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October 2021 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 6.4%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.6%

## Connecticut jobs rise 5,300; unemployment rate drops to 6.4% in October

WETHERSFIELD, November 18, 2021 – Connecticut nonfarm employment gained 5,300 positions (0.3%) in October 2021 to a level of 1,616,800 (seasonally adjusted). Connecticut industry jobs are now 39,100 (2.5%) positions higher than October 2020 levels. This is the tenth consecutive monthly gain in 2021 for a 4,600 monthly average pace. Connecticut has now recovered 72.8% (212,900) of the 292,400 positions lost in the March and April 2020 COVID lockdown period. September 2021 job gains were revised higher by 1,800 to a 6,500 (0.4%) gain. These monthly statewide industry job estimates are produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from an updated sample of businesses in the state.

“Job growth has been broad-based across industries and accelerated each calendar quarter in the first three quarters of 2021. October’s gains add to that growth,” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. “The unemployment rate has fallen 0.4% points each month in four of the past five months – a rapid decline by historic standards. Examination of the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate suggests further declines are expected in coming months.”

**Private sector employment** increased by 5,900 jobs (0.4%) to 1,392,600 in October 2021 and is now higher by 40,300 jobs (3.0%) from October 2020. The **government supersector** was lower by 600 jobs (-0.3%) in October to a level of 224,200. This is 1,200 (-0.5%) positions lower than October 2020. Year-ago federal government job levels were boosted by temporary Census jobs. The government *supersector* includes all federal, state, and local employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on tribal reservation land.

Six of the ten major industry *supersectors* produced employment gains while four declined in October.

### Six improving industry *supersectors* last month included:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	October 2021 Employment
Education & Health Services	+1,400	0.4%	333,500
Financial Activities	+1,300	1.1%	119,300
Professional & Business Services	+1,300	0.6%	211,900
Leisure & Hospitality	+1,100	0.8%	135,200
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	+900	0.3%	291,500
Other Services	+600	1.0%	60,600

### Four industry *supersectors* decreased in October 2021:

Declining Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	October 2021 Employment
Government	-600	-0.3%	224,200
Construction & Mining	-300	-0.5%	59,600
Manufacturing	-300	-0.2%	153,100
Information	-100	-0.4%	27,900

**Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs):** Four out of the six Connecticut **LMAs**, that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS, exhibited employment gains, while two regional labor markets posted small job declines in October 2021. The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (1.1%, 382,800) added 4,000 positions for the largest regional gain last month. The **Hartford LMA** (0.6%, 558,300) posted the next largest monthly gain of 3,500. The **New Haven LMA** (0.2%, 289,700) increased employment by 600 and the **Danbury LMA** (0.1%, 73,300) added 100 jobs. Both the **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (-0.2%, 118,600) and the **Waterbury LMA** (-0.3%, 65,400) declined by 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 October 2021 **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 33.9 hours, this is down one-tenth of an hour from the October 2020 level (-0.3%, 34.0). Average hourly earnings at \$34.07, not seasonally adjusted, were higher by just \$0.07 (0.2%) from the October 2020 estimate of \$34.00 even. The resulting October 2021 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,154.97, lower by \$1.03 from a year ago (-0.09%). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in October 2021 was up 6.2% 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 October 2021 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **6.4%** (seasonally adjusted), down by 0.4 percentage point from the September 2021 level of 6.8%. The Connecticut jobless rate was 8.2% in October 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate in October 2021 was 4.6%, down two-tenths of a percentage point from the September 2021 rate of 4.8% and below the 6.9% year-ago U.S. unemployment rate.

Not seasonally adjusted, the number unemployed was 96,300 in October 2021, 18,800 below the seasonally adjusted number. Seasonal adjustment is intended to remove normal seasonal variations from data series. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted normal seasonal patterns in economic activity which created additional challenges for the seasonal adjustment process. Therefore, both seasonally and not seasonally adjusted numbers should be considered when evaluating the health of the labor market. The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3% in October.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 3,502 per week in October 2021, down 228 (-6.1%) from the September 2021 (3,730) level and much lower by 3,793 claims (-52.0%) from the average weekly count of 7,295 in October 2020. This level of monthly average weekly initial claims is the lowest in the state since February 2020 (3,243), just before the COVID lockdown.

