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September 2022 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 4.0%

US Unemployment Rate = 3.5%

Connecticut added 4,400 jobs in September as jobless rate dropped to 4.0%

WETHERSFIELD, October 20, 2022 – Connecticut nonfarm industry payrolls added 4,400 positions (0.3%) to a level of 1,667,800 in September 2022 while the state’s unemployment rate fell to 4.0% (preliminary data, seasonally adjusted). Connecticut’s industry employment is now 44,900 (2.8%) positions higher than in September 2021. This is the ninth consecutive monthly job gain in 2022. The Nutmeg State has now recovered 89.2% (258,200) of the 289,400 nonfarm positions lost in the March/April 2020 COVID lockdown. The initially published August 2022 job gain of 2,900 (0.2%) was revised slightly lower by 500 positions to a 2,400 monthly gain (0.1%). The Connecticut Labor Situation presents labor statistics received from two surveys prepared by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in partnership with the states.

“Jobs have increased every month in 2022 and the solid private sector growth in September builds on the strong gains of July and August,” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. “Job growth has averaged more than 3,500 per month so far in 2022, faster than any pre-pandemic year for which comparable data exists (back to 1990).”

Connecticut’s private sector added another 2,900 jobs (0.2%) in September 2022 to 1,440,700 and is now higher by 43,000 positions (3.1%) from the September 2021 level. The state’s private sector is 91.9% recovered from the April 2020 COVID employment bottom. The **government supersector** was also higher last month, increasing 1,500 jobs (0.7%) to a level of 227,100. All the September gain was in local government. Not seasonally adjusted data suggest the gain was concentrated in education. Overall, government is just 1,900 positions (0.8%) above the September 2021 level. State government retirements have offset some of local government employment gains in the last year. The public sector is now 59.3% recovered from the COVID lockdown. The government *supersector* in Connecticut includes all federal, state, local, and tribal government employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on reservations.

Six of the ten major industry *supersectors* added employment, while three declined, and the Information *supersector* was unchanged in September 2022.

The six Connecticut industry *supersectors* that gained jobs in September 2022 (including unchanged):

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	September 2022 Employment
Leisure & Hospitality	+2,000	1.3%	150,400
Government	+1,500	0.7%	227,100
Construction & Mining	+1,300	2.1%	63,500
Education & Health Services	+700	0.2%	339,900
Other Services	+200	0.3%	60,500
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	+200	0.1%	298,700
Information	unchanged	0.0%	30,300

The three industry *supersectors* that lost in jobs in September 2022:

Decreasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	September 2022 Employment
Financial Activities	-600	-0.5%	117,800
Professional & Business Services	-600	-0.3%	219,400
Manufacturing	-300	-0.2%	160,200

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Three of the six larger Connecticut **LMAs**, that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS, exhibited employment gains in September 2022, while three declined. The **New Haven LMA** (0.6%, 295,800) led in both monthly numerical (1,800) and percentage gains. The **Danbury LMA** (0.4%, 76,300) added 300 jobs and the **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.1%, 121,000) also chipped in 100 positions. The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-0.7%, 396,600) declined 2,600 positions while the **Waterbury LMA** (-1.2%, 65,400) was 800 down jobs. The **Hartford LMA** (-0.1%, 569,500) also lost 700 jobs.

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 September 2022 **private sector** workweek, *not seasonally adjusted*, averaged 33.8 hours, which is lower by three-tenths of an hour (-0.9%) from the September 2021 estimate. Average hourly earnings at \$35.20, not seasonally adjusted, were up by \$1.34 (4.0%) from the September 2021 estimate of \$33.86. The subsequent September 2022 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,189.76, higher by \$35.13 from a year ago (3.0%, \$1,154.63). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in September 2022 was up 8.2% 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 September 2022 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **4.0%** (seasonally adjusted). This is lower by one-tenth of a percentage point from the August 2022 level of 4.1%. The Connecticut unemployment rate was 5.6% in September 2021. The jobless rate was 3.4% in February 2020 (pre-COVID). The U.S. unemployment rate for September 2022 was 3.5%, down two-tenths of a percent from August 2022 and lower from the September 2021 jobless rate of 4.7%. Despite a small September downtick, Connecticut's labor force has been on an upward path all year, up 50,000 so far in 2022.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 4,170 per week in September 2022, down by 1,745 (-29.5%) from the August 2022 (5,915) level but higher by 381 (10.1%) than the average weekly count of 3,789 in September 2021.

