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In December...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,695,800
 Change over month -0.15%
 Change over year +1.36%

United States 157,232,000
 Change over month +0.14%
 Change over year +1.75%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 3.8%
 United States 3.7%

Consumer Price Index

United States 306.746
 Change over year +3.4%

Connecticut's Work-Related Fatality Rate Second Lowest in Nation for Two Years in a Row

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Connecticut lost 34 lives to work injuries in 2022, for a rate of 2.0 deaths per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. This is an increase from 2021's 23 deaths but is below Connecticut's annual average of 38 work-related deaths (Chart 1). Only one other state – Rhode Island – recorded a rate lower than Connecticut's (Table 1).

The nation lost 5,486 lives to workplace injuries in 2022, an increase from 2021's 5,190 deaths. The fatal injury rate increased from 3.6 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers in 2021 to 3.7 in 2022. The highest loss was seen in Texas with 578 deaths, followed by California with 504 deaths and Florida with 307 deaths. High rates were

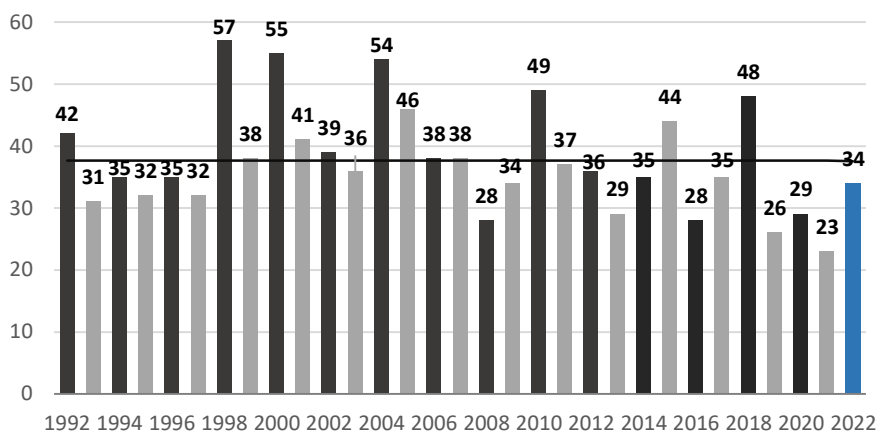
recorded in Wyoming (12.7) and North Dakota (9.8). Rhode Island had 7 deaths, the lowest recorded number for states.

Industry

Nationally, the construction industry recorded the highest number of deaths at 1,069 followed by transportation and warehousing with 1,053 deaths. Together, these two industries account for 39 percent of deaths.

The construction industry and the transportation and warehousing industry each had 9 deaths in Connecticut. Together, they accounted for 53 percent of 2022's deaths. Manufacturing came in third with 4 deaths, or 11.8 percent of total deaths (Table 2). With an overall rate of 2.0,

Chart 1. Connecticut Work Related Fatalities 1992 - 2022



Connecticut averages 38 work-related deaths annually

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Table 1. Fatal Occupational Injuries by State 2022

Rates per 100,000 full time equivalent workers

State of Incident	Number	Rate
TOTAL	5,486	3.7
Rhode Island	7	1.4
Connecticut	34	2.0
Massachusetts	81	2.4
New Jersey	116	2.7
New Hampshire	19	2.8
Oregon	55	2.8
Maryland	80	2.8
Minnesota	81	2.8
Washington	104	2.9
New York	251	2.9
California	504	2.9
Ohio	153	3.0
Illinois	177	3.0
Colorado	89	3.1
Pennsylvania	183	3.1
Florida	307	3.1
Arizona	103	3.2
Michigan	139	3.2
Virginia	144	3.4
Hawaii	25	3.5
Vermont	11	3.6
Iowa	56	3.6
Utah	57	3.6
Alabama	74	3.6
Delaware	17	3.7
Maine	23	3.8
Kansas	52	3.8
Kentucky	71	3.9
Oklahoma	70	4.0
Nevada	60	4.3
Wisconsin	125	4.3
Georgia	209	4.3
Texas	578	4.3
District of Columbia	15	4.4
Idaho	39	4.4
Missouri	121	4.4
North Carolina	217	4.6
Montana	25	4.8
Indiana	156	5.0
Alaska	20	5.1
South Dakota	27	5.6
Tennessee	173	5.7
Nebraska	57	5.8
Arkansas	75	6.1
South Carolina	132	6.1
Louisiana	120	6.4
West Virginia	48	6.8
New Mexico	57	6.8
Mississippi	78	6.9
North Dakota	37	9.8
Wyoming	34	12.7

Connecticut saw a rate of 9.4 in transportation and utilities and 6.7 in construction. Rates for other industry sectors did not meet publishing criteria.

Worker Characteristics

Twenty-eight of the workers were wage and salary workers; six were self-employed. Fifty nine percent (20) of deaths were white. Eight were Hispanic or Latino and three were Black or African American. Nationally, Hispanic or Latino workers made up 22.7 percent of fatal occupational injuries in 2022. Deaths for Black or African American workers climbed to 734 in 2022 from 653 in 2021, a 12.4 percent increase. Thirty-two of Connecticut's deaths were men; nationally 92 percent of 2022's work-related deaths were men.

Event

Historically, the United States loses the most workers to transportation incidents. The year 2022 saw 2,066 lives lost to transportation incidents – 38 percent of all work-related deaths. Falls, slips and trips was the second most common event with 865 deaths (16 percent). Violence and other injuries by persons or animals was the third most common event with 849 deaths (15 percent). Workplace homicides claimed 524 lives and suicides claimed 267. Exposure to harmful substances or environments accounted for 839 deaths (15 percent).

With twelve deaths, transportation incidents claimed the most lives in Connecticut, accounting for 35 percent of total deaths. Falls, slips, and trips incidents had 7 deaths, and the contact with objects and equipment category had 6 deaths.

Occupations

Transportation and material moving occupations lost twelve

Industry	2022 Fatalities			
	CT		U.S.	
TOTAL	34	100.0%	5,486	100.0%
Private Industry	31	91.2%	5,005	91.2%
Goods Producing	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	-	-	417	7.6%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	-	-	113	2.1%
Construction	9	26.5%	1,069	19.5%
Manufacturing	4	11.8%	404	7.4%
Service Providing	-	-	-	-
Wholesale trade	-	-	171	3.1%
Retail trade	-	-	301	5.5%
Transportation and Warehousing	9	26.5%	1,053	19.2%
Utilities	-	-	36	0.7%
Information	-	-	48	0.9%
Finance and insurance	-	-	17	0.3%
Real estate and rental and leasing	-	-	83	1.5%
Professional, scientific, and technical service	-	-	76	1.4%
Administrative and waste services	3	8.8%	517	9.4%
Educational services	-	-	38	0.7%
Health care and social assistance	1	2.9%	140	2.6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1	2.9%	88	1.6%
Accommodation and food services	-	-	218	4.0%
Other services, except public admin	1	2.9%	200	3.6%
Government	3	8.8%	481	8.8%
Federal	-	-	90	1.6%
State	-	-	84	1.5%
Local	3	8.8%	303	5.5%

- Indicates data does not meet publication criteria

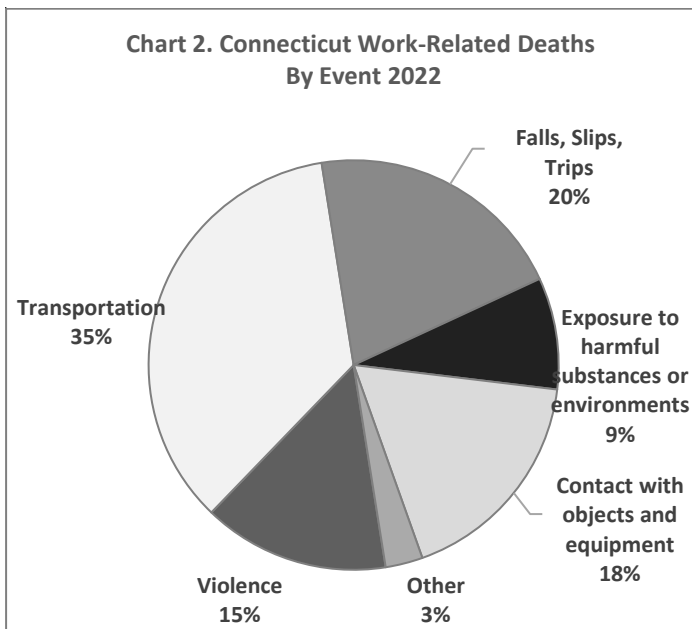
lives in Connecticut, accounting for 35 percent of total deaths. Ten of the transportation and material moving occupations were heavy and tractor-trailer drivers (Table 4). Construction and extraction occupations lost 7 lives.

Nationally, the transportation and material moving occupational group and the construction and extraction occupational group accounted for 48.8 percent of worker deaths in 2022. Transportation and material moving occupations lost 1,620 workers and construction and extraction occupations lost 1,056 workers. While the overall rate was 3.7 for 100,000 full time equivalent workers, logging workers saw a rate of 100.7. This was followed by roofers with a rate of 57.5 and fishing and hunting workers with a rate of 50.9.

Table 3. CT Fatal Occupational Injuries by Event or Exposure

Event or Exposure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	48	26	29	23	34
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals	8	-	4	2	5
Homicides	1	-	3	2	3
Suicides	7	-	-	-	2
Injury by person—unintentional or intent unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Animal and insect related incidents	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation incidents	19	12	9	7	12
Pedestrian vehicular incident	3	1	4	-	-
Roadway collision with other vehicle	8	6	3	3	-
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle	6	2	2	-	-
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicle	-	1	-	-	-
Fire or explosion	-	-	-	-	-
Fall, slip, trip	10	5	6	3	7
Fall on same level	-	-	-	-	-
Fall to lower level	8	5	6	3	7
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	6	-	4	4	3
Exposure to electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure to other harmful substances	6	-	-	-	3
Contact with objects and equipment	5	6	6	6	6
Struck by object or equipment	4	4	3	6	5
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	-	1	-	-	-

- Indicates data does not meet publication criteria



CFOI program uses diverse state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This ensures counts are as complete and accurate as possible.