*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.***

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(preliminary November 2021 data)

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## Jobs - by Place of Work

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	October 2021 P	September 2021 R	August 2021	July 2021	October 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>1,616,800</b>	<b>1,611,500</b>	<b>1,605,000</b>	<b>1,602,000</b>	<b>1,577,700</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,392,600</b>	<b>1,386,700</b>	<b>1,380,400</b>	<b>1,374,200</b>	<b>1,352,300</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>40,300</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	59,100	59,400	57,600	56,700	56,800	-300	-0.5%	2,300	4.0%
Manufacturing	153,100	153,400	152,600	151,700	151,400	-300	-0.2%	1,700	1.1%
Durable Goods	119,800	120,300	119,900	118,800	119,900	-500	-0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Nondurable Goods	33,300	33,100	32,700	32,900	31,500	200	0.6%	1,800	5.7%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	291,500	290,600	287,400	287,300	287,000	900	0.3%	4,500	1.6%
Wholesale	57,200	56,600	54,700	54,900	56,100	600	1.1%	1,100	2.0%
Retail	165,400	165,300	164,500	164,800	163,900	100	0.1%	1,500	0.9%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	68,900	68,700	68,200	67,600	67,000	200	0.3%	1,900	2.8%
Information	27,900	28,000	27,600	27,600	29,000	-100	-0.4%	-1,100	-3.8%
Financial Activities	119,300	118,000	117,800	117,100	120,100	1,300	1.1%	-800	-0.7%
Finance & Insurance	100,900	100,200	100,100	99,800	101,300	700	0.7%	-400	-0.4%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	18,400	17,800	17,700	17,300	18,800	600	3.4%	-400	-2.1%
Professional & Business Services	211,900	210,600	211,400	209,500	203,500	1,300	0.6%	8,400	4.1%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	96,400	95,400	95,000	94,100	91,800	1,000	1.0%	4,600	5.0%
Management of Companies	32,900	32,500	32,800	32,600	31,500	400	1.2%	1,400	4.4%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	82,600	82,700	83,600	82,800	80,200	-100	-0.1%	2,400	3.0%
Educational & Health Services	333,500	332,100	331,100	331,700	324,200	1,400	0.4%	9,300	2.9%
Educational Services	66,000	66,200	66,100	65,900	62,400	-200	-0.3%	3,600	5.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	267,500	265,900	265,000	265,800	261,800	1,600	0.6%	5,700	2.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	135,200	134,100	133,400	131,600	121,900	1,100	0.8%	13,300	10.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22,600	22,100	21,900	21,400	18,900	500	2.3%	3,700	19.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	112,600	112,000	111,500	110,200	103,000	600	0.5%	9,600	9.3%
Other Services	60,600	60,000	61,000	60,500	57,900	600	1.0%	2,700	4.7%
Government**	224,200	224,800	224,600	227,800	225,400	-600	-0.3%	-1,200	-0.5%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>148,319,000</b>	<b>147,788,000</b>	<b>147,476,000</b>	<b>146,993,000</b>	<b>142,545,000</b>	<b>531,000</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>5,774,000</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

### LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

	October 2021 P	September 2021 R	August 2021	July 2021	October 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<i>Seasonally Adjusted data</i>									
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk</b>	382,800	378,800	375,900	373,000	370,700	4,000	1.1%	12,100	3.3%
<b>Danbury</b>	73,300	73,200	73,000	72,800	71,500	100	0.1%	1,800	2.5%
<b>Hartford</b>	558,300	554,800	550,600	548,200	548,500	3,500	0.6%	9,800	1.8%
<b>New Haven</b>	289,700	289,100	288,800	288,000	281,600	600	0.2%	8,100	2.9%
<b>Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI</b>	118,600	118,800	115,700	115,400	115,000	-200	-0.2%	3,600	3.1%
<b>Waterbury</b>	65,400	65,600	65,800	65,500	64,200	-200	-0.3%	1,200	1.9%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)</i>									
<b>Enfield</b>	42,300	42,100	41,600	41,700	41,800	200	0.5%	500	1.2%
<b>Torrington-Northwest</b>	31,400	31,300	31,000	31,400	30,800	100	0.3%	600	1.9%
<b>Danielson-Northeast</b>	26,400	26,300	25,800	25,800	25,300	100	0.4%	1,100	4.3%