*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 October 2022 data)

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	September 2022 P	August 2022 R	July 2022	June 2022	September 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,667,800	1,663,400	1,661,000	1,652,300	1,622,900	4,400	0.3%	44,900	2.8%
Total Private	1,440,700	1,437,800	1,433,700	1,428,500	1,397,700	2,900	0.2%	43,000	3.1%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	63,000	61,700	61,000	59,200	59,500	1,300	2.1%	3,500	5.9%
Manufacturing	160,200	160,500	159,700	159,000	153,600	-300	-0.2%	6,600	4.3%
Durable Goods	124,300	124,600	124,000	123,500	120,200	-300	-0.2%	4,100	3.4%
Nondurable Goods	35,900	35,900	35,700	35,500	33,400	0	0.0%	2,500	7.5%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	298,700	298,500	297,500	296,800	290,600	200	0.1%	8,100	2.8%
Wholesale	61,100	60,900	60,800	60,600	57,500	200	0.3%	3,600	6.3%
Retail	168,700	169,200	168,300	167,900	167,500	-500	-0.3%	1,200	0.7%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	68,900	68,400	68,400	68,300	65,600	500	0.7%	3,300	5.0%
Information	30,300	30,300	30,100	30,200	30,100	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
Financial Activities	117,800	118,400	118,600	118,800	116,000	-600	-0.5%	1,800	1.6%
Finance & Insurance	98,400	98,900	99,100	99,400	97,500	-500	-0.5%	900	0.9%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	19,400	19,500	19,500	19,400	18,500	-100	-0.5%	900	4.9%
Professional & Business Services	219,400	220,000	219,900	218,500	213,500	-600	-0.3%	5,900	2.8%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	98,400	98,900	97,600	96,400	95,700	-500	-0.5%	2,700	2.8%
Management of Companies	30,700	30,900	31,000	30,500	30,200	-200	-0.6%	500	1.7%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	90,300	90,200	91,300	91,600	87,600	100	0.1%	2,700	3.1%
Educational & Health Services	339,900	339,200	338,100	337,100	334,100	700	0.2%	5,800	1.7%
Educational Services	68,600	69,200	68,200	67,800	64,900	-600	-0.9%	3,700	5.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	271,300	270,000	269,900	269,300	269,200	1,300	0.5%	2,100	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	150,400	148,400	148,000	148,100	141,200	2,000	1.3%	9,200	6.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25,800	24,500	25,000	25,900	24,900	1,300	5.3%	900	3.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	124,600	123,900	123,000	122,200	116,300	700	0.6%	8,300	7.1%
Other Services	60,500	60,300	60,300	60,300	58,600	200	0.3%	1,900	3.2%
Government**	227,100	225,600	227,300	223,800	225,200	1,500	0.7%	1,900	0.8%
UNITED STATES	153,018,000	152,755,000	152,440,000	151,903,000	147,328,000	263,000	0.2%	5,690,000	3.9%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	September 2022 P	August 2022 R	July 2022	June 2022	September 2021	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	396,600	399,200	393,500	392,200	386,600	-2,600	-0.7%	10,000	2.6%
Danbury	76,300	76,000	75,500	74,600	74,300	300	0.4%	2,000	2.7%
Hartford	569,500	570,200	569,700	569,400	560,300	-700	-0.1%	9,200	1.6%
New Haven	295,800	294,000	293,600	291,800	287,700	1,800	0.6%	8,100	2.8%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	121,000	120,900	120,100	120,300	118,900	100	0.1%	2,100	1.8%
Waterbury	65,400	66,200	65,800	66,000	65,100	-800	-1.2%	300	0.5%
Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)									
Enfield	42,100	42,200	42,100	42,200	41,500	-100	-0.2%	600	1.4%
Torrington-Northwest	33,200	33,000	33,400	33,000	32,300	200	0.6%	900	2.8%
Danielson-Northeast	27,100	27,200	27,100	27,100	26,300	-100	-0.4%	800	3.0%