It is important to note that the Bureau of Labor Statistics holds all information on companies and the deceased in strict confidence. Information is never shared for compliance measures.

OSHA requires all employers to report workplace fatalities within eight hours. Included are small establishments and industries that are normally exempt from OSHA jurisdiction. Natural deaths, such as heart attacks, must also be reported. However, many employers are unaware of this requirement. Additionally, OSHA does not require employers to report all fatalities. Employers are not required to report:

- o Street and transportation deaths unless they occur in a construction work zone
- o Deaths on commercial or public transportation systems (airplane, subway, bus, train, etc.)
- o Deaths occurring more than 30 days after the incident

OSHA does not investigate every work-related death. Homicides and most transportation incidents fall outside OSHA's jurisdiction. However, OSHA is beginning to investigate some of these incidents to develop training programs. Homicides may be prevented with changes in security cameras and enforcing safety rules. Transportation deaths can be prevented with training programs on distracted driving, sleep deprivation, and safe driving techniques.

Table 4. CT Fatal Occupational Injuries by Occupation

Occupational Group	2022
Total	34
Management occupations	2
Other management occupations	2
Miscellaneous managers	2
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	4
Building cleaning and pest control workers	1
Grounds maintenance workers	3
Construction and extraction occupations	7
Installation, maintenance and repair occupations	3
Transportation and material moving occupations	12
Motor vehicle operators	10
Heavy and tractor-trailer drivers	10

Identifying Work-Related Deaths

The CFOI (Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries) program reports fatal work injuries only. CFOI does not report any illness related information, including COVID-19. The CFOI program requires a minimum of two sources to verify a work-related death. The media is often the first

notice of a work-related death. Other resources include death certificates, coast guard reports, the NHTSA (National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration), and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

While every attempt is made to capture every work-related death, some are missed. The

History of the Program

When President Nixon signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) into law, a census of workplace fatalities did not exist. It was estimated that approximately 14,000 workers were killed on the job annually. While OSHA immediately began investigating workplace deaths, the U.S. Department of Labor did not have a comprehensive statistical program dedicated to documenting workplace deaths.

In 1992, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) was established to track all work-related deaths and collect the much-needed data. That first year, 6,217 deaths were

documented nationally, 42 of which were in Connecticut. Since then, national numbers have dropped by 12 percent to 5,486 deaths in 2022.

Since 1992, the CFOI program has seen several changes. Prior to 2006, rates were calculated per 100,000 workers. Now the rates take into account the number of hours spent in the workplace, resulting in rates per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. The coding structure for nature, part of body, event, and sources was changed in 2011. In 2012, the program began documenting contractor status, the use of drugs or alcohol, seat belt use, and union status.

Most recently, there has been a change in the release of data. Formerly, a preliminary release was made in August or September with revised, final data published in April of the following year. Beginning with the 2015 reference year, final data is now released in December – 4 months earlier than in past years. This December release is the only release of CFOI data.

The program continues to develop to meet the needs of researchers, as the data is beneficial in creating engineering solutions, regulations, and education programs to minimize workplace deaths. ■

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	3Q 2023	3Q 2022	YoY CHG		2Q 2023	QoQ CHG	
			NO.	%		NO.	%
General Drift Indicator (2007=100)*							
Leading	111.9	111.8	0.2	0.2	111.4	0.5	0.48
Coincident	96.3	95.8	0.5	0.5	95.8	0.5	0.51
Real Gross Domestic Product** (Millions of chained 2017 dollars)	3Q 2023	3Q 2022	YoY CHG		2Q 2023	QoQ CHG	
			NO.	%		NO.	%
Connecticut	283,694	276,425	7,269	2.6	280,440	3,255	1.2
United States	22,490,692	21,851,134	639,558	2.9	22,225,350	265,342	1.2
New England	1,166,374	1,135,942	30,432	2.7	1,153,162	13,211	1.1
Per Capita Personal Income** (Current \$, SAAR)	3Q 2023	3Q 2022	YoY CHG		2Q 2023	QoQ CHG	
			NO.	%		NO.	%
Connecticut	87,372	83,537	3,835	4.6	86,606	766	0.9
United States	68,717	65,944	2,773	4.2	68,233	484	0.7
New England	82,387	78,772	3,615	4.6	81,711	676	0.8
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	YoY CHG		Nov 2023	MoM CHG	
			NO.	%		NO.	%
Connecticut	125.29	122.03	3.26	2.7	125.62	-0.34	-0.3
United States	140.18	136.14	4.04	3.0	139.89	0.29	0.2

Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut, <https://steven-landa.uconn.edu/the-connecticut-green-sheet/>
 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis *Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

General Drift Indicators are composite measures of the four-quarter change in three coincident (Connecticut Manufacturing Production Index, nonfarm employment, and real personal income) and three leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 2007 = 100.

The **Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index** summarizes current economic condition by using four coincident variables: nonfarm payroll employment, average hours worked in manufacturing, the unemployment rate, and wage and salary disbursements deflated by the consumer price index (U.S. city average).

Total nonfarm
employment increased
over the year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,695.8	1,673.1	22.7	1.4	1,698.3
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Construction	60.0	60.4	-0.4	-0.7	60.8
Manufacturing	158.4	159.1	-0.7	-0.4	158.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300.7	295.7	5.0	1.7	301.3
Information	31.3	31.1	0.2	0.6	31.5
Financial Activities	113.6	116.6	-3.0	-2.6	113.9
Professional and Business Services	220.6	218.6	2.0	0.9	221.9
Education and Health Services	356.5	347.6	8.9	2.6	358.5
Leisure and Hospitality	156.5	153.0	3.5	2.3	155.3
Other Services	64.1	61.6	2.5	4.1	63.0
Government*	233.6	228.9	4.7	2.1	233.2

Source: Connecticut Department of Labor * Includes Native American tribal government employment

Average weekly initial
claims fell from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
(Seasonally adjusted)					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,900.0	1,914.3	-14.3	-0.7	1,900.1
Employed (000s)	1,828.0	1,838.1	-10.1	-0.5	1,832.2
Unemployed (000s)	72.0	76.2	-4.2	-5.5	67.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.0	-0.2	---	3.6
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.1	64.8	-0.7	---	64.1
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	61.7	62.2	-0.5	---	61.8
Average Weekly Initial Claims (NSA)	5,214	5,508	-294	-5.3	2,885
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (% NSA)	1.57	1.30	0.27	---	1.21
	2023	2022			3Q 2023
U-6 Rate (%)	7.1	7.8	-0.7	---	7.1

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The production worker
weekly earnings rose over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov	Oct
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023	2023
(Not seasonally adjusted)						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	39.4	41.4	-2.0	-4.8	39.6	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	30.06	28.59	1.47	5.1	29.67	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,184.36	1,183.63	0.73	0.1	1,174.93	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index (2012=100)	94.6	95.2	-0.53	-0.6	98.3	103.5
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,940	4,236	-296	-7.0	3,944	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	199	198	1	0.5	211	228
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, 12-MMA (2012=100)	99.5	104.1	-4.55	-4.4	99.6	100.0

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Department of Energy

*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income
increased 4.8 percent
from a year earlier.

INCOME

	3Q	3Q	CHANGE		2Q
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
(\$ Millions, SA, annualized)					
Personal Income	\$317,625.0	\$303,052.6	\$14,572.4	4.8	\$314,616.4
Wages and Salaries	\$146,485.4	\$139,038.4	\$7,447.0	5.4	\$144,400.6

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations increased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Dec 2023	406	-22.7	5,764	5,162	11.7
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Nov 2023	2,082	1.7	24,279	25,397	-4.4
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	Nov 2023	551.6	-37.6	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Dec 2023	14,621	38.6	174,813	168,211	3.9
Exports (Bil. \$)	3Q 2023	4.17	4.7	11.70	11.26	3.9
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Dec 2023	4,769.83	24.2	---	---	---

Sources: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration; Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; F.W. Dodge; Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles; Wisetrade.org

* Estimated by the Bureau of the Census

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

Net business formation, as measured by starts minus stops registered with the Department of Labor, was up.

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Dec 2023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	2Q 2023	3,395	-21.2	8,062	10,006	-19.4
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Dec 2023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	2Q 2023	1,187	-8.8	2,224	3,760	-40.9

Sources: Connecticut Secretary of the State; Connecticut Department of Labor

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments was up from a year ago.

	Dec	Dec	%	YEAR TO DATE		%
	2023	2022	CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corporate Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Personal Income Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Real Estate Conv. Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sales & Use Tax	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gaming Payments**	18.9	18.3	3.2	213.1	211.8	0.6

Sources: Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; Division of Special Revenue

*Includes all sources of revenue; Only selected sources are displayed; Most July receipts are credited to the prior fiscal year and are not shown. **See page 23 for explanation.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Gaming slots was up over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Dec 2023	50.8	-0.4	60.0	59.6	0.7
Tourism Website Visitors	Dec 2023	366,942	-3.1	9,446,396	7,122,407	32.6
Air Passenger Count	Nov 2023	519,397	5.6	5,751,736	5,321,329	8.1
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Dec 2023	900.4	1.6	10,267.4	10,311.2	-0.4

Sources: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports; Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism; Division of Special Revenue

*STR, Inc. Due to layoffs, Info Center Visitors data are no longer published.