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

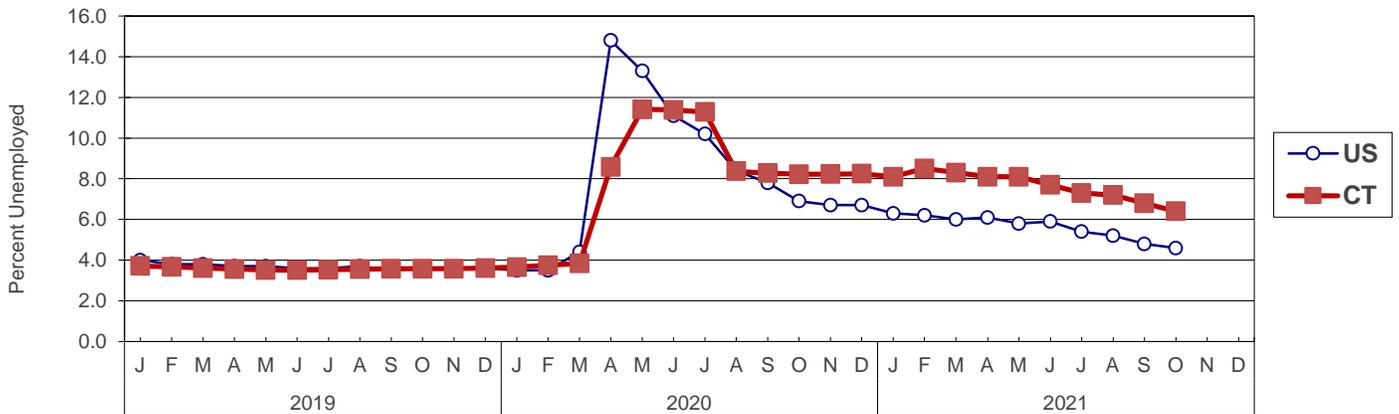
# UNEMPLOYMENT

## Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2021 P		Oct 2020 R		Change		Sep 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Unemployed	115,100	6.4	151,700	8.2	-36,600	-1.8	123,400	6.8
Labor Force	1,812,600		1,844,500		-31,900		1,812,100	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Unemployed	7,419,000	4.6	11,049,000	6.9	-3,630,000	-2.3	7,674,000	4.8
Labor Force	161,458,000		160,718,000		740,000		161,354,000	

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



### LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2021 P		Oct 2020 R		Change		Sep 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	24,100	5.4	35,900	8.1	-11,800	-2.7	24,300	5.6
Danbury	4,400	4.4	6,900	6.8	-2,500	-2.4	4,400	4.4
Danielson-Northeast*	2,000	4.9	2,900	7.1	-900	-2.2	2,100	5.1
Worcester NECTA	1,900	4.9	2,800	7.2	-900	-2.3	2,000	5.1
Hampton	100	3.9	100	5.1	0	-1.2	100	4.3
Enfield	2,300	4.8	3,300	7.0	-1,000	-2.2	2,300	4.8
Hartford	31,500	5.2	45,800	7.5	-14,300	-2.3	32,000	5.4
New Haven	16,100	5.0	23,500	7.2	-7,400	-2.2	16,300	5.1
Norwich-New London	7,600	5.7	11,800	8.8	-4,200	-3.1	7,700	5.8
Torrington-Northwest**	2,100	4.5	3,000	6.6	-900	-2.1	2,100	4.7
Torrington NECTA	1,400	5.5	2,000	8.0	-600	-2.5	1,400	5.7
Litchfield	700	3.3	1,000	4.9	-300	-1.6	700	3.5
Waterbury	7,000	6.5	9,700	9.0	-2,700	-2.5	7,100	6.6
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>96,300</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>141,800</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-45,500</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>97,700</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>6,896,000</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>10,620,000</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-3,724,000</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>7,366,000</b>	<b>4.6</b>

