



LABOR SITUATION

Office of Research

Danté Bartolomeo, Interim Commissioner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2021 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 7.3%

US Unemployment Rate = 5.4%

Connecticut unemployment rate drops to 7.3% as statewide job gains escalate (+9,400)

WETHERSFIELD, August 19, 2021 – Nonfarm industry job gains accelerated statewide in July 2021, increasing 9,400 (0.6%, seasonally adjusted) to 1,600,300. Connecticut payroll jobs are now 75,300 (4.9%) positions above the July 2020 levels, and over 1.6 million for the first time since March 2020. This is the seventh consecutive gain and best monthly increase in 2021. Connecticut has now recovered 67.2% (196,400) of the 292,400 positions lost in the March and April 2020 Covid lockdown. Monthly industry job estimates are derived from the establishment survey administered by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

“Jobs are up nearly 30,000 since December while the unemployment rate has fallen 1.2% points in just five months” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. “Some industries that were hit hardest by the pandemic, such as Accommodation and Food Services and Retail Trade have now recovered more than 70% of the jobs lost due to the Covid shutdown.”

Employment in the **private sector** increased 6,400 (0.5%) to 1,372,500 in July 2021 and is now higher by 66,000 jobs (5.1%) from July 2020. The **government supersector** also added 3,000 jobs (1.3%) last month to a level of 227,800 and is now higher by 9,300 (4.3%) positions since July 2020. The government *supersector* includes all federal, state, and local employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on tribal reservation land.

Seven of the ten major industry *supersectors* experienced employment gains while three declined in July 2021.

Seven increasing industry *supersectors* included:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	July 2021 Employment
Government	+3,000	1.3%	227,800
Education & Health Services	+2,200	0.7%	331,900
Construction & Mining	+1,500	2.7%	57,400
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	+1,500	0.5%	286,900
Professional & Business Services	+1,400	0.7%	209,400
Leisure & Hospitality	+1,000	0.8%	130,800
Information	+400	1.5%	27,600

Three industry *supersectors* declined in July:

Declining Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	July 2021 Employment
Other Services	-800	-1.3%	60,600
Financial Activities	-600	-0.5%	116,800
Manufacturing	-200	-0.1%	151,100

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Four of the six Connecticut **LMAs**, seasonally adjusted by the BLS, put forth regional employment gains in July 2021, while two local labor markets declined. The **New Haven LMA** (1.5%, 288,100) posted the largest monthly regional employment gain, adding 4,200 jobs. The **Hartford LMA** (0.1%, 547,600), was next, adding 800 positions. The **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.6%, 115,400) increased 700 positions while the **Danbury LMA** (0.1%, 72,700) increased by 100. The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-0.5%, 372,200), however, lost 1,700 jobs and the **Waterbury LMA** (-0.3%, 65,400) was down 200 positions.

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 July 2021 **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 34.0 hours, down three-tenths of an hour from July 2020 (-0.9%, 34.3). Average hourly earnings at \$33.66, not seasonally adjusted, were higher by just \$0.06 (0.2%) from the July 2020 estimate of \$33.60. The resultant July 2021 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,144.44, down \$8.04 from a year ago (-0.7%). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in July 2021 was up 5.4% from July 2020. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

Labor Force Data (residential household survey)

The July 2021 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **7.3%** (seasonally adjusted), lower by 0.4 percentage points from the revised June 2021 level of 7.7%. The Connecticut unemployment rate was 11.3% in July 2020. The U.S. jobless rate in July 2021 was 5.4%, down five-tenths of a percentage point from the June 2021 rate of 5.9% and down from the 10.2% U.S. unemployment rate a year ago.

Data users must be cautious about trying to compare or reconcile UI claims data with the official unemployment figures derived from the household survey. For additional insight into the Connecticut labor market during the COVID-19 pandemic please see the analysis linked here:

<https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/claimsdata.asp> Please note that there are conceptual, coverage, and scope differences between the two data sources.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 3,937 per week in July 2021, down 587 (-13.0%) from the June 2021 (4,524) level and much lower by 6,857 claims (-63.5%) from the average weekly count of 10,794 in July 2020. This is the first time Connecticut monthly average weekly initial claims (awic) have been below 4,000 since February 2020 (3,243).

*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, September 16, 2021
(preliminary August 2021 data)

Contact:
Communications, CT Department of Labor
CTDOL.SocialMedia@ct.gov

Labor Market Information is available at: www.ctworkforce.info
200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109-1114 www.ct.gov/dol
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2021 P	June 2021 R	May 2021	April 2021	July 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,600,300	1,590,900	1,589,400	1,581,300	1,525,000	9,400	0.6%	75,300	4.9%
Total Private	1,372,500	1,366,100	1,367,300	1,358,600	1,306,500	6,400	0.5%	66,000	5.1%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	56,900	55,400	57,400	58,200	56,200	1,500	2.7%	700	1.2%
Manufacturing	151,100	151,300	152,300	151,600	151,300	-200	-0.1%	-200	-0.1%
Durable Goods	118,300	119,000	120,200	119,500	119,800	-700	-0.6%	-1,500	-1.3%
Nondurable Goods	32,800	32,300	32,100	32,100	31,500	500	1.5%	1,300	4.1%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	286,900	285,400	286,300	286,300	274,100	1,500	0.5%	12,800	4.7%
Wholesale	54,800	53,900	54,100	54,000	55,100	900	1.7%	-300	-0.5%
Retail	164,600	164,500	164,900	165,800	159,000	100	0.1%	5,600	3.5%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	67,500	67,000	67,300	66,500	60,000	500	0.7%	7,500	12.5%
Information	27,600	27,200	27,800	28,000	28,200	400	1.5%	-600	-2.1%
Financial Activities	116,800	117,400	118,100	118,500	118,600	-600	-0.5%	-1,800	-1.5%
Finance & Insurance	99,500	99,800	100,200	100,400	100,600	-300	-0.3%	-1,100	-1.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	17,300	17,600	17,900	18,100	18,000	-300	-1.7%	-700	-3.9%
Professional & Business Services	209,400	208,000	208,300	206,300	200,600	1,400	0.7%	8,800	4.4%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	94,000	93,900	94,400	93,800	91,400	100	0.1%	2,600	2.8%
Management of Companies	32,500	32,400	32,400	32,300	31,500	100	0.3%	1,000	3.2%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	82,900	81,700	81,500	80,200	77,700	1,200	1.5%	5,200	6.7%
Educational & Health Services	331,900	329,700	329,400	324,500	317,300	2,200	0.7%	14,600	4.6%
Educational Services	66,000	65,700	65,800	62,500	60,700	300	0.5%	5,300	8.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	265,900	264,000	263,600	262,000	256,600	1,900	0.7%	9,300	3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	130,800	129,800	128,300	125,500	105,100	1,000	0.8%	25,700	24.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	21,200	21,700	21,300	20,800	16,600	-500	-2.3%	4,600	27.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	109,600	108,100	107,000	104,700	88,500	1,500	1.4%	21,100	23.8%
Other Services	60,600	61,400	58,900	59,200	54,600	-800	-1.3%	6,000	11.0%
Government**	227,800	224,800	222,100	222,700	218,500	3,000	1.3%	9,300	4.3%
UNITED STATES	146,821,000	145,878,000	144,940,000	144,326,000	139,566,000	943,000	0.6%	7,255,000	5.2%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

	July 2021 P	June 2021 R	May 2021	April 2021	July 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<i>Seasonally Adjusted data</i>									
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	372,200	373,900	374,200	374,700	359,400	-1,700	-0.5%	12,800	3.6%
Danbury	72,700	72,600	72,600	72,400	68,900	100	0.1%	3,800	5.5%
Hartford	547,600	546,800	548,200	548,300	533,500	800	0.1%	14,100	2.6%
New Haven	288,100	283,900	285,800	284,000	273,200	4,200	1.5%	14,900	5.5%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	115,400	114,700	114,700	114,400	109,800	700	0.6%	5,600	5.1%
Waterbury	65,400	65,600	65,000	64,900	61,000	-200	-0.3%	4,400	7.2%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	41,700	41,800	41,600	41,400	40,400	-100	-0.2%	1,300	3.2%
Torrington-Northwest	31,400	31,500	30,800	29,900	30,100	-100	-0.3%	1,300	4.3%
Danielson-Northeast	25,700	25,900	25,600	25,200	24,600	-200	-0.8%	1,100	4.5%

* 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: doi.lmi@ct.gov. Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