***See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 4.1 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Dec	Sep	3-Mo	Dec	Dec	12-Mo
	2023	2023	% Chg	2023	2022	% Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	161.9	160.5	0.9	161.6	155.3	4.1
Wages and Salaries	164.3	162.8	0.9	164.1	157.4	4.3
Benefit Costs	156.0	155.0	0.6	155.5	150.1	3.6
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	163.0	157.0	3.8
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	164.3	158.1	3.9

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

U.S. inflation rate was up by 3.4 percent over the year.

CONSUMER NEWS

(Not seasonally adjusted)	MO/QTR	LEVEL	% CHANGE	
			Y/Y	P/P*
CONSUMER PRICES				
CPI-U (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Dec 2023	306.746	3.4	-0.1
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Dec 2023	0.326	-3.2	0.1
Northeast Region	Dec 2023	316.143	2.6	0.0
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Dec 2023	324.691	2.9	0.1
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Nov 2023	328.362	2.4	0.4
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Dec 2023	300.728	3.3	-0.2

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Change over prior monthly or quarterly period

**The Boston CPI can be used as a proxy for New England and is measured every other month.

Conventional mortgage rate fell to 6.82 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Dec	Nov	Dec
	2023	2023	2022
Prime	8.50	8.50	7.27
Federal Funds	5.33	5.33	4.10
3 Month Treasury Bill	5.44	5.52	4.36
6 Month Treasury Bill	5.34	5.44	4.71
1 Year Treasury Note	4.96	5.28	4.68
3 Year Treasury Note	4.19	4.64	4.05
5 Year Treasury Note	4.00	4.49	3.76
7 Year Treasury Note	4.04	4.53	3.72
10 Year Treasury Note	4.02	4.50	3.62
20 Year Treasury Note	4.32	4.84	3.87
Conventional Mortgage	6.82	7.44	6.36

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

All states in the region gained jobs over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
Connecticut	1,695.8	1,673.1	22.7	1.4	1,698.3
Maine	656.4	646.9	9.5	1.5	655.3
Massachusetts	3,793.7	3,723.9	69.8	1.9	3,789.4
New Hampshire	705.5	694.0	11.5	1.7	703.0
New Jersey	4,367.0	4,297.4	69.6	1.6	4,354.8
New York	9,732.9	9,660.2	72.7	0.8	9,724.6
Pennsylvania	6,182.7	6,071.0	111.7	1.8	6,176.5
Rhode Island	499.3	497.4	1.9	0.4	497.5
Vermont	306.0	304.6	1.4	0.5	307.8
United States	157,232.0	154,535.0	2,697.0	1.7	157,016.0

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

LABOR FORCE

Seven states posted increases in the labor force from last year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
Connecticut	1,900,006	1,914,328	-14,322	-0.7	1,900,075
Maine	691,403	671,868	19,535	2.9	689,764
Massachusetts	3,742,856	3,726,395	16,461	0.4	3,729,003
New Hampshire	762,154	769,222	-7,068	-0.9	761,068
New Jersey	4,840,645	4,764,691	75,954	1.6	4,848,233
New York	9,780,255	9,626,379	153,876	1.6	9,787,826
Pennsylvania	6,528,257	6,481,162	47,095	0.7	6,515,950
Rhode Island	575,122	566,352	8,770	1.5	574,155
Vermont	352,076	343,969	8,107	2.4	351,071
United States	167,451,000	164,998,000	2,453,000	1.5	168,127,000

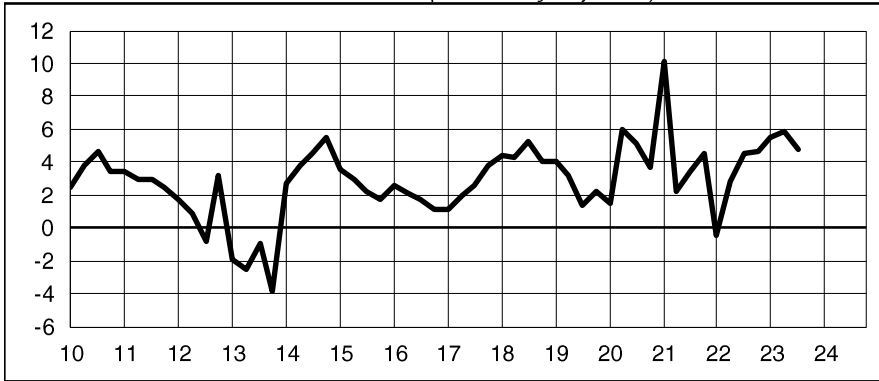
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

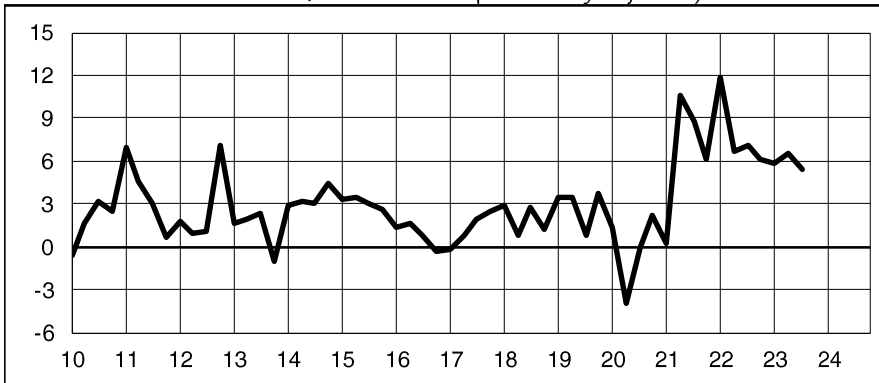
Five states showed a decrease in its unemployment rate over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Dec	Dec	CHANGE	Nov
	2023	2022		2023
Connecticut	3.8	4.0	-0.2	3.6
Maine	3.2	3.1	0.1	3.0
Massachusetts	3.2	3.7	-0.5	2.9
New Hampshire	2.5	2.9	-0.4	2.3
New Jersey	4.8	3.3	1.5	4.7
New York	4.5	4.1	0.4	4.3
Pennsylvania	3.5	4.3	-0.8	3.4
Rhode Island	3.2	3.2	0.0	2.9
Vermont	2.2	3.0	-0.8	2.1
United States	3.7	3.5	0.2	3.7

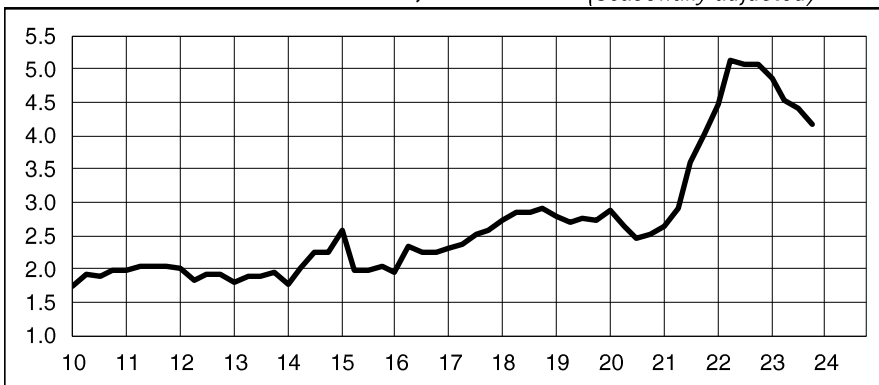
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PERSONAL INCOME, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*

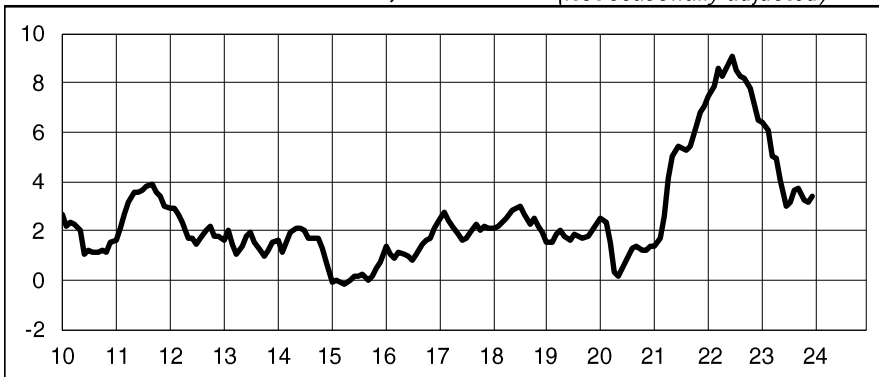
Quarter	2022	2023	2024
First	-0.5	5.5	
Second	2.8	5.8	
Third	4.5	4.8	
Fourth	4.7		

WAGES AND SALARIES, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*

Quarter	2022	2023	2024
First	11.8	5.8	
Second	6.6	6.5	
Third	7.2	5.4	
Fourth	6.1		

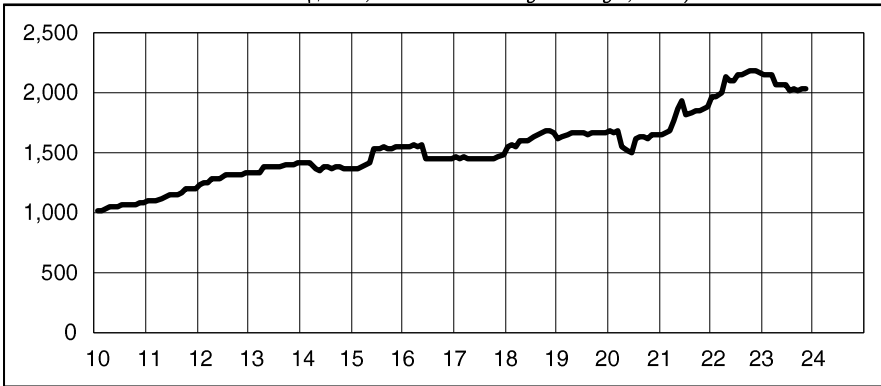
U.S. EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*

Quarter	2022	2023	2024
First	4.5	4.9	
Second	5.1	4.5	
Third	5.1	4.4	
Fourth	5.1	4.2	

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, YOY % CHG *(Not seasonally adjusted)*

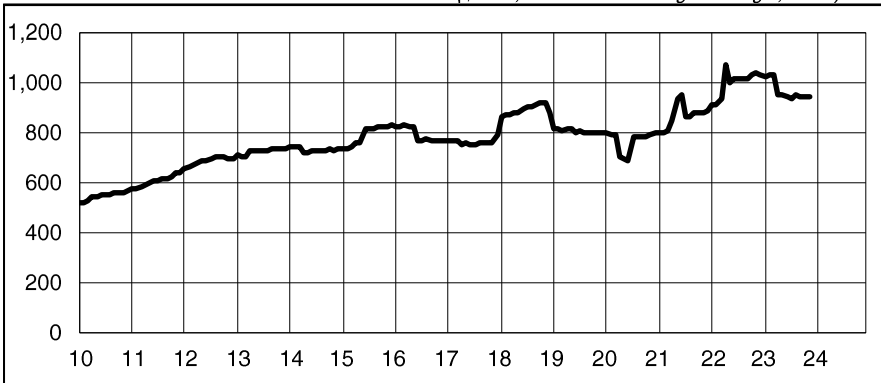
Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	7.5	6.4	
Feb	7.9	6.0	
Mar	8.5	5.0	
Apr	8.3	4.9	
May	8.6	4.0	
Jun	9.1	3.0	
Jul	8.5	3.2	
Aug	8.3	3.7	
Sep	8.2	3.7	
Oct	7.7	3.2	
Nov	7.1	3.1	
Dec	6.5	3.4	

TOTAL ALL REVENUES (\$Mil., 12-mo. moving average, NSA)



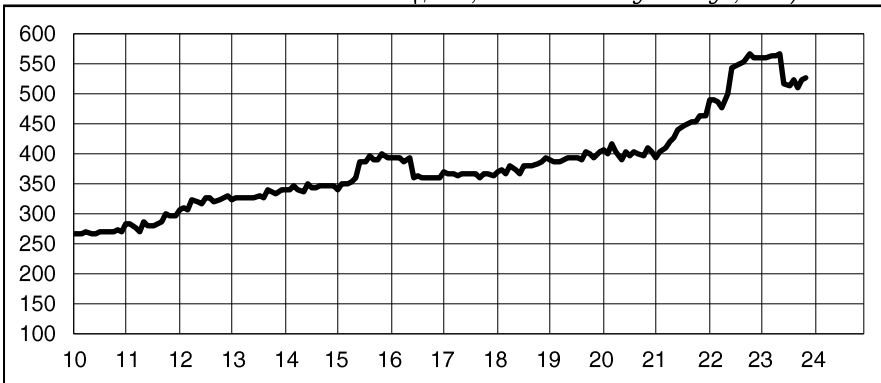
Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	1,950.9	2,136.1	
Feb	1,954.0	2,143.3	
Mar	1,990.6	2,135.7	
Apr	2,118.0	2,058.3	
May	2,084.0	2,058.0	
Jun	2,097.9	2,054.5	
Jul	2,134.7	2,004.7	
Aug	2,138.8	2,032.3	
Sep	2,150.5	2,011.9	
Oct	2,176.6	2,020.8	
Nov	2,168.6	2,031.9	
Dec	2,158.7		

PERSONAL INCOME TAX REVENUE (\$Mil., 12-mo. moving average, NSA)



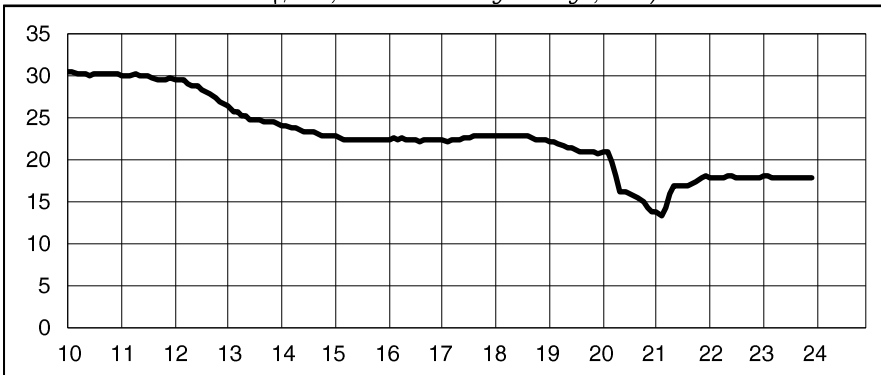
Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	904.9	1,018.8	
Feb	910.5	1,026.1	
Mar	928.7	1,026.7	
Apr	1,066.9	948.8	
May	999.1	948.2	
Jun	1,009.5	941.2	
Jul	1,010.9	935.9	
Aug	1,015.2	948.9	
Sep	1,013.4	942.6	
Oct	1,030.0	937.7	
Nov	1,033.5	943.8	
Dec	1,031.1		

SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE (\$Mil., 12-mo. moving average, NSA)



Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	488.3	557.2	
Feb	489.6	559.5	
Mar	485.7	561.0	
Apr	476.2	561.5	
May	499.5	565.1	
Jun	543.3	516.3	
Jul	545.2	511.4	
Aug	548.0	520.5	
Sep	551.8	509.3	
Oct	564.0	522.2	
Nov	557.3	524.9	
Dec	558.6		

GAMING PAYMENTS (\$Mil., 12-mo. moving average, NSA)



Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	17.7	17.9	
Feb	17.8	17.9	
Mar	17.8	17.8	
Apr	17.7	17.8	
May	18.0	17.8	
Jun	18.0	17.8	
Jul	17.8	17.8	
Aug	17.8	17.7	
Sep	17.8	17.8	
Oct	17.7	17.7	
Nov	17.6	17.7	
Dec	17.7	17.8	

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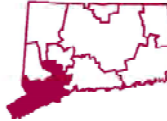
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	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	CHANGE		Nov 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,708,200	1,683,800	24,400	1.4	1,719,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,470,500	1,450,600	19,900	1.4	1,479,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	219,300	219,400	-100	0.0	221,700
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	60,100	60,300	-200	-0.3	63,100
MANUFACTURING	159,200	159,100	100	0.1	158,600
Durable Goods	123,900	123,900	0	0.0	123,700
Fabricated Metal.....	27,800	28,300	-500	-1.8	27,800
Machinery.....	13,500	13,700	-200	-1.5	13,500
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,100	10,400	-300	-2.9	10,100
Transportation Equipment.....	47,700	46,000	1,700	3.7	47,600
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	30,100	29,900	200	0.7	30,100
Non-Durable Goods	35,300	35,200	100	0.3	34,900
Chemical.....	7,900	8,200	-300	-3.7	7,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,488,900	1,464,400	24,500	1.7	1,497,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	311,800	305,300	6,500	2.1	309,300
Wholesale Trade.....	63,800	60,900	2,900	4.8	64,200
Retail Trade.....	170,800	170,600	200	0.1	169,900
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,800	21,100	700	3.3	21,700
Building Material.....	15,000	15,900	-900	-5.7	15,000
Food and Beverage Stores.....	41,200	41,900	-700	-1.7	41,300
General Merchandise Stores.....	30,800	30,700	100	0.3	30,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	77,200	73,800	3,400	4.6	75,200
Utilities.....	5,200	5,100	100	2.0	5,200
Transportation and Warehousing.....	72,000	68,700	3,300	4.8	70,000
INFORMATION	31,300	31,200	100	0.3	31,700
Telecommunications.....	5,900	6,000	-100	-1.7	6,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	114,000	116,700	-2,700	-2.3	114,000
Finance and Insurance.....	95,000	97,300	-2,300	-2.4	95,000
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	19,600	20,200	-600	-3.0	19,600
Financial Investments and Related.....	21,700	22,100	-400	-1.8	21,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	53,700	55,000	-1,300	-2.4	53,600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	19,000	19,400	-400	-2.1	19,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	221,100	218,400	2,700	1.2	224,100
Professional, Scientific.....	103,500	101,200	2,300	2.3	104,500
Legal Services.....	12,200	12,100	100	0.8	12,300
Computer Systems Design.....	23,100	22,800	300	1.3	23,300
Management of Companies.....	31,200	30,900	300	1.0	31,200
Administrative and Support.....	86,400	86,300	100	0.1	88,400
Employment Services.....	26,600	27,700	-1,100	-4.0	27,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	359,000	351,400	7,600	2.2	364,400
Educational Services.....	73,600	72,700	900	1.2	76,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	285,400	278,700	6,700	2.4	287,500
Hospitals.....	62,700	60,800	1,900	3.1	63,500
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	54,900	55,000	-100	-0.2	55,300
Social Assistance.....	70,200	66,500	3,700	5.6	70,100
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	150,100	147,200	2,900	2.0	151,200
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	26,900	22,900	4,000	17.5	28,100
Accommodation and Food Services.....	123,200	124,300	-1,100	-0.9	123,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	114,300	114,900	-600	-0.5	114,000
OTHER SERVICES	63,900	61,000	2,900	4.8	62,800
GOVERNMENT	237,700	233,200	4,500	1.9	240,400
Federal Government.....	19,000	18,800	200	1.1	19,000
State Government.....	71,400	70,000	1,400	2.0	73,400
Local Government**.....	147,300	144,400	2,900	2.0	148,000