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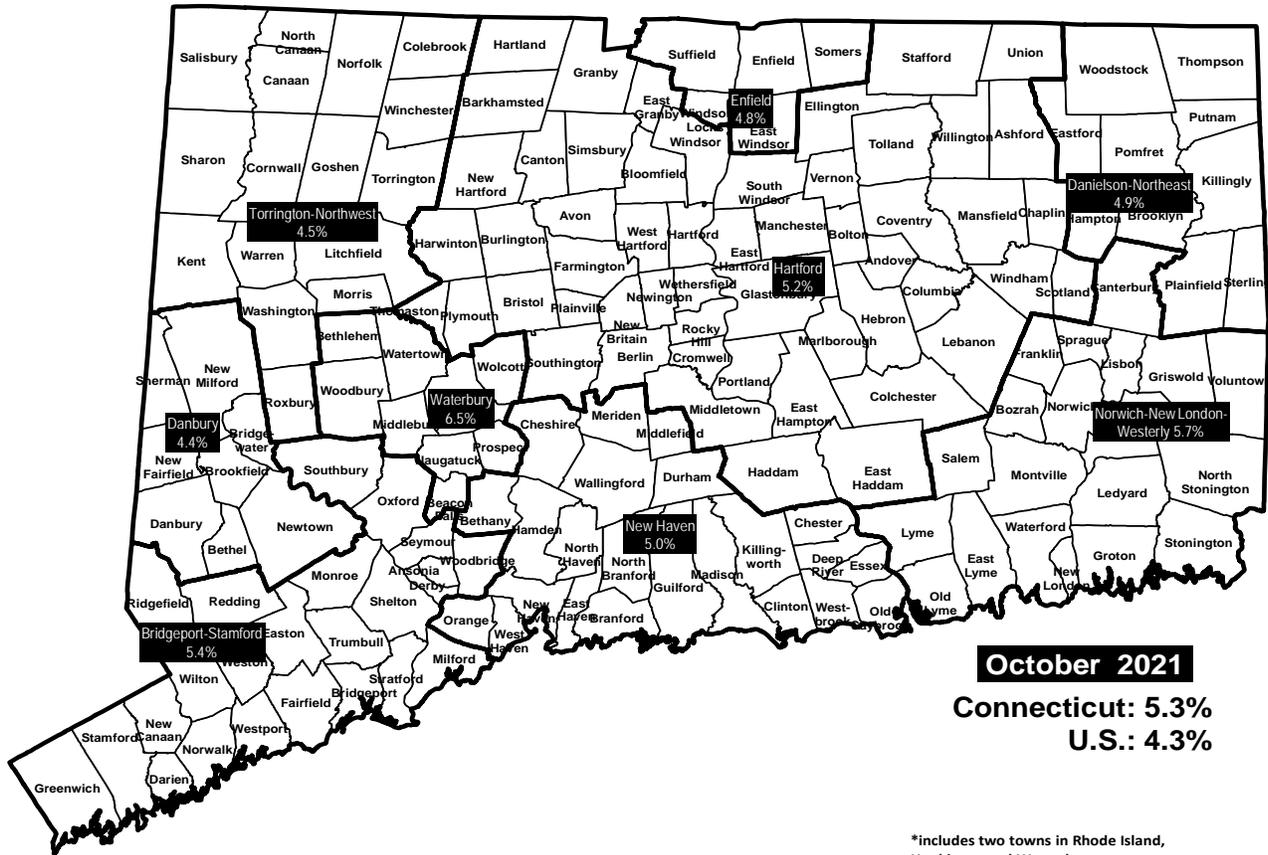
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\* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined \*\* Torrington Micropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

# 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			
	Oct. 2021 P	Oct. 2020	Change over Yr.	Sep. 2021 R	Oct. 2021 P	Oct. 2020	Change over Yr.	Sep. 2021 R	Oct. 2021 P	Oct. 2020	Change over Yr.	Sep. 2021 R
<b>Private Industry All Employees</b>	\$1,154.97	\$1,156.00	-\$1.03	\$1,154.63	33.9	34.0	-0.1	34.1	\$34.07	\$34.00	\$0.07	\$33.86
<b>Manufacturing* Production Workers</b>	\$1,125.26	\$1,168.70	-\$43.44	\$1,095.42	39.4	40.3	-0.9	38.9	\$28.56	\$29.00	-\$0.44	\$28.16