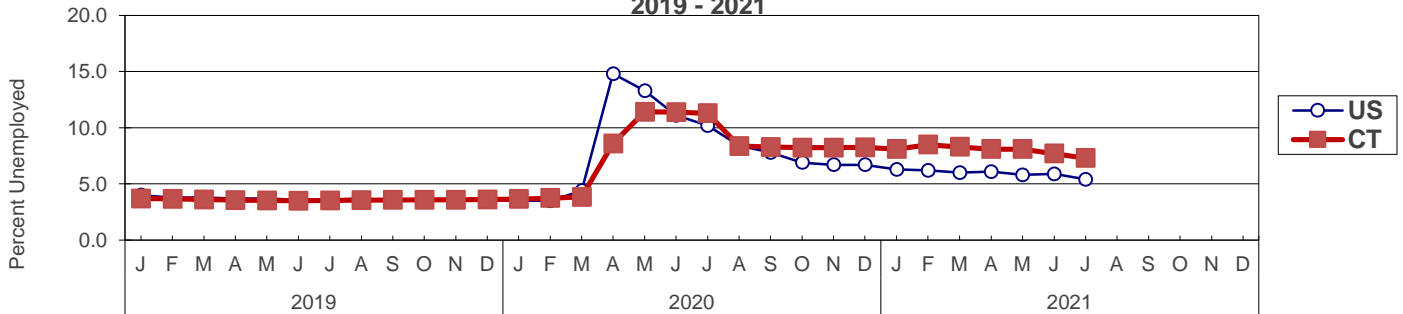
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jul 2021 P		Jul 2020 R		Change		Jun 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	132,200	7.3	213,900	11.3	-81,700	-4.0	139,000	7.7
Labor Force	1,809,300		1,895,800		-86,500		1,813,400	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	8,702,000	5.4	16,308,000	10.2	-7,606,000	-4.8	9,484,000	5.9
Labor Force	161,347,000		160,085,000		1,262,000		161,086,000	

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2019 - 2021



Note: These data are considered preliminary and are subject to revision in the month after initial publication. Revisions for June were larger than historical averages as the Bureau of Labor Statistics continues to improve the performance of their models in the wake of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and subsequent recovery. Additional adjustments to labor force and unemployment data for prior years are made at the beginning of each year. Those adjusted estimates incorporate updated population controls from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model re-estimation.

LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jul 2021 P		Jul 2020 R		Change		Jun 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	31,300	7.0	55,700	11.9	-24,400	-4.9	30,000	6.8
Danbury	6,000	5.9	11,000	10.3	-5,000	-4.4	5,700	5.6
Danielson-Northeast*	2,700	6.3	4,700	10.8	-2,000	-4.5	2,600	6.4
Worcester NECTA	2,600	6.4	4,500	10.9	-1,900	-4.5	2,500	6.4
Hampton	100	5.3	200	8.1	-100	-2.8	100	4.8
Enfield	2,900	6.2	5,300	10.7	-2,400	-4.5	2,800	6.1
Hartford	42,000	7.0	72,300	11.4	-30,300	-4.4	41,100	7.0
New Haven	21,400	6.6	36,300	10.8	-14,900	-4.2	20,700	6.5
Norwich-New London	9,800	7.3	19,900	13.9	-10,100	-6.6	9,800	7.5
Torrington-Northwest**	2,800	6.2	4,600	9.8	-1,800	-3.6	2,700	6.1
Torrington NECTA	1,900	7.5	3,000	11.5	-1,100	-4.0	1,800	7.5
Litchfield	1,000	4.8	1,600	7.6	-600	-2.8	900	4.5
Waterbury	9,200	8.4	15,100	13.3	-5,900	-4.9	8,900	8.3
CONNECTICUT	127,100	6.9	222,700	11.5	-95,600	-4.6	123,400	6.8
UNITED STATES	9,221,000	5.7	16,882,000	10.5	-7,661,000	-4.8	9,883,000	6.1

P = Preliminary

R = Revised

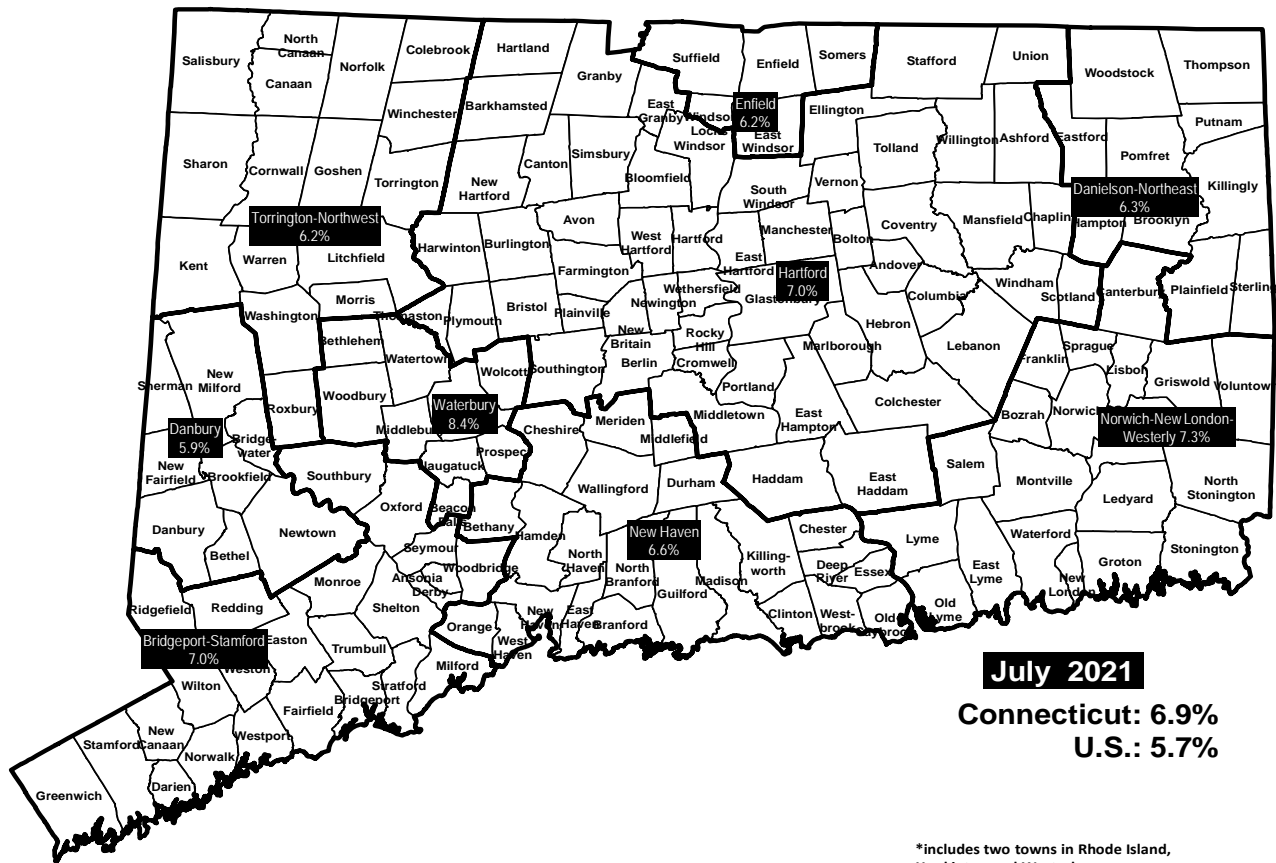
Labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* 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			
	July 2021 P	July 2020	Change over Yr.	June 2021 R	July 2021 P	July 2020	Change over Yr.	June 2021 R	July 2021 P	July 2020	Change over Yr.	June 2021 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,144.44	\$1,152.48	-\$8.04	\$1,139.04	34.0	34.3	-0.3	33.9	\$33.66	\$33.60	\$0.06	\$33.60
Manufacturing* Production Workers	\$1,073.30	\$1,190.46	-\$117.16	\$1,082.25	39.1	40.3	-1.2	39.0	\$27.45	\$29.54	-\$2.09	\$27.75

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

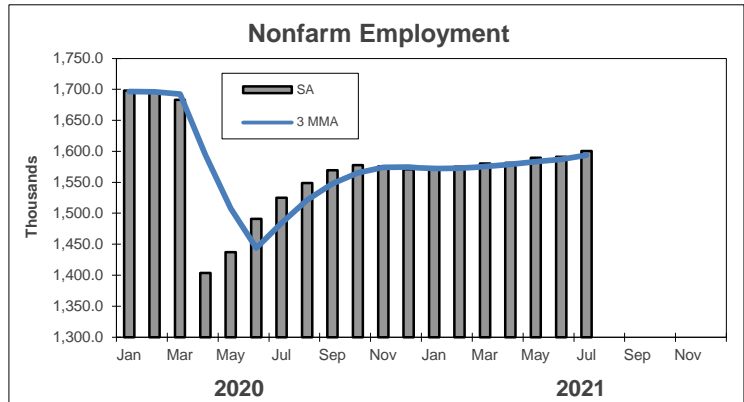
P = Preliminary R = Revised

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

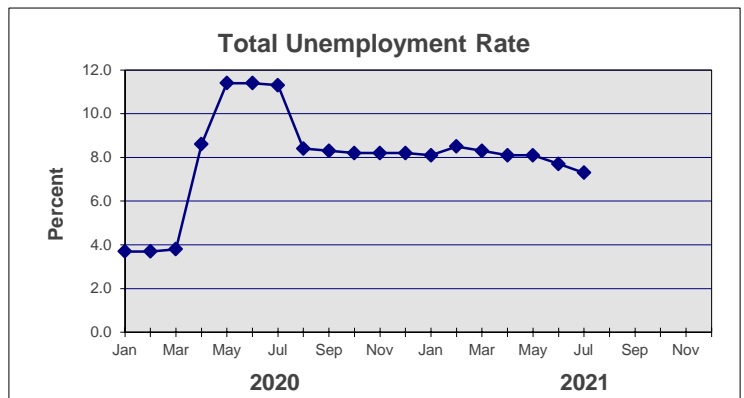
TRENDS

Seasonally Adjusted

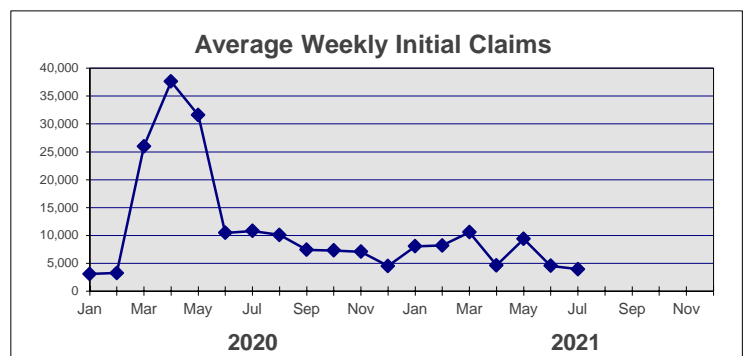
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2020		
Jan	1,698.0	3.7
Feb	1,696.3	3.7
Mar	1,683.3	3.8
Apr	1,403.9	8.6
May	1,437.5	11.4
Jun	1,490.9	11.4
Jul	1,525.0	11.3
Aug	1,549.0	8.4
Sep	1,569.2	8.3
Oct	1,577.7	8.2
Nov	1,575.4	8.2
Dec	1,570.8	8.2



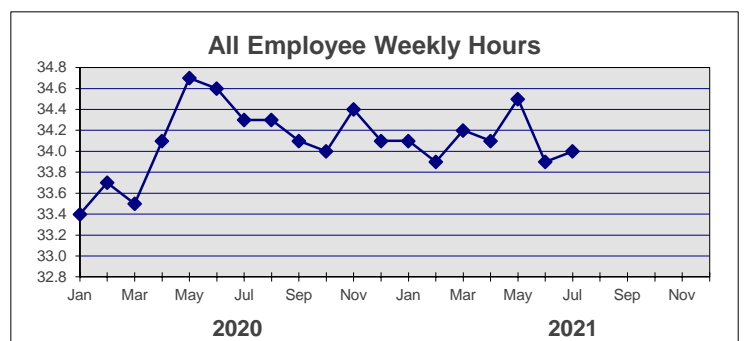
2021		
Jan	1,571.8	8.1
Feb	1,574.9	8.5
Mar	1,580.1	8.3
Apr	1,581.3	8.1
May	1,589.4	8.1
Jun	1,590.9 R	7.7 R
Jul	1,600.3 P	7.3 P
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
2020		
Jan	3,079	33.4
Feb	3,243	33.7
Mar	25,989	33.5
Apr	37,632	34.1
May	31,592	34.7
Jun	10,446	34.6
Jul	10,794	34.3
Aug	10,073	34.3
Sep	7,408	34.1
Oct	7,295	34.0
Nov	7,072	34.4
Dec	4,493	34.1



2021		
Jan	8,040	34.1
Feb	8,184	33.9
Mar	10,553	34.2
Apr	4,609	34.1
May	9,346	34.5
Jun	4,524	33.9 R
Jul	3,937	34.0 P
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



* Not seasonally adjusted

P = Preliminary

R = Revised

** Labor-management dispute