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BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	CHANGE		Nov 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	408,400	402,800	5,600	1.4	409,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	364,400	360,300	4,100	1.1	365,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	42,400	42,700	-300	-0.7	42,700
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	13,300	13,200	100	0.8	13,800
MANUFACTURING	29,100	29,500	-400	-1.4	28,900
Durable Goods.....	22,800	23,300	-500	-2.1	22,800
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	366,000	360,100	5,900	1.6	367,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	68,500	67,800	700	1.0	67,900
Wholesale Trade.....	13,500	13,200	300	2.3	13,500
Retail Trade.....	44,600	44,200	400	0.9	44,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,400	10,400	0	0.0	10,200
INFORMATION	12,600	12,700	-100	-0.8	12,700
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	33,900	35,500	-1,600	-4.5	34,000
Finance and Insurance.....	28,500	29,800	-1,300	-4.4	28,600
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	6,900	7,200	-300	-4.2	6,900
Financial Investments and Related.....	15,800	15,900	-100	-0.6	15,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	64,900	64,700	200	0.3	66,200
Professional, Scientific.....	33,000	31,400	1,600	5.1	33,000
Administrative and Support.....	22,700	23,500	-800	-3.4	23,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	81,700	79,700	2,000	2.5	82,700
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	67,700	66,500	1,200	1.8	68,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	42,300	40,500	1,800	4.4	41,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	32,600	32,100	500	1.6	31,800
OTHER SERVICES	18,100	16,700	1,400	8.4	17,600
GOVERNMENT	44,000	42,500	1,500	3.5	44,500
Federal.....	2,400	2,400	0	0.0	2,400
State & Local.....	41,600	40,100	1,500	3.7	42,100

DANBURY LMA

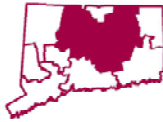


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	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	CHANGE		Nov 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	77,400	77,300	100	0.1	77,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	67,500	67,700	-200	-0.3	67,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,800	12,200	-400	-3.3	11,800
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	65,600	65,100	500	0.8	66,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	19,600	18,600	1,000	5.4	19,400
Retail Trade.....	13,100	13,000	100	0.8	12,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	8,800	8,900	-100	-1.1	9,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	7,200	7,200	0	0.0	7,200
GOVERNMENT	9,900	9,600	300	3.1	10,300
Federal.....	700	700	0	0.0	700
State & Local.....	9,200	8,900	300	3.4	9,600

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HARTFORD LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	580,300	578,800	1,500	0.3	585,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	485,600	484,600	1,000	0.2	489,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	74,800	76,400	-1,600	-2.1	75,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	19,900	21,000	-1,100	-5.2	21,500
MANUFACTURING	54,900	55,400	-500	-0.9	54,400
Durable Goods.....	45,200	45,400	-200	-0.4	45,000
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,700	10,000	-300	-3.0	9,400
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	505,500	502,400	3,100	0.6	509,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	95,900	95,000	900	0.9	94,700
Wholesale Trade.....	17,300	16,900	400	2.4	17,300
Retail Trade.....	51,500	51,500	0	0.0	50,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	27,100	26,600	500	1.9	26,700
Transportation and Warehousing.....	26,300	25,900	400	1.5	26,000
INFORMATION	9,000	8,900	100	1.1	9,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50,600	50,600	0	0.0	50,300
Depository Credit Institutions.....	4,800	4,900	-100	-2.0	4,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	33,800	34,500	-700	-2.0	33,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	73,700	75,100	-1,400	-1.9	75,900
Professional, Scientific.....	37,900	35,300	2,600	7.4	38,700
Management of Companies.....	13,200	12,200	1,000	8.2	13,200
Administrative and Support.....	22,600	27,600	-5,000	-18.1	24,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	115,300	112,000	3,300	2.9	116,300
Educational Services.....	14,200	14,100	100	0.7	14,700
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	101,100	97,900	3,200	3.3	101,600
Ambulatory Health Care.....	34,400	33,500	900	2.7	34,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	43,900	45,100	-1,200	-2.7	45,100
Accommodation and Food Services.....	37,400	38,400	-1,000	-2.6	38,000
OTHER SERVICES	22,400	21,500	900	4.2	22,100
GOVERNMENT	94,700	94,200	500	0.5	95,800
Federal.....	5,500	5,500	0	0.0	5,500
State & Local.....	89,200	88,700	500	0.6	90,300

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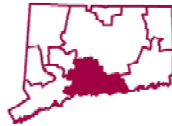
Labor Market Areas	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	406,400	401,100	5,300	1.3	406,500
DANBURY LMA	76,500	76,600	-100	-0.1	76,700
HARTFORD LMA	574,600	573,700	900	0.2	576,700
NEW HAVEN LMA	306,600	299,900	6,700	2.2	307,100
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	127,500	124,200	3,300	2.7	127,400
WATERBURY LMA	67,600	66,700	900	1.3	67,900
ENFIELD LMA**	43,100	42,700	400	0.9	43,200
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**	33,100	32,900	200	0.6	33,200
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**	27,400	27,300	100	0.4	27,600

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NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	309,200	302,800	6,400	2.1	313,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	272,000	266,700	5,300	2.0	275,700
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	35,100	34,900	200	0.6	35,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	11,600	11,300	300	2.7	11,900
MANUFACTURING	23,500	23,600	-100	-0.4	23,300
Durable Goods.....	17,000	17,100	-100	-0.6	17,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	274,100	267,900	6,200	2.3	277,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	60,900	59,200	1,700	2.9	61,100
Wholesale Trade.....	12,200	11,800	400	3.4	12,200
Retail Trade.....	27,500	27,200	300	1.1	27,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	21,200	20,200	1,000	5.0	21,000
INFORMATION	3,800	3,800	0	0.0	3,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	11,700	11,900	-200	-1.7	11,700
Finance and Insurance.....	7,800	8,000	-200	-2.5	7,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	31,300	31,600	-300	-0.9	31,400
Administrative and Support.....	15,600	15,900	-300	-1.9	15,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	90,500	88,300	2,200	2.5	93,400
Educational Services.....	35,700	34,400	1,300	3.8	38,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	54,800	53,900	900	1.7	55,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	27,200	26,400	800	3.0	27,700
Accommodation and Food Services.....	22,600	22,400	200	0.9	22,400
OTHER SERVICES	11,500	10,600	900	8.5	11,300
GOVERNMENT	37,200	36,100	1,100	3.0	37,400
Federal.....	5,100	5,100	0	0.0	5,100
State & Local.....	32,100	31,000	1,100	3.5	32,300

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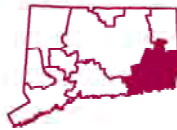
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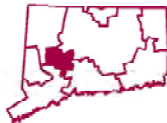
Workforce Area	December Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads
Eastern	5,170	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	1,452	Registered Nurses	406
North Central	27,083	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	4,572	Registered Nurses	1,501
Northwest	9,360	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	2,281	Registered Nurses	843
South Central	14,030	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	3,067	Registered Nurses	1,204
Southwest	15,589	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	2,796	Registered Nurses	852

Source: CT DOL Research Office Analysis of HWOL Data Series

The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine Data Series (HWOL) measures the number of new, first-time online jobs and jobs reposted from the previous month for over 16,000 Internet job boards, corporate boards and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas. The data can be used as a real-time measure of labor demand. For more information go to <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/hwol.asp>.

**NORWICH-NEW LONDON-
WESTERLY, CT-RI LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	127,700	123,800	3,900	3.2	128,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	101,100	98,000	3,100	3.2	101,700
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	24,400	23,400	1,000	4.3	24,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	4,100	4,100	0	0.0	4,200
MANUFACTURING	20,300	19,300	1,000	5.2	20,200
Durable Goods.....	16,800	15,800	1,000	6.3	16,800
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,500	3,500	0	0.0	3,400
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	103,300	100,400	2,900	2.9	104,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	22,200	21,900	300	1.4	22,000
Wholesale Trade.....	2,700	2,600	100	3.8	2,700
Retail Trade.....	14,900	15,000	-100	-0.7	14,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	4,600	4,300	300	7.0	4,500
INFORMATION	1,400	1,300	100	7.7	1,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,800	2,800	0	0.0	2,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,300	9,300	0	0.0	9,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	21,600	20,500	1,100	5.4	21,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	18,400	17,700	700	4.0	18,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	16,000	15,500	500	3.2	16,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	12,900	13,000	-100	-0.8	13,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.....	11,000	11,200	-200	-1.8	11,100
OTHER SERVICES	3,400	3,300	100	3.0	3,400
GOVERNMENT	26,600	25,800	800	3.1	26,900
Federal.....	3,000	2,900	100	3.4	2,900
State & Local**.....	23,600	22,900	700	3.1	24,000

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	68,500	67,100	1,400	2.1	69,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	58,100	57,000	1,100	1.9	58,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	10,300	10,200	100	1.0	10,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,000	2,900	100	3.4	3,100
MANUFACTURING	7,300	7,300	0	0.0	7,300
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	58,200	56,900	1,300	2.3	58,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	13,600	13,400	200	1.5	13,500
Wholesale Trade.....	2,000	1,900	100	5.3	2,000
Retail Trade.....	9,100	9,100	0	0.0	9,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	2,500	2,400	100	4.2	2,400
INFORMATION	600	600	0	0.0	600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800	0	0.0	1,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,300	5,500	-200	-3.6	5,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	18,400	17,600	800	4.5	18,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	15,800	15,400	400	2.6	15,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,600	5,500	100	1.8	5,600
OTHER SERVICES	2,500	2,400	100	4.2	2,400
GOVERNMENT	10,400	10,100	300	3.0	10,700
Federal.....	400	400	0	0.0	400
State & Local.....	10,000	9,700	300	3.1	10,300

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*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. **Includes Indian tribal government employment.

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	43,100	42,700	400	0.9	43,200
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	33,100	32,900	200	0.6	33,200
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	27,400	27,300	100	0.4	27,600

NOTE: More industry detail data is available for the State and its nine labor market areas at: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/202/covered.htm>. The data published there differ from the data in the preceding tables in that they are developed from a near-universe count of Connecticut employment covered by the unemployment insurance (UI) program, while the data here is sample-based. The data drawn from the UI program does not contain estimates of employment not covered by unemployment insurance, and is lagged several months behind the current employment estimates presented here.