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

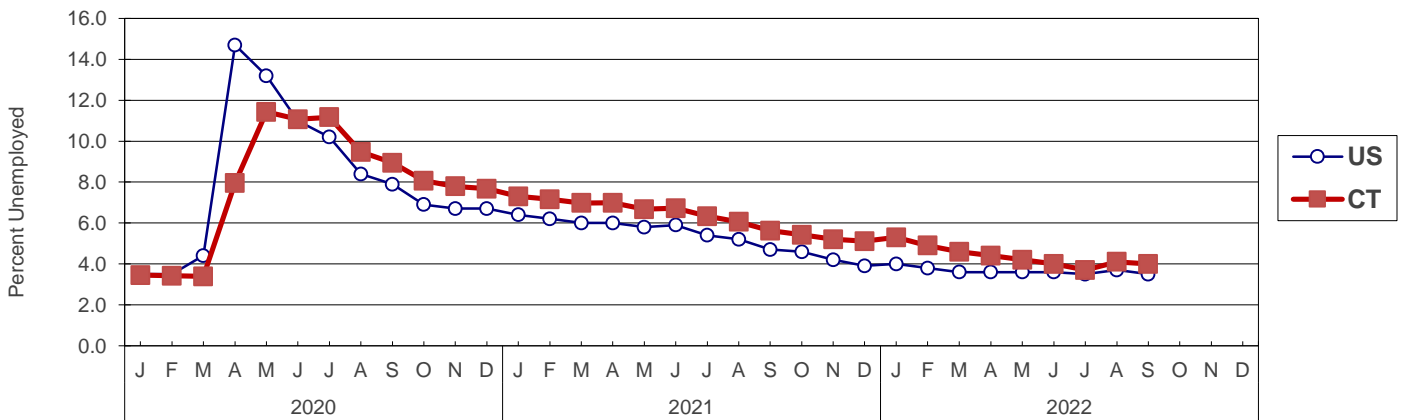
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2022 P		Sep 2021 R		Change		Aug 2022 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	77,000	4.0	104,600	5.6	-27,600	-1.6	77,700	4.1
Labor Force	1,903,700		1,859,100		44,600		1,905,500	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	5,753,000	3.5	7,666,000	4.7	-1,913,000	-1.2	6,014,000	3.7
Labor Force	164,689,000		161,471,000		3,218,000		164,746,000	

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



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2022 P		Sep 2021 R		Change		Aug 2022 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	18,800	4.0	24,700	5.5	-5,900	-1.5	20,600	4.4
Danbury	3,500	3.3	4,500	4.4	-1,000	-1.1	3,900	3.6
Danielson-Northeast*	1,600	3.7	2,100	5.0	-500	-1.3	1,800	4.0
Worcester NECTA	1,500	3.8	2,000	5.1	-500	-1.3	1,700	4.1
Hampton	100	2.8	100	4.2	0	-1.4	100	2.8
Enfield	1,800	3.5	2,300	4.7	-500	-1.2	1,900	3.8
Hartford	23,900	3.8	32,500	5.3	-8,600	-1.5	27,100	4.4
New Haven	12,300	3.7	16,600	5.1	-4,300	-1.4	13,700	4.1
Norwich-New London	5,700	4.1	7,900	5.8	-2,200	-1.7	6,200	4.4
Torrington-Northwest**	1,700	3.5	2,100	4.6	-400	-1.1	1,800	3.8
Torrington NECTA	1,100	4.2	1,400	5.6	-300	-1.4	1,200	4.6
Litchfield	600	2.7	700	3.4	-100	-0.7	600	2.8
Waterbury	5,500	5.0	7,200	6.6	-1,700	-1.6	6,100	5.5
CONNECTICUT	74,200	3.9	99,300	5.3	-25,100	-1.4	82,400	4.3
UNITED STATES	5,460,000	3.3	7,366,000	4.6	-1,906,000	-1.3	6,256,000	3.8

