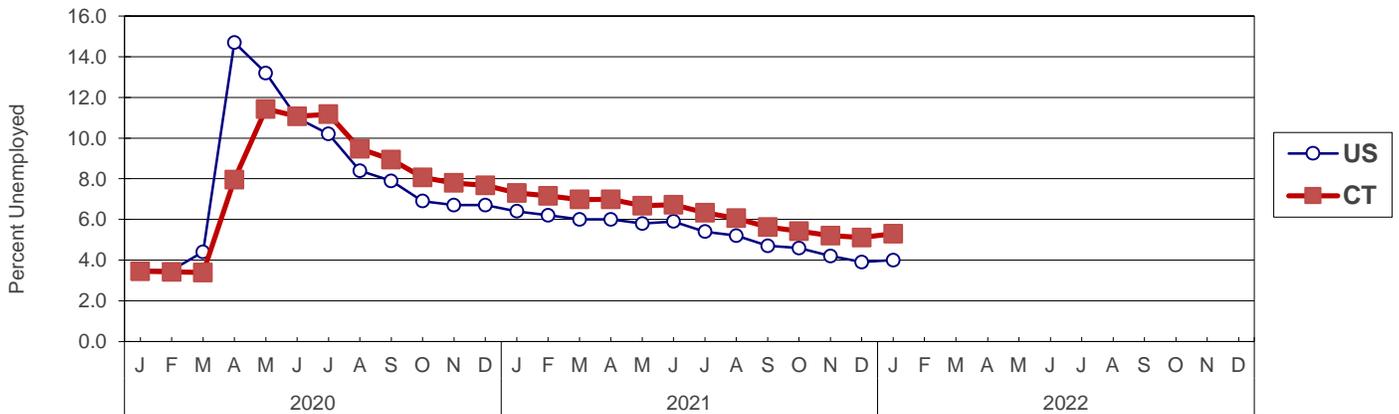
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan 2022 P		Jan 2021 R		Change		Dec 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	98,900	5.3	134,900	7.3	-36,000	-2.0	94,700	5.1
Labor Force	1,867,400		1,847,200		20,200		1,853,700	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	6,513,000	4.0	10,180,000	6.4	-3,667,000	-2.4	6,319,000	3.9
Labor Force	163,687,000		160,184,000		3,503,000		162,294,000	

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



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan 2022 P		Jan 2021 R		Change		Dec 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	22,900	5.0	36,500	8.2	-13,600	-3.2	18,500	4.1
Danbury	4,500	4.3	7,400	7.2	-2,900	-2.9	3,400	3.3
Danielson-Northeast*	2,100	4.9	3,200	7.7	-1,100	-2.8	1,700	3.9
Worcester NECTA	2,000	5.0	3,100	7.7	-1,100	-2.7	1,600	3.9
Hampton	100	3.8	100	6.2	0	-2.4	100	3.1
Enfield	2,300	4.6	3,500	7.2	-1,200	-2.6	1,800	3.7
Hartford	30,400	5.0	48,100	7.9	-17,700	-2.9	24,800	4.1
New Haven	15,300	4.7	24,200	7.5	-8,900	-2.8	12,400	3.8
Norwich-New London	7,400	5.5	11,900	8.9	-4,500	-3.4	6,000	4.5
Torrington-Northwest**	2,200	4.8	3,500	7.7	-1,300	-2.9	1,700	3.7
Torrington NECTA	1,400	5.7	2,300	8.8	-900	-3.1	1,100	4.4
Litchfield	800	3.8	1,300	6.2	-500	-2.4	600	2.8
Waterbury	6,800	6.2	10,300	9.5	-3,500	-3.3	5,600	5.1
CONNECTICUT	93,000	5.0	147,300	8.0	-54,300	-3.0	75,300	4.1
UNITED STATES	7,207,000	4.4	10,851,000	6.8	-3,644,000	-2.4	5,964,000	3.7