* State-designated Non-CES areas

SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	340,500	338,500	2,000	0.6	343,900
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	278,300	273,900	4,400	1.6	281,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	41,100	40,700	400	1.0	41,500
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	12,500	12,200	300	2.5	12,900
MANUFACTURING.....	28,600	28,500	100	0.4	28,600
Durable Goods.....	19,600	19,700	-100	-0.5	19,600
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,000	8,800	200	2.3	9,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	299,400	297,800	1,600	0.5	302,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	60,400	60,800	-400	-0.7	60,500
Wholesale Trade.....	11,900	11,900	0	0.0	11,900
Retail Trade.....	32,200	32,900	-700	-2.1	32,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	16,300	16,000	300	1.9	16,000
INFORMATION.....	3,000	2,900	100	3.4	3,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	14,200	14,600	-400	-2.7	14,300
Finance and Insurance.....	11,000	11,300	-300	-2.7	11,100
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	7,400	7,600	-200	-2.6	7,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	24,300	26,400	-2,100	-8.0	25,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	89,300	87,100	2,200	2.5	89,800
Educational Services.....	16,400	16,100	300	1.9	17,100
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	72,900	71,000	1,900	2.7	72,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	32,700	28,400	4,300	15.1	33,700
OTHER SERVICES.....	13,300	13,000	300	2.3	13,300
GOVERNMENT.....	62,200	64,600	-2,400	-3.7	62,500
Federal.....	5,900	6,100	-200	-3.3	5,900
State & Local.....	56,300	58,500	-2,200	-3.8	56,600

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*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** New England City and Town Area

	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Dec	Dec	CHANGE		Nov
		2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>						
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,886,100	1,901,400	-15,300	-0.8	1,907,900
	Employed	1,813,000	1,840,200	-27,200	-1.5	1,841,500
	Unemployed	73,100	61,300	11,800	19.2	66,400
	Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.2	0.7	---	3.5
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	461,900	464,100	-2,200	-0.5	464,900
	Employed	443,200	448,700	-5,500	-1.2	447,500
	Unemployed	18,800	15,500	3,300	21.3	17,400
	Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.3	0.8	---	3.7
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	104,700	106,100	-1,400	-1.3	105,500
	Employed	101,100	103,100	-2,000	-1.9	102,200
	Unemployed	3,600	3,000	600	20.0	3,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	2.9	0.6	---	3.2
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,400	43,700	-300	-0.7	43,600
	Employed	41,700	42,300	-600	-1.4	42,200
	Unemployed	1,600	1,400	200	14.3	1,400
	Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	0.5	---	3.3
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	49,400	50,400	-1,000	-2.0	50,200
	Employed	47,700	48,700	-1,000	-2.1	48,700
	Unemployed	1,800	1,600	200	12.5	1,600
	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.2	0.4	---	3.1
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	611,400	620,900	-9,500	-1.5	620,100
	Employed	587,900	601,000	-13,100	-2.2	598,800
	Unemployed	23,500	19,800	3,700	18.7	21,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.2	0.6	---	3.4
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	336,100	337,000	-900	-0.3	341,700
	Employed	324,000	326,900	-2,900	-0.9	330,500
	Unemployed	12,000	10,100	1,900	18.8	11,100
	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.0	0.6	---	3.3
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	138,500	137,400	1,100	0.8	140,100
	Employed	133,400	133,100	300	0.2	135,600
	Unemployed	5,100	4,200	900	21.4	4,600
	Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.1	0.6	---	3.3
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	46,300	46,900	-600	-1.3	46,600
	Employed	44,700	45,500	-800	-1.8	45,200
	Unemployed	1,700	1,400	300	21.4	1,400
	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.0	0.6	---	3.0
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	110,400	110,600	-200	-0.2	111,400
	Employed	105,000	106,200	-1,200	-1.1	106,700
	Unemployed	5,400	4,400	1,000	22.7	4,600
	Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.0	0.9	---	4.2
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	166,661,000	164,224,000	2,437,000	1.5	167,977,000
	Employed	160,754,000	158,872,000	1,882,000	1.2	162,149,000
	Unemployed	5,907,000	5,352,000	555,000	10.4	5,827,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.3	0.2	---	3.5

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	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Dec		CHG	Nov	Dec		CHG	Nov	Dec		CHG	Nov
	2023	2022	Y/Y	2023	2023	2022	Y/Y	2023	2023	2022	Y/Y	2023
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>												
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,184.36	\$1,183.63	\$0.74	\$1,174.93	39.4	41.4	-2.0	39.6	\$30.06	\$28.59	\$1.47	\$29.67
DURABLE GOODS	1,266.43	1,239.00	27.43	1,254.12	39.7	41.3	-1.6	39.7	31.90	30.00	1.90	31.59
NON-DUR. GOODS	947.49	1,018.78	-71.30	956.34	38.5	41.6	-3.1	39.6	24.61	24.49	0.12	24.15
CONSTRUCTION	1,478.23	1,348.50	129.73	1,565.50	39.2	37.2	2.0	40.4	37.71	36.25	1.46	38.75
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,235.48	1,183.22	52.26	1,226.10	33.5	33.5	0.0	33.5	36.88	35.32	1.56	36.60
GOODS PRODUCING	1,516.01	1,474.14	41.87	1,511.20	39.5	39.5	0.0	40.0	38.38	37.32	1.06	37.78
Construction	1,567.24	1,482.00	85.24	1,570.04	38.3	38.0	0.3	39.3	40.92	39.00	1.92	39.95
Manufacturing	1,460.82	1,417.61	43.21	1,472.77	38.8	39.4	-0.6	39.4	37.65	35.98	1.67	37.38
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,188.20	1,130.11	58.09	1,173.78	32.5	32.4	0.1	32.3	36.56	34.88	1.68	36.34
Trade, Transp., Utilities	934.92	896.07	38.85	931.98	31.8	31.9	-0.1	31.7	29.40	28.09	1.31	29.40
Financial Activities	2,241.50	1,997.16	244.34	2,177.18	38.6	37.4	1.2	38.5	58.07	53.40	4.67	56.55
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,531.67	1,455.65	76.02	1,513.35	35.3	35.4	-0.1	35.4	43.39	41.12	2.27	42.75
Education & Health Ser.	1,137.02	1,108.80	28.22	1,131.65	32.9	33.0	-0.1	32.5	34.56	33.60	0.96	34.82
Leisure & Hospitality	603.18	546.51	56.67	590.78	25.7	24.3	1.4	25.9	23.47	22.49	0.98	22.81
Other Services	871.68	926.59	-54.91	888.54	29.3	30.4	-1.1	29.5	29.75	30.48	-0.73	30.12
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,290.63	1,279.86	10.77	1,283.14	32.6	33.2	-0.6	32.8	39.59	38.55	1.04	39.12
Danbury	1,187.49	1,227.96	-40.47	1,200.06	35.3	36.0	-0.7	35.4	33.64	34.11	-0.47	33.90
Hartford	1,280.94	1,237.01	43.93	1,285.49	33.7	33.9	-0.2	33.9	38.01	36.49	1.52	37.92
New Haven	1,147.58	1,106.45	41.13	1,157.84	33.1	33.6	-0.5	33.3	34.67	32.93	1.74	34.77
Norwich-New London	1,049.07	975.94	73.13	1,023.59	32.6	31.8	0.8	31.7	32.18	30.69	1.49	32.29
Waterbury	955.60	947.65	7.95	920.81	33.1	32.7	0.4	32.4	28.87	28.98	-0.11	28.42

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- Aldi grocery store continues expansion, set to open its doors in Plainville
- Studio 10 salon opens new Berlin location with help from state loan program
- CT reinsurance giant Gen Re expected to open offices in downtown Stamford in 2025
- Texas Roadhouse to open in Cromwell March 18
- Big Y coming to Brookfield and Westport
- The Oliver Cromwell Tavern, to open in February in Cromwell
- Ecuadorian deli, restaurant, juice bar opens at former Meriden Agway
- Peruvian restaurant coming to Hartford
- Haven Hot Chicken to open Middletown location
- Target advances Norwalk store plan, replacing Walmart
- Vernon's third Dollar General opening this month
- Green & Tonic opens in Darien, three more coming to Fairfield County this year
- Egg and Cheese cafe to open second location in Willimantic

Layoffs and Closures

- Westport's DeTapas restaurant to close
- L.L. Bean to close New Haven store
- Xerox to cut another 15 percent of workforce, but impact on CT employees not clear
- Panera closes its location at Trumbull Mall
- Lena's Italian Kitchen in Manchester closed

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	461,938	443,168	18,770	4.1	Canton	5,620	5,456	164	2.9
Ansonia	9,078	8,611	467	5.1	Chaplin	1,221	1,181	40	3.3
Bridgeport	67,581	63,949	3,632	5.4	Colchester	9,155	8,898	257	2.8
Darien	8,630	8,288	342	4.0	Columbia	3,165	3,072	93	2.9
Derby	6,560	6,221	339	5.2	Coventry	7,748	7,481	267	3.4
Easton	3,785	3,666	119	3.1	Cromwell	7,789	7,521	268	3.4
Fairfield	29,426	28,379	1,047	3.6	East Granby	3,028	2,933	95	3.1
Greenwich	28,866	27,881	985	3.4	East Haddam	4,938	4,755	183	3.7
Milford	30,482	29,388	1,094	3.6	East Hampton	7,561	7,335	226	3.0
Monroe	9,920	9,560	360	3.6	East Hartford	26,538	25,258	1,280	4.8
New Canaan	8,316	8,007	309	3.7	Ellington	9,600	9,307	293	3.1
Norwalk	50,625	48,612	2,013	4.0	Farmington	14,065	13,630	435	3.1
Oxford	7,251	7,032	219	3.0	Glastonbury	18,802	18,253	549	2.9
Redding	4,374	4,213	161	3.7	Granby	6,894	6,706	188	2.7
Ridgefield	11,733	11,327	406	3.5	Haddam	4,953	4,814	139	2.8
Seymour	8,836	8,461	375	4.2	Hartford	51,367	48,205	3,162	6.2
Shelton	21,843	20,997	846	3.9	Hartland	1,147	1,099	48	4.2
Southbury	8,639	8,312	327	3.8	Harwinton	3,155	3,056	99	3.1
Stamford	71,186	68,402	2,784	3.9	Hebron	5,460	5,305	155	2.8
Stratford	26,899	25,665	1,234	4.6	Lebanon	3,963	3,833	130	3.3
Trumbull	17,568	16,930	638	3.6	Manchester	32,359	31,087	1,272	3.9
Weston	4,326	4,158	168	3.9	Mansfield	12,196	11,841	355	2.9
Westport	12,896	12,462	434	3.4	Marlborough	3,524	3,413	111	3.1
Wilton	8,350	8,027	323	3.9	Middletown	25,609	24,627	982	3.8
Woodbridge	4,768	4,620	148	3.1	New Britain	35,924	34,042	1,882	5.2
					New Hartford	3,902	3,780	122	3.1
DANBURY	104,708	101,066	3,642	3.5	Newington	16,847	16,299	548	3.3
Bethel	10,858	10,482	376	3.5	Plainville	10,290	9,878	412	4.0
Bridgewater	825	796	29	3.5	Plymouth	6,489	6,202	287	4.4
Brookfield	9,121	8,803	318	3.5	Portland	5,329	5,172	157	2.9
Danbury	46,344	44,716	1,628	3.5	Rocky Hill	11,504	11,119	385	3.3
New Fairfield	6,944	6,719	225	3.2	Scotland	935	909	26	2.8
New Milford	14,798	14,282	516	3.5	Simsbury	13,864	13,430	434	3.1
Newtown	13,975	13,490	485	3.5	Southington	24,404	23,567	837	3.4
Sherman	1,841	1,777	64	3.5	South Windsor	14,236	13,759	477	3.4
					Stafford	6,742	6,509	233	3.5
ENFIELD	49,432	47,671	1,761	3.6	Thomaston	4,640	4,472	168	3.6
East Windsor	6,659	6,411	248	3.7	Tolland	8,421	8,181	240	2.9
Enfield	22,609	21,812	797	3.5	Union	465	448	17	3.7
Somers	4,973	4,794	179	3.6	Vernon	17,273	16,611	662	3.8
Suffield	7,633	7,386	247	3.2	West Hartford	34,134	33,122	1,012	3.0
Windsor Locks	7,558	7,268	290	3.8	Wethersfield	13,799	13,281	518	3.8
					Willington	3,591	3,478	113	3.1
HARTFORD	611,428	587,945	23,483	3.8	Windham	12,025	11,519	506	4.2
Andover	1,908	1,850	58	3.0	Windsor	16,299	15,686	613	3.8
Ashford	2,519	2,454	65	2.6					
Avon	9,339	9,030	309	3.3					
Barkhamsted	2,231	2,169	62	2.8					
Berlin	11,627	11,238	389	3.3					
Bloomfield	11,636	11,138	498	4.3					
Bolton	3,121	3,021	100	3.2					
Bristol	32,404	31,016	1,388	4.3					
Burlington	5,674	5,499	175	3.1					

All Labor Market Areas (LMAs) in Connecticut except three are federally-designated areas for developing labor statistics. For the sake of simplicity, the federal Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk NECTA is referred to in Connecticut DOL publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford NECTA is the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast LMA.

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The **civilian labor force** comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

The **employed** are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a family member. Persons temporarily absent from a job because of illness, bad weather, strike or for personal reasons are also counted as employed whether they were paid by their employer or were seeking other jobs. The **unemployed** are all persons who did not work, but were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness) and made specific efforts to find a job in the prior four weeks. Persons waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY TOWN

Town

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DECEMBER 2023

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	336,067	324,031	12,036	3.6	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST	46,337	44,671	1,666	3.6
Bethany	3,281	3,171	110	3.4	Canaan	643	623	20	3.1
Branford	16,564	16,047	517	3.1	Colebrook	809	781	28	3.5
Cheshire	16,151	15,719	432	2.7	Cornwall	767	747	20	2.6
Chester	2,412	2,343	69	2.9	Goshen	1,631	1,589	42	2.6
Clinton	7,561	7,312	249	3.3	Kent	1,499	1,451	48	3.2
Deep River	2,944	2,862	82	2.8	Litchfield	4,766	4,628	138	2.9
Durham	4,431	4,309	122	2.8	Morris	1,412	1,374	38	2.7
East Haven	16,244	15,591	653	4.0	Norfolk	900	871	29	3.2
Essex	3,530	3,435	95	2.7	North Canaan	1,742	1,695	47	2.7
Guilford	13,390	13,033	357	2.7	Roxbury	1,324	1,296	28	2.1
Hamden	36,363	35,158	1,205	3.3	Salisbury	1,820	1,770	50	2.7
Killingworth	3,943	3,848	95	2.4	Sharon	1,489	1,455	34	2.3
Madison	9,424	9,120	304	3.2	Torrington	18,698	17,879	819	4.4
Meriden	33,031	31,507	1,524	4.6	Warren	789	766	23	2.9
Middlefield	2,599	2,524	75	2.9	Washington	2,051	2,006	45	2.2
New Haven	67,036	64,228	2,808	4.2	Winchester	5,995	5,739	256	4.3
North Branford	8,490	8,224	266	3.1	WATERBURY	110,415	104,974	5,441	4.9
North Haven	13,899	13,444	455	3.3	Beacon Falls	3,554	3,431	123	3.5
Old Saybrook	5,293	5,105	188	3.6	Bethlehem	1,918	1,858	60	3.1
Orange	7,580	7,378	202	2.7	Middlebury	3,996	3,878	118	3.0
Wallingford	27,064	26,193	871	3.2	Naugatuck	17,073	16,308	765	4.5
West Haven	31,053	29,829	1,224	3.9	Prospect	5,631	5,456	175	3.1
Westbrook	3,782	3,650	132	3.5	Waterbury	49,932	46,745	3,187	6.4
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART	122,442	117,777	4,665	3.8	Watertown	12,895	12,428	467	3.6
Bozrah	1,492	1,449	43	2.9	Wolcott	9,895	9,554	341	3.4
Canterbury	2,852	2,753	99	3.5	Woodbury	5,522	5,318	204	3.7
East Lyme	8,425	8,096	329	3.9	DANIELSON-NORTHEAST	43,351	41,747	1,604	3.7
Franklin	1,036	1,004	32	3.1	Brooklyn	4,186	4,006	180	4.3
Griswold	6,153	5,919	234	3.8	Eastford	974	945	29	3.0
Groton	17,750	17,139	611	3.4	Hampton	1,017	984	33	3.2
Ledyard	7,701	7,478	223	2.9	Killingly	9,656	9,293	363	3.8
Lisbon	2,277	2,206	71	3.1	Plainfield	8,625	8,300	325	3.8
Lyme	1,176	1,140	36	3.1	Pomfret	2,525	2,457	68	2.7
Montville	8,855	8,522	333	3.8	Putnam	4,840	4,645	195	4.0
New London	11,716	11,143	573	4.9	Sterling	2,028	1,943	85	4.2
No. Stonington	2,859	2,763	96	3.4	Thompson	5,319	5,122	197	3.7
Norwich	19,556	18,647	909	4.6	Woodstock	4,182	4,051	131	3.1
Old Lyme	3,625	3,505	120	3.3					
Preston	2,359	2,275	84	3.6					
Salem	2,076	2,000	76	3.7					
Sprague	1,545	1,487	58	3.8					
Stonington	9,673	9,329	344	3.6					
Voluntown	1,429	1,372	57	4.0					
Waterford	9,889	9,551	338	3.4					

*Connecticut portion only. For whole NECTA, including RI part, see below.

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	138,529	133,404	5,125	3.7
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	16,087	15,627	460	2.9

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,886,100	1,813,000	73,100	3.9
UNITED STATES	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,900,000	1,828,000	72,000	3.8
UNITED STATES	167,451,000	161,183,000	6,268,000	3.7

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS (Continued)

The **unemployment rate** represents the number unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

With the exception of those persons temporarily absent from a job or waiting to be recalled to one, persons with no job and who are not actively looking for one are counted as "not in the labor force".

Over the course of a year, the size of the labor force and the levels of employment undergo fluctuations due to such seasonal events as changes in weather, reduced or expanded production, harvests, major holidays and the opening and closing of schools. Because these seasonal events follow a regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the monthly statistics. **Seasonal Adjustment** makes it easier to observe cyclical and other nonseasonal developments.