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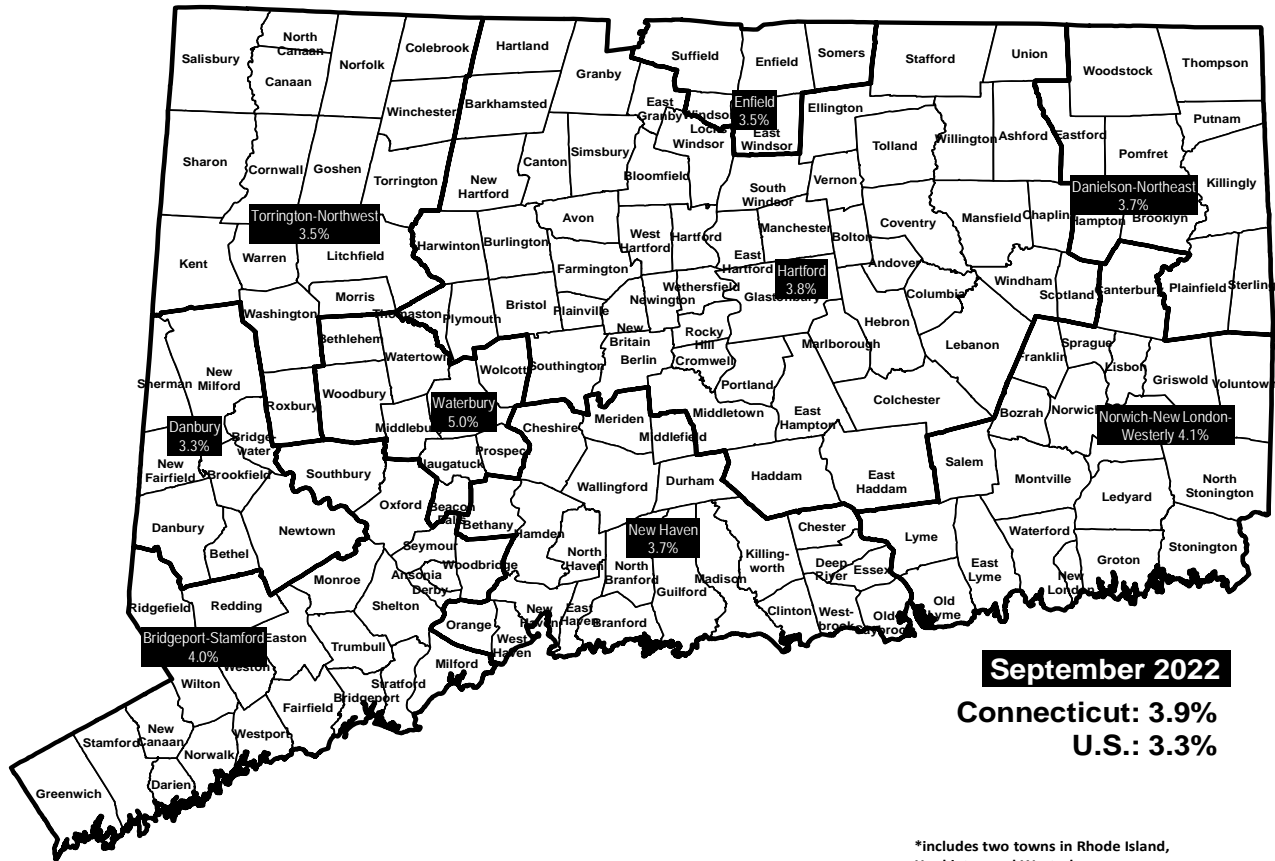
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* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined ** Torrington Micropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LABOR MARKET AREAS



*includes two towns in Rhode Island, Hopkinton and Westerly.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	Sep. 2022 P	Sep. 2021	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2022 R	Sep. 2022 P	Sep. 2021	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2022 R	Sep. 2022 P	Sep. 2021	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2022 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,189.76	\$1,154.63	\$35.13	\$1,166.69	33.8	34.1	-0.3	33.7	\$35.20	\$33.86	\$1.34	\$34.62
Manufacturing* Production Workers	\$1,169.71	\$1,102.82	\$66.89	\$1,139.28	41.1	38.9	2.2	40.4	\$28.46	\$28.35	\$0.11	\$28.20

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

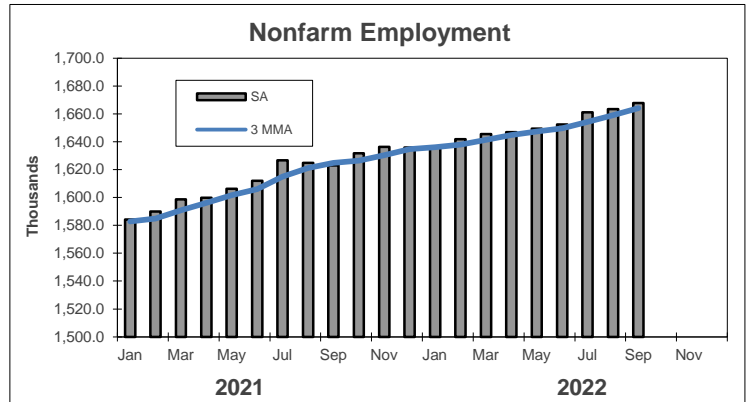
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi

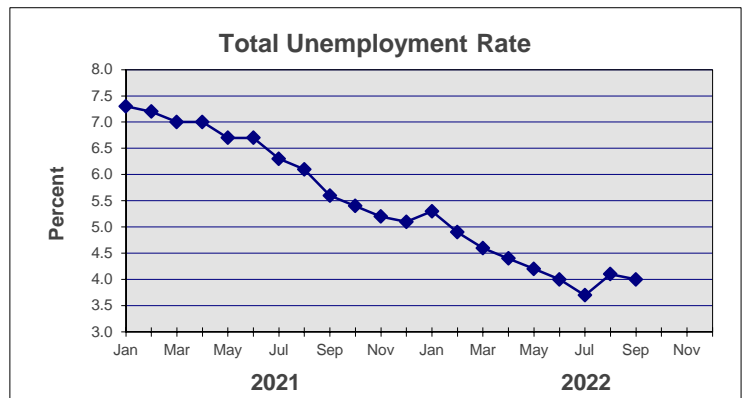
TRENDS

Seasonally Adjusted

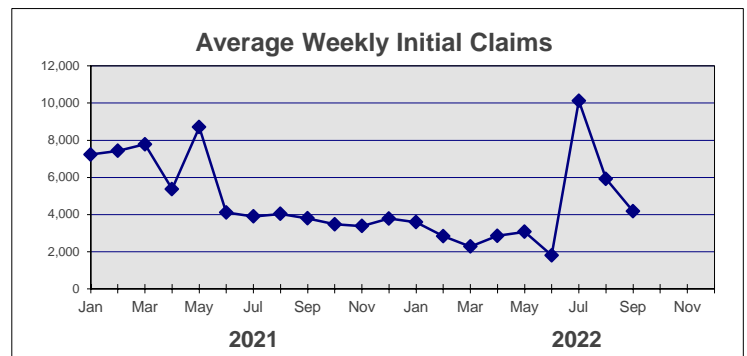
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2021		
Jan	1,584.1	7.3
Feb	1,590.0	7.2
Mar	1,598.7	7.0
Apr	1,599.8	7.0
May	1,606.3	6.7
Jun	1,612.0	6.7
Jul	1,626.6	6.3
Aug	1,624.7	6.1
Sep	1,622.9	5.6
Oct	1,631.6	5.4
Nov	1,636.3	5.2
Dec	1,635.8	5.1



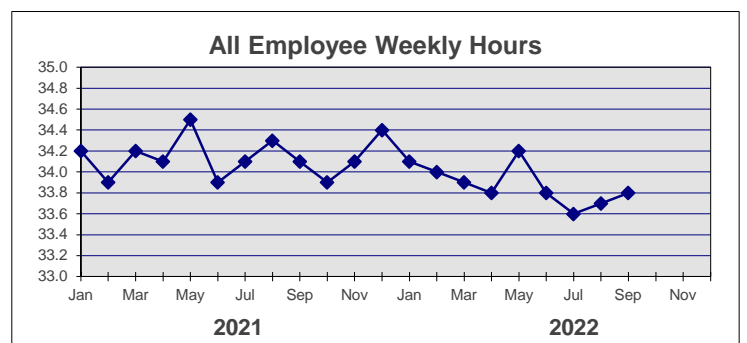
2022		
Jan	1,636.4	5.3
Feb	1,641.8	4.9
Mar	1,645.5	4.6
Apr	1,646.9	4.4
May	1,649.3	4.2
Jun	1,652.3	4.0
Jul	1,661.0	3.7
Aug	1,663.4 R	4.1 R
Sep	1,667.8 P	4.0 P
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	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



2022		
Jan	3,585	34.1
Feb	2,837	34.0
Mar	2,275	33.9
Apr	2,848	33.8
May	3,066	34.2
Jun	1,800	33.8
Jul	10,124	33.6
Aug	5,915	33.7 R
Sep	4,170	33.8 P
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute