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June 2023 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 3.7%

US Unemployment Rate = 3.6%

## Connecticut June jobless rate (3.7%) stable at post-COVID lows; jobs down 4,600

WETHERSFIELD, July 20, 2023 – Connecticut nonfarm industry jobs decreased 4,600 (-0.3%) in June 2023 to a level of 1,687,200 while the state’s unemployment rate remained steady at 3.7% (preliminary, seasonally adjusted data). Nonfarm payroll employment in the state is now 20,300 (1.2%) positions higher than the June 2022 level. The state has now recovered **96.4%** (278,800) of the 289,100 jobs lost during the March-April 2020 COVID lockdown. The May 2023 preliminary payroll gain of 5,000 positions was revised higher by 300 to a 5,300 (0.3%) job gain. June was the largest monthly statewide job loss since April 2020. Connecticut’s unemployment rate held firm at 3.7% (at the COVID recovery lows) from the May 2023 level and is now lower by three-tenths of a percentage point from the 4.0% rate in June 2022. This release presents up-to-date labor statistics from two different monthly surveys (worksites and households) generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in cooperation with the states.

“Even after the June decline, Connecticut has gained 14,100 so far in 2023, more jobs than added in the first six months of any pre-pandemic year since 2006,” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. “Seasonal adjustment exaggerated May strength and is now exaggerating June weakness. Industries with the largest (seasonally adjusted) June losses had large May gains suggesting summer hiring took place earlier in 2023 than in previous years. The unemployment rate remains low and steady.”

**Connecticut’s private sector** employment (86.3% of total) declined by 5,300 (-0.4%) jobs in June 2023 to 1,455,700 but is still higher by 15,300 positions (1.1%) from the June 2022 level (1,440,400). The state’s private sector is **98.1%** recovered from the April 2020 COVID employment low point. 5,100 more jobs are needed to reach February 2020 private sector levels. There was an upward revision to May’s preliminary private sector job gain (4,800, 0.3%) to a 5,200 (0.4%) job increase. The **government supersector** was up by 700 (0.3%) to a level of 231,500 jobs. Aggregated government sector employment in the state is 5,000 positions (2.2%) above year-ago levels. The public sector is 77.5% recovered from the overall COVID April 2020 employment bottom. Connecticut’s government *supersector* includes all civilian federal, state, local, and tribal government employment, including public education and Native American casino jobs located on federally recognized tribal reservations.

Three of the ten major industry *supersectors* added jobs in June 2023, while seven declined.

### The three industry *supersectors* that increased employment in June 2023:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	June 2023 Employment
Construction & Mining	+1,000	1.7%	60,300
Government	+700	0.3%	231,500
Manufacturing	+400	0.3%	158,000

### The seven industry *supersectors* that decreased jobs in June 2023:

Decreasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	June 2023 Employment
Other Services	-1,700	-2.7%	61,700
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,700	-1.1%	154,700
Information	-1,000	-3.1%	31,100
Financial Activities	-900	-0.8%	114,400
Education & Health Services	-700	-0.2%	350,800
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	-600	-0.2%	299,500
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.04%	225,200

**Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs):** Two of the six major Connecticut **LMAs** that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS posted nonfarm employment gains in June 2023, while the other four declined. Both the **Danbury LMA** (0.1%, 77,200) and the more seasonal southeastern **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.1%, 125,800) disclosed small 100 position gains in June. The **New Haven LMA** (-0.8%, 300,400) had the largest decline (-2,400), while the **Hartford LMA** (-0.4%, 575,700) also posted a large job loss (-2,300). The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-0.4%, 406,000) also was down by 1,700 positions while the **Waterbury LMA** (-0.1%, 67,200) was only marginally lower (-100).

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

**Hours and Earnings:** The June 2023 **private sector** workweek, *not seasonally adjusted*, averaged 32.9 hours. This is lower by nine-tenths of an hour (-2.7%) than the June 2022 average of 33.8 hours. Average hourly earnings at \$35.16 last month, *not seasonally adjusted*, were up by \$1.08 (3.2% - beating inflation) from the June 2022 estimate of \$34.08. The accompanying June 2023 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,156.76 – now higher by \$4.86 from a year ago (0.4%, \$1,151.90). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) for June 2023 was up 3.0% 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 preliminary June 2023 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **3.7%** (seasonally adjusted). This matches the new post COVID lockdown low achieved last month and is unchanged compared to the May 2023 level of 3.7%. The Connecticut unemployment rate was 4.0% in June 2022. The U.S. unemployment rate for June 2023 was tallied at 3.6%, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the May 2023 rate (3.7%) and equal to the U.S. jobless rate of 3.6% a year ago.

Average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers (AWIC) in Connecticut in June 2023 were 7,738, *not seasonally adjusted*. The twelve-month moving average was 4,549 per week through June 2023, higher by 454 (11.1%) from the twelve months ending May 2023 and higher by 1,351 (42.2%) than the average weekly count of 3,198 for the twelve months ending in June 2022.

*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, August 17, 2023  
(Preliminary July 2023 data on the updated benchmark)*

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## Jobs - by Place of Work

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2023 P	May 2023 R	April 2023	March 2023	June 2022	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>1,687,200</b>	<b>1,691,800</b>	<b>1,686,500</b>	<b>1,685,300</b>	<b>1,666,900</b>	<b>-4,600</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,455,700</b>	<b>1,461,000</b>	<b>1,455,800</b>	<b>1,455,600</b>	<b>1,440,400</b>	<b>-5,300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	59,800	58,800	59,400	59,900	60,300	1,000	1.7%	-500	-0.8%
Manufacturing	158,000	157,600	157,500	158,300	156,900	400	0.3%	1,100	0.7%
Durable Goods	123,200	122,600	122,600	123,200	122,500	600	0.5%	700	0.6%
Nondurable Goods	34,800	35,000	34,900	35,100	34,400	-200	-0.6%	400	1.2%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	299,500	300,100	298,800	297,100	299,200	-600	-0.2%	300	0.1%
Wholesale	62,900	62,900	63,000	62,500	60,400	0	0.0%	2,500	4.1%
Retail	166,400	167,100	166,300	165,400	168,500	-700	-0.4%	-2,100	-1.2%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	70,200	70,100	69,500	69,200	70,300	100	0.1%	-100	-0.1%
Information	31,100	32,100	31,500	31,100	31,200	-1,000	-3.1%	-100	-0.3%
Financial Activities	114,400	115,300	114,800	115,000	118,300	-900	-0.8%	-3,900	-3.3%
Finance & Insurance	95,300	96,100	95,600	95,700	98,900	-800	-0.8%	-3,600	-3.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	19,100	19,200	19,200	19,300	19,400	-100	-0.5%	-300	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	225,200	225,300	224,500	226,000	222,400	-100	0.0%	2,800	1.3%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	103,100	103,000	101,600	101,200	99,100	100	0.1%	4,000	4.0%
Management of Companies	30,900	30,800	30,900	30,800	31,000	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	91,200	91,500	92,000	94,000	92,300	-300	-0.3%	-1,100	-1.2%
Educational & Health Services	350,800	351,500	352,400	352,000	341,500	-700	-0.2%	9,300	2.7%
Educational Services	70,800	71,200	71,800	71,800	68,000	-400	-0.6%	2,800	4.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	280,000	280,300	280,600	280,200	273,500	-300	-0.1%	6,500	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	154,700	156,400	154,100	153,800	149,200	-1,700	-1.1%	5,500	3.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	29,300	29,000	28,900	28,700	26,200	300	1.0%	3,100	11.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	125,400	127,400	125,200	125,100	123,000	-2,000	-1.6%	2,400	2.0%
Other Services	61,700	63,400	62,300	61,900	60,900	-1,700	-2.7%	800	1.3%
Government**	231,500	230,800	230,700	229,700	226,500	700	0.3%	5,000	2.2%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>156,204,000</b>	<b>155,995,000</b>	<b>155,689,000</b>	<b>155,472,000</b>	<b>152,412,000</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,792,000</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

### LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	June 2023 P	May 2023 R	April 2023	March 2023	June 2022	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk</b>	406,000	407,700	406,900	406,600	399,900	-1,700	-0.4%	6,100	1.5%
<b>Danbury</b>	77,200	77,100	76,900	76,500	75,700	100	0.1%	1,500	2.0%
<b>Hartford</b>	575,700	578,000	577,900	577,000	570,300	-2,300	-0.4%	5,400	0.9%
<b>New Haven</b>	300,400	302,800	302,900	302,400	297,200	-2,400	-0.8%	3,200	1.1%
<b>Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI</b>	125,800	125,700	124,900	125,700	121,200	100	0.1%	4,600	3.8%
<b>Waterbury</b>	67,200	67,300	67,300	67,200	65,500	-100	-0.1%	1,700	2.6%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)</i>									
<b>Enfield</b>	42,800	42,400	41,800	41,900	42,500	400	0.9%	300	0.7%
<b>Torrington-Northwest</b>	33,800	33,000	32,500	32,100	33,700	800	2.4%	100	0.3%
<b>Danielson-Northeast</b>	27,700	27,500	27,100	27,000	27,300	200	0.7%	400	1.5%

\* Less than 0.05%    \*\* Includes Native American tribal government employment

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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](mailto:dol.lmi@ct.gov).

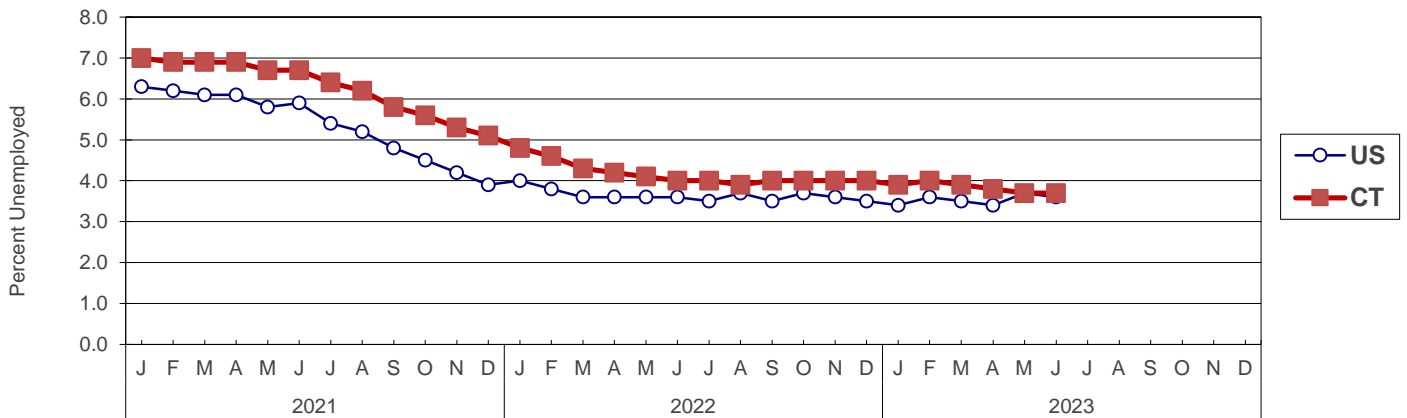
# UNEMPLOYMENT

## Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2023 P		Jun 2022 R		Change		May 2023 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Unemployed	70,200	3.7	78,000	4.0	-7,800	-0.3	71,100	3.7
Labor Force	1,897,400		1,937,000		-39,600		1,897,600	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Unemployed	5,957,000	3.6	5,945,000	3.6	12,000	0.0	6,097,000	3.7
Labor Force	166,951,000		164,002,000		2,949,000		166,818,000	

### U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2021 - 2023



### LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2023 P		Jun 2022 R		Change		May 2023 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	19,900	4.2	20,800	4.3	-900	-0.1	18,100	3.9
Danbury	3,800	3.6	4,100	3.8	-300	-0.2	3,500	3.3
Danielson-Northeast*	1,700	3.8	1,800	4.0	-100	-0.2	1,600	3.7
Worcester NECTA	1,600	3.8	1,700	4.1	-100	-0.3	1,500	3.7
Hampton	100	3.2	100	3.7	0	-0.5	100	3.5
Enfield	1,800	3.6	2,000	3.9	-200	-0.3	1,600	3.3
Hartford	24,500	4.0	27,500	4.3	-3,000	-0.3	21,900	3.6
New Haven	12,800	3.8	14,200	4.1	-1,400	-0.3	11,600	3.5
Norwich-New London	5,200	3.7	6,100	4.3	-900	-0.6	4,900	3.6
Torrington-Northwest**	1,600	3.2	1,900	3.9	-300	-0.7	1,500	3.2
Torrington NECTA	1,000	3.8	1,200	4.5	-200	-0.7	900	3.7
Litchfield	600	2.6	700	3.2	-100	-0.6	600	2.7
Waterbury	5,300	4.8	5,600	5.0	-300	-0.2	5,100	4.7
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>76,200</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>83,600</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-7,400</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>69,400</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>6,351,000</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>6,334,000</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,700,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>

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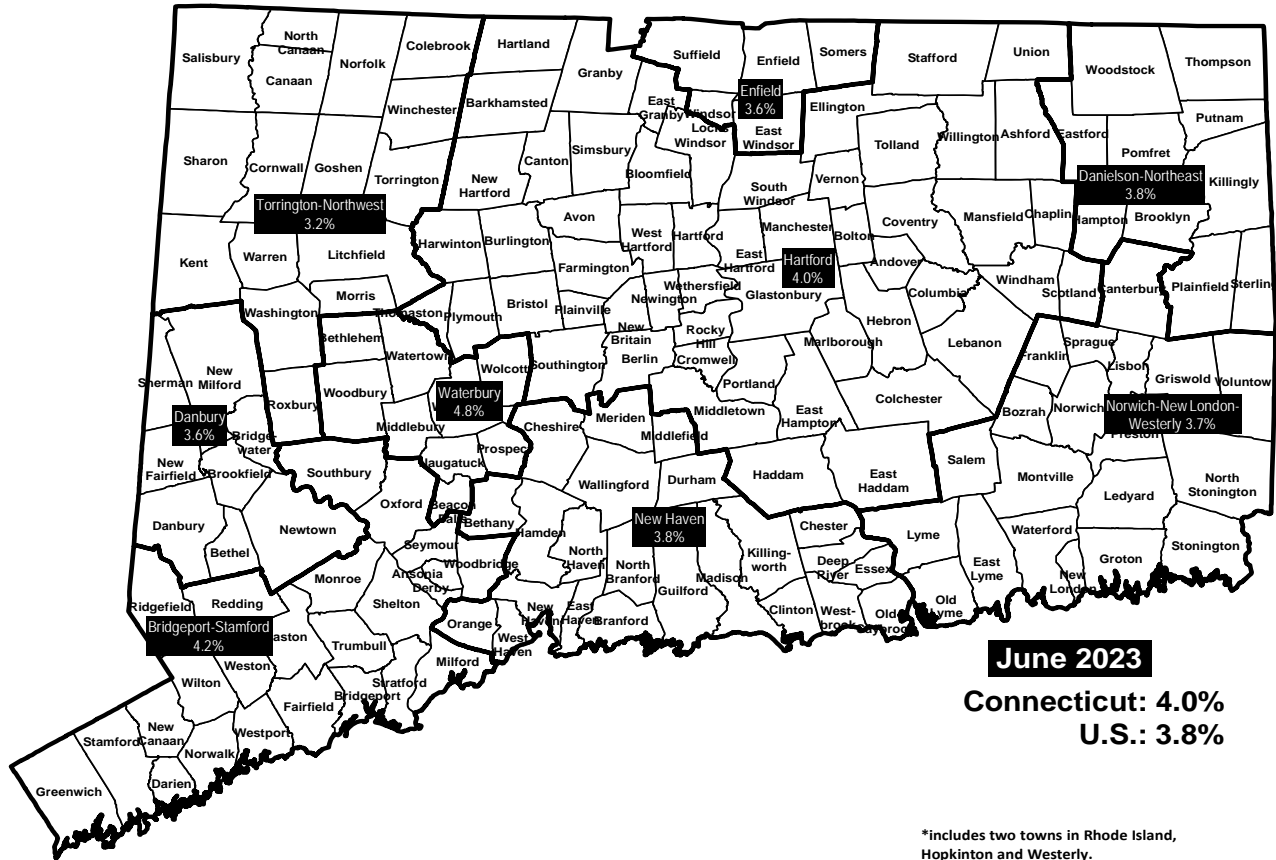
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\* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined \*\* Torrington Micropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

# 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			
	June 2023 P	June 2022	Change over Yr.	May 2023 R	June 2023 P	June 2022	Change over Yr.	May 2023 R	June 2023 P	June 2022	Change over Yr.	May 2023 R
<b>Private Industry All Employees</b>	\$1,156.76	\$1,151.90	\$4.86	\$1,166.55	32.9	33.8	-0.9	33.0	\$35.16	\$34.08	\$1.08	\$35.35
<b>Manufacturing* Production Workers</b>	\$1,112.58	\$1,136.93	-\$24.35	\$1,121.01	39.3	41.0	-1.7	39.5	\$28.31	\$27.73	\$0.58	\$28.38

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

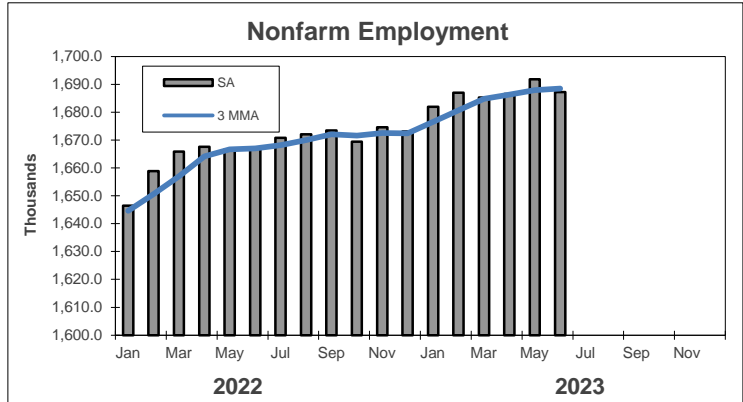
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi)

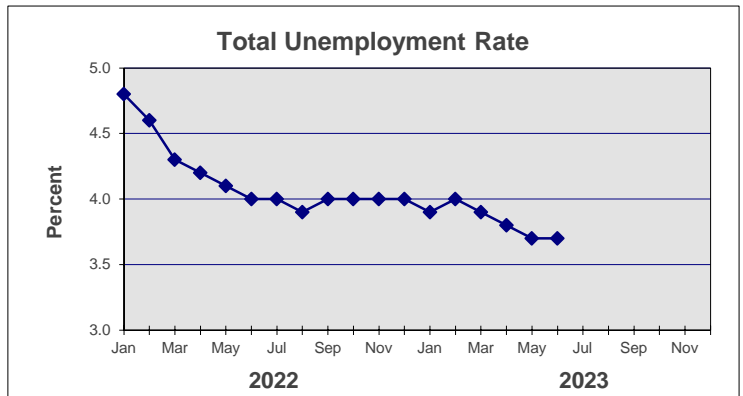
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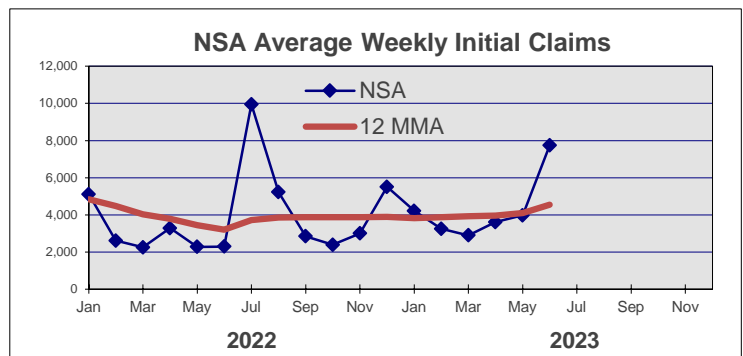
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
<b>2022</b>		
Jan	1,646.5	4.8
Feb	1,658.8	4.6
Mar	1,665.9	4.3
Apr	1,667.6	4.2
May	1,666.6	4.1
Jun	1,666.9	4.0
Jul	1,670.8	4.0
Aug	1,672.1	3.9
Sep	1,673.4	4.0
Oct	1,669.4	4.0
Nov	1,674.6	4.0
Dec	1,673.1	4.0



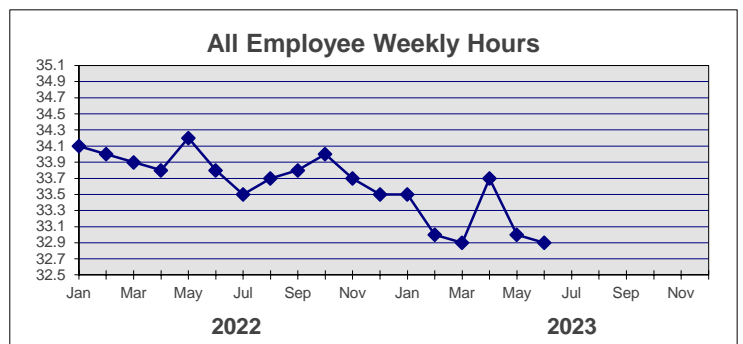
<b>2023</b>		
Jan	1,681.9	3.9
Feb	1,687.0	4.0
Mar	1,685.3	3.9
Apr	1,686.5	3.8
May	1,691.8 R	3.7 R
Jun	1,687.2 P	3.7 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	NSA Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
<b>2022</b>		
Jan	5,111	34.1
Feb	2,611	34.0
Mar	2,247	33.9
Apr	3,283	33.8
May	2,277	34.2
Jun	2,294	33.8
Jul	9,947	33.5
Aug	5,218	33.7
Sep	2,838	33.8
Oct	2,389	34.0
Nov	3,001	33.7
Dec	5,508	33.5



<b>2023</b>		
Jan	4,215	33.5
Feb	3,249	33.0
Mar	2,898	32.9
Apr	3,610	33.7
May	3,972	33.0 R
Jun	7,738	32.9 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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\*\* Labor-management dispute