TOWN	YR TO DATE			TOWN	YR TO DATE			TOWN	YR TO DATE		
	DEC 2023	2023	2022		DEC 2023	2023	2022		DEC 2023	2023	2022
Andover	0	0	0	Griswold	0	12	78	Preston	1	8	8
Ansonia	0	0	0	Groton	0	11	20	Prospect	0	6	7
Ashford	0	0	1	Guilford	1	38	40	Putnam	1	13	9
Avon	1	18	19	Haddam	0	6	49	Redding	0	6	5
Barkhamsted	1	5	4	Hamden	0	0	0	Ridgefield	1	25	10
Beacon Falls	1	14	18	Hampton	0	0	0	Rocky Hill	0	311	9
Berlin	5	52	25	Hartford	1	4	8	Roxbury	1	10	5
Bethany	0	6	4	Hartland	0	3	3	Salem	0	2	12
Bethel	5	262	46	Harwinton	2	21	10	Salisbury	0	4	10
Bethlehem	0	1	4	Hebron	1	13	15	Scotland	0	0	0
Bloomfield	0	64	183	Kent	0	5	10	Seymour	0	22	43
Bolton	0	2	3	Killingly	0	20	33	Sharon	0	3	9
Bozrah	1	3	3	Killingworth	0	8	8	Shelton	1	36	74
Branford	0	217	38	Lebanon	1	5	4	Sherman	1	7	8
Bridgeport	0	15	492	Ledyard	0	37	37	Simsbury	0	14	42
Bridgewater	0	1	0	Lisbon	1	5	12	Somers	1	9	19
Bristol	5	52	37	Litchfield	1	6	13	South Windsor	0	14	9
Brookfield	2	120	8	Lyme	0	3	8	Southbury	1	22	18
Brooklyn	0	10	14	Madison	1	11	9	Southington	2	47	32
Burlington	0	14	14	Manchester	2	30	33	Sprague	1	2	2
Canaan	0	0	2	Mansfield	0	6	10	Stafford	1	17	86
Canterbury	1	18	12	Marlborough	1	6	2	Stamford	4	423	153
Canton	10	17	38	Meriden	0	137	9	Sterling	0	11	7
Chaplin	0	0	0	Middlebury	0	16	60	Stonington	2	162	31
Cheshire	9	52	38	Middlefield	0	4	4	Stratford	4	17	43
Chester	0	0	0	Middletown	1	18	22	Suffield	1	29	29
Clinton	0	11	9	Milford	9	121	165	Thomaston	0	1	2
Colchester	1	14	16	Monroe	0	9	7	Thompson	3	27	21
Colebrook	0	3	4	Montville	1	13	17	Tolland	1	14	19
Columbia	0	3	1	Morris	0	5	6	Torrington	0	8	7
Cornwall	0	2	1	Naugatuck	1	12	29	Trumbull	0	68	68
Coventry	0	14	14	New Britain	0	2	127	Union	1	1	2
Cromwell	1	9	11	New Canaan	1	18	58	Vernon	7	85	122
Danbury	0	0	38	New Fairfield	0	2	6	Voluntown	0	6	6
Darien	2	29	90	New Hartford	0	5	6	Wallingford	2	23	25
Deep River	0	5	4	New Haven	0	307	633	Warren	0	2	4
Derby	0	2	2	New London	0	28	42	Washington	2	9	14
Durham	0	3	6	New Milford	3	57	60	Waterbury	1	15	26
East Granby	0	3	9	Newington	24	210	4	Waterford	1	19	20
East Haddam	4	25	23	Newtown	3	26	96	Watertown	0	9	14
East Hampton	2	37	20	Norfolk	0	0	4	West Hartford	6	57	92
East Hartford	0	0	3	North Branford	1	11	8	West Haven	0	4	7
East Haven	0	78	5	North Canaan	0	0	0	Westbrook	2	10	17
East Lyme	1	8	82	North Haven	0	14	13	Weston	0	20	11
East Windsor	2	14	11	North Stonington	1	9	11	Westport	7	78	75
Eastford	1	4	7	Norwalk	0	42	67	Wethersfield	1	8	4
Easton	2	7	7	Norwich	1	13	7	Willington	0	5	2
Ellington	0	14	123	Old Lyme	0	9	11	Wilton	1	13	10
Enfield	0	5	17	Old Saybrook	1	38	11	Winchester	0	2	5
Essex	2	6	9	Orange	6	38	13	Windham	0	3	1
Fairfield	1	155	189	Oxford	3	32	56	Windsor	0	7	20
Farmington	204	309	35	Plainfield	0	7	14	Windsor Locks	1	3	3
Franklin	1	6	6	Plainville	1	11	13	Wolcott	1	19	26
Glastonbury	1	22	31	Plymouth	0	7	5	Woodbridge	2	7	6
Goshen	1	15	16	Pomfret	1	5	2	Woodbury	0	13	12
Granby	1	175	20	Portland	0	3	2	Woodstock	1	14	13
Greenwich	5	79	108								

BUSINESS STARTS AND TERMINATIONS

Registrations and terminations of business entities as recorded with the Secretary of the State and the Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) are an indication of new business formation and activity. DOL business starts include new employers which have become liable for unemployment insurance taxes during the quarter, as well as new establishments opened by existing employers. DOL business terminations are those accounts discontinued due to inactivity (no employees) or business closure, and accounts for individual business establishments that are closed by still active employers. The Secretary of the State registrations include limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and foreign-owned (out-of-state) and domestic-owned (in-state) corporations.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs and other goods and services that people buy for their day-to-day living. The Northeast region is comprised of the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

The Employment Cost Index (ECI) covers both wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits for all occupations and establishments in both the private nonfarm sector and state and local government. The ECI measures employers' labor costs free from the influences of employment shifts among industries and occupations. The base period for all data is December 2005 when the ECI is 100.

GAMING DATA

Indian Gaming Payments are amounts received by the State as a result of the slot compact with the two Federally recognized tribes in Connecticut, which calls for 25 percent of net slot receipts to be remitted to the State. Indian Gaming Slots are the total net revenues from slot machines only received by the two Federally recognized Indian tribes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

Production worker earnings and hours estimates include full- and part-time employees working within manufacturing industries. Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month. Average hourly earnings are affected by such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings. These data are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

INITIAL CLAIMS

Average weekly initial claims are calculated by dividing the total number of new claims for unemployment insurance received in the month by the number of weeks in the month. A minor change in methodology took effect with data published in the March 1997 issue of the DIGEST. Data have been revised back to January 1980.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Primarily a measure of unemployment insurance program activity, the insured unemployment rate is the 13-week average of the number of people claiming unemployment benefits divided by the number of workers covered by the unemployment insurance system.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Labor force estimates are a measure of the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Prepared under the direction of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the statewide estimates are the product of a signal-plus noise model, which uses results from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of Connecticut households, counts of claimants for unemployment benefits, and establishment employment estimates. The 2015 LAUS Redesign includes improved time-series models for the census divisions, states, select substate areas, and the balances of those states; an improved real-time benchmarking procedure to the national Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates; an improved smoothed seasonal adjustment procedure; and improved treatment of outliers. Non-modeled area estimation improvements include: updated Dynamic Residency Ratios (DRR); more accurate estimates for all-other employment; more accurate estimation of agricultural employment; and improved estimation of non-covered agricultural unemployment. Handbook estimation is now done at the city/town level instead of at the Labor Market Area (LMA) level in Connecticut, which better reflects local conditions. The Redesign also introduces estimation inputs from the American Community Survey (ACS) to replace inputs that were previously obtained from the decennial census long-form survey. Labor force data, reflecting persons employed by place of residence, are not directly comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. In the labor force estimates, workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. The labor force data also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics and the self-employed. Because of these conceptual differences, total labor force employment is almost always different from nonfarm wage and salary employment.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

All Labor Market Areas (LMAs) in Connecticut except three are federally-designated areas for developing labor statistics. For the sake of simplicity, the federal Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk NECTA is referred to in Connecticut DOL publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford NECTA is the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast LMA. Industry employment and labor force data estimates contained in Connecticut Department of Labor publications are prepared following the same statistical procedures developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, whether for federally designated or state-determined areas.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

Nonfarm employment estimates are derived from a survey of businesses to measure *jobs* by industry. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded from these estimates are proprietors, self-employed workers, private household employees and unpaid family workers. In some cases, due to space constraints, all industry estimates are not shown. These data are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UI COVERED WAGES

UI covered wages is the total amount paid to those employees who are covered under the Connecticut's Unemployment Insurance (UI) law for services performed during the quarter. The fluctuations in the 1992-93 period reflect the effect of the changes in the tax law and the massive restructuring in the state's economy.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AT A GLANCE

(Percent change from prior year; see pages 5-8 for reference months or quarters)

Leading General Drift Indicator.....	0.2	CT Mfg. Production Index	-0.6	Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator.....	0.5	Production Worker Hours.....	-7.0	Occupancy Rate.....	-0.4
Connecticut Real GDP.....	2.6	Industrial Electricity Sales.....	0.5	Tourism Website Visitors.....	-3.1
United States Real GDP.....	2.9	Personal Income	4.8	Air Passenger Count.....	5.6
New England Real GDP.....	2.7	UI Covered Wages	5.4	Gaming Slots.....	1.6
Connecticut PCPI.....	4.6	Business Activity		Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
United States PCPI.....	4.2	New Housing Permits.....	-22.7	Total.....	4.1
New England PCPI.....	4.6	Electricity Sales.....	1.7	Wages & Salaries.....	4.3
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index....	2.7	Construction Contracts Index.....	-37.6	Benefit Costs.....	3.6
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index...	3.0	New Auto Registrations.....	38.6	Consumer Prices	
		Exports.....	4.7	U.S. City Average.....	3.4
		S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	24.2	Northeast Region.....	2.6
Total Nonfarm Employment	1.4	Business Starts		NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	2.9
Labor Force.....	-0.7	Secretary of the State.....	NA	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	2.4
Employed.....	-0.5	Dept. of Labor.....	-21.2	Interest Rates	
Unemployed.....	-5.5	Business Terminations		Prime.....	1.23 *
Unemployment Rate	-0.2 *	Secretary of the State.....	NA	Conventional Mortgage.....	0.46 *
Labor Force Participation Rate...	-0.7 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-8.8		
Employment-Population Ratio...	-0.5 *	State Revenues	NA		
Average Weekly Initial Claims ..	-5.3	Corporate Tax.....	NA		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate	0.27 *	Personal Income Tax.....	NA		
U-6 Rate	-0.7 *	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	NA		
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs	-4.8	Sales & Use Tax.....	NA		
PW Avg Hourly Earnings	5.1	Gaming Payments.....	3.2		
PW Avg Weekly Earnings	0.1				

*Percentage point change
 **Less than 0.05 percent
 NA = Not Available

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