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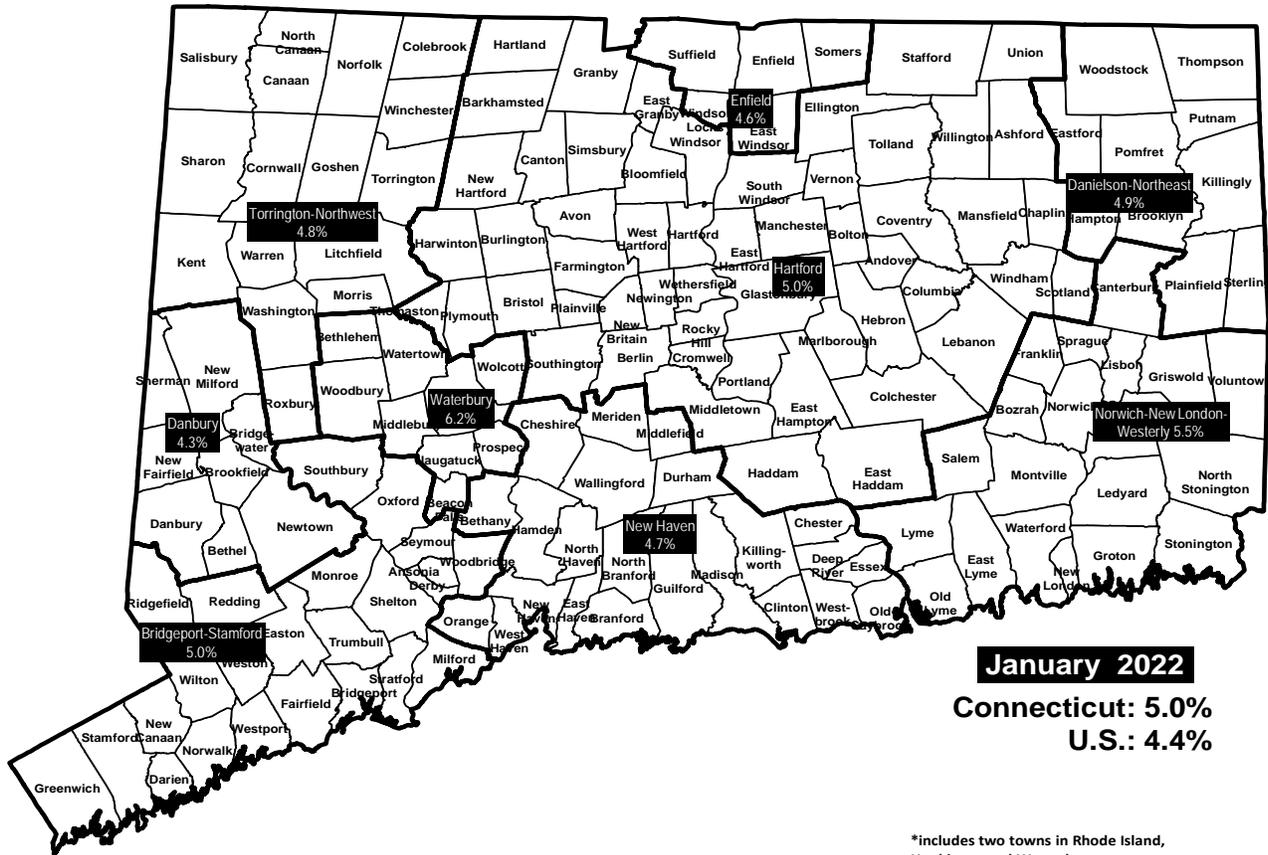
Labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* 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			
	Jan. 2022 P	Jan. 2021	Change over Yr.	Dec. 2021 R	Jan. 2022 P	Jan. 2021	Change over Yr.	Dec. 2021 R	Jan. 2022 P	Jan. 2021	Change over Yr.	Dec. 2021 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,180.14	\$1,154.93	\$25.21	\$1,169.26	34.0	34.2	-0.2	34.4	\$34.71	\$33.77	\$0.94	\$33.99
Manufacturing* Production Workers	\$1,095.33	\$1,105.51	-\$10.18	\$1,116.57	38.5	39.3	-0.8	39.0	\$28.45	\$28.13	\$0.32	\$28.63

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

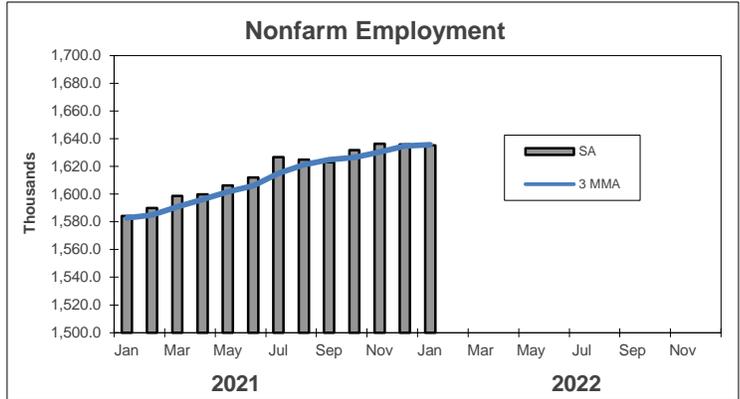
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi

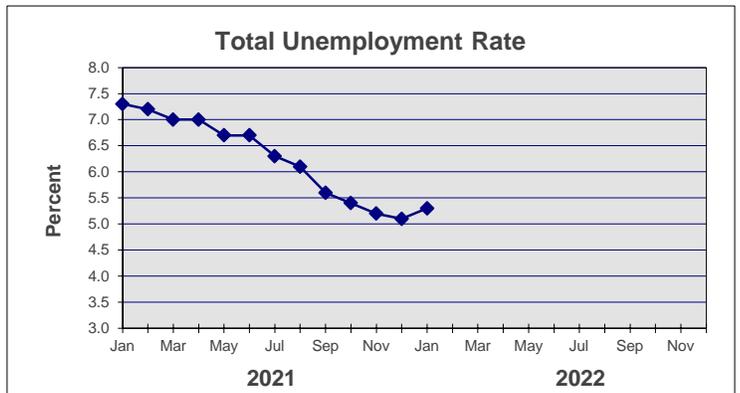
TRENDS

Seasonally Adjusted

	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2021		
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 R	5.1 R



2022		
Jan	1,635.1 P	5.3 P
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	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
2021		
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 R



2022		
Jan	3,585	34.0 P
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** Labor-management dispute