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

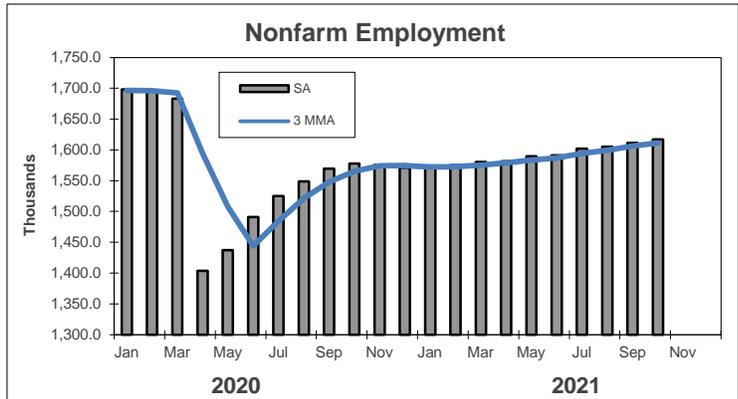
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi)

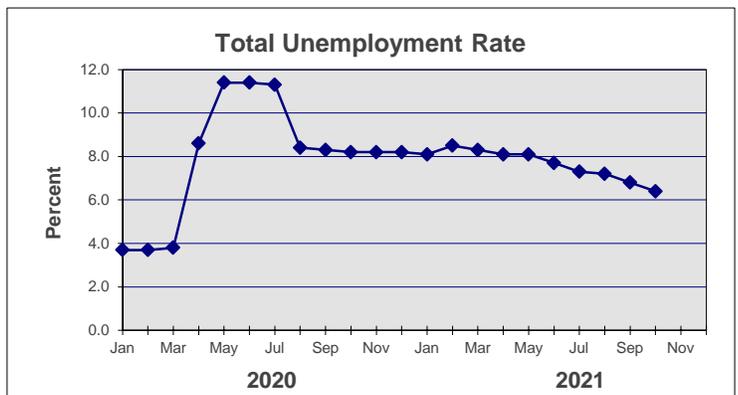
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## Seasonally Adjusted

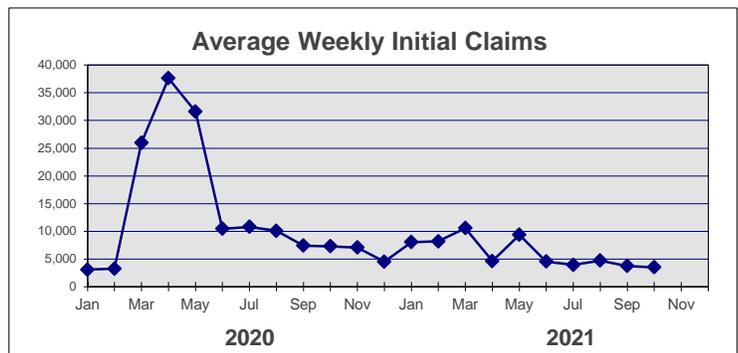
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
<b>2020</b>		
Jan	1,698.0	3.7
Feb	1,696.3	3.7
Mar	1,683.3	3.8
Apr	1,403.9	8.6
May	1,437.5	11.4
Jun	1,490.9	11.4
Jul	1,525.0	11.3
Aug	1,549.0	8.4
Sep	1,569.2	8.3
Oct	1,577.7	8.2
Nov	1,575.4	8.2
Dec	1,570.8	8.2



<b>2021</b>		
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	7.7
Jul	1,602.0	7.3
Aug	1,605.0	7.2
Sep	1,611.5 R	6.8 R
Oct	1,616.8 P	6.4 P
Nov		
Dec		



	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
<b>2020</b>		
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



<b>2021</b>		
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
Jul	3,937	34.1
Aug	4,699	34.3
Sep	3,730	34.1 R
Oct	3,502	33.9 P
Nov		
Dec		



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\*\* Labor-management dispute