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In April...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut 1,684,400
 Change over month -0.05%
 Change over year +1.01%

United States 155,673,000
 Change over month +0.16%
 Change over year +2.63%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut 3.8%
 United States 3.4%

Consumer Price Index

United States 303.363
 Change over year +4.9%

How COVID has changed the Labor Market

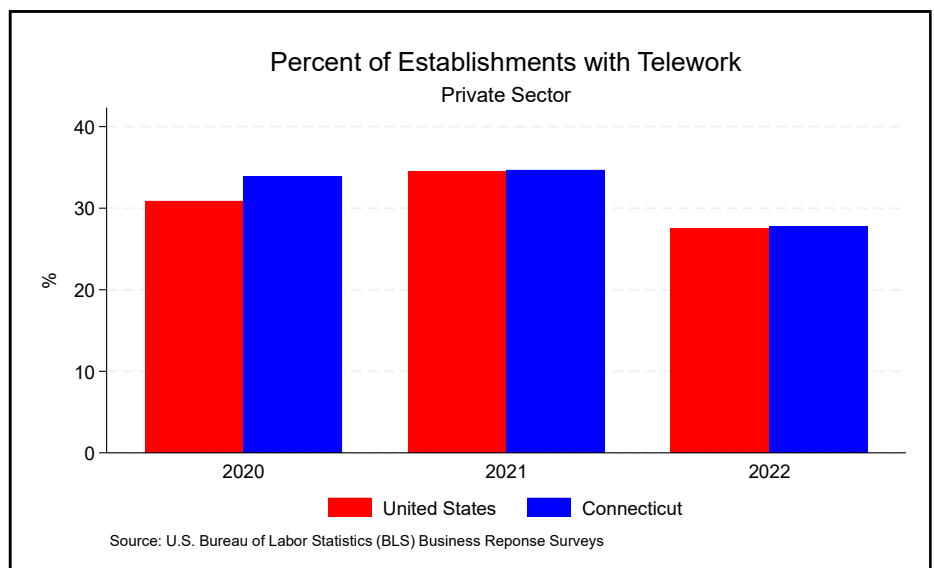
By Patrick J. Flaherty, Director of Research, CT Department of Labor

Now that three years have passed since the emergence of COVID-19 it is possible to begin to distinguish between the short-term and long-term effects of the pandemic. To provide additional measures of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the labor market, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) conducted a series of Business Response Surveys. The initial survey was conducted in July through September 2020. Additional surveys were conducted in July to September 2021 and August to September 2022. The results of these surveys give some insights into the effects of the pandemic on the labor market nationally and here in Connecticut. In addition, the

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) from BLS and the Job-to-Job Flows from the U.S. Census show one unexpected effect of the pandemic – the greater willingness of workers to voluntarily leave their jobs and the resulting increase the number of job openings.

The 2020 Business Response Survey showed that Connecticut’s business response to the pandemic was similar to businesses in the nation as a whole. For example, 51.9% of establishments nation-wide told employees not to work and 51.3% of these continued to pay employees some or all of their pay while not working. In Connecticut, it was 52.8% and

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The Unemployment Rate of All Towns Fell in 2022

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In 2022, the annual average statewide unemployment rate was 4.2%, down from 6.3% in 2021. As the labor force bounced back for the second year from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all 169 municipalities experienced a decrease in their unemployment rate last year.

2021 to 2022

The unemployment rate in all 169 cities and towns in the state fell in 2022. Roxbury had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.5%, while the residents of Hartford experienced the highest rate of 6.5% last year (see table on page 3 for the complete town data). Overall, a total of 128 cities and towns had jobless rates below the 2022 statewide figure of 4.2%, 37 had rates above it, and 4 had rates equal to it. By comparison, 134 cities and towns had rates below the 2021 statewide average of 6.3%, 30 above it, and 5 were the same.

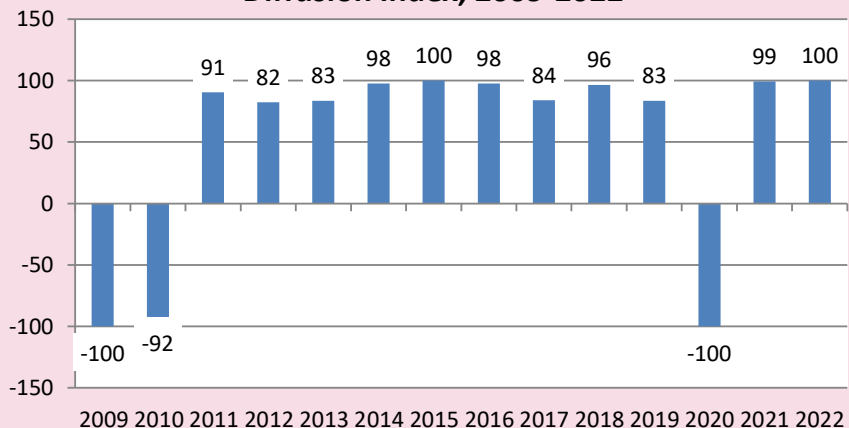
Of the five largest cities in the state with a 2010 Census population of 100,000 or more, Stamford had the lowest unemployment rate of 3.9% in 2022. Hartford posted the highest jobless rate among the large cities at 6.5%. All five cities experienced over-the-year unemployment rate decreases.

Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index

The Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index is calculated by subtracting the share of towns that experienced increases in their unemployment rates from the share that had rate decreases over the year.

As expected, during 2009-2010, the index values were negative, when Connecticut was in an economic recession. And after nine consecutive years of positive values, the 2020 diffusion index value plunged to -100, as all 169 cities and towns experienced an increase in unemployment rate from the impact of the pandemic. However, the index bounced back in 2021 and completely in 2022 with +100, reflecting a strong labor market recovery (chart). To date, this robust momentum has continued as the statewide unemployment rate continues to fall in the first months of 2023. However, given the uncertainties regarding inflation and the national economy, we cannot be sure that the low unemployment rates will persist through the end of the year. ■

Connecticut Town Unemployment Rate Diffusion Index, 2009-2022



Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town, 2018-2022

Town/City	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Town/City	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Town/City	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Andover	3.2	3.1	6.8	4.8	3.3	Griswold	4.3	4.0	10.2	7.6	4.8	Prospect	3.4	3.2	6.0	4.9	3.7
Ansonia	5.3	5.1	11.1	9.5	6.0	Groton	3.3	3.1	8.7	6.3	3.7	Putnam	4.5	3.8	8.5	6.4	4.6
Ashford	3.7	3.1	6.1	4.9	3.7	Guilford	2.7	2.4	5.1	3.8	2.9	Redding	2.9	2.9	6.2	4.7	3.8
Avon	2.8	2.4	5.3	4.2	3.2	Haddam	2.9	2.5	5.7	4.5	3.1	Ridgefield	3.0	2.9	5.7	4.7	3.4
Barkhamsted	3.8	3.1	6.2	5.1	3.2	Hamden	3.6	3.3	6.9	5.4	3.7	Rocky Hill	2.9	2.7	6.1	4.8	3.4
Beacon Falls	3.5	3.4	6.7	5.3	3.7	Hampton	3.7	3.3	5.8	5.2	3.5	Roxbury	2.9	2.0	4.6	4.2	2.5
Berlin	3.3	3.1	6.2	5.1	3.5	Hartford	6.6	6.4	13.4	11.0	6.5	Salem	3.5	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.2
Bethany	3.1	2.8	5.7	4.1	3.4	Hartland	3.3	3.2	5.5	4.8	3.6	Salisbury	2.9	2.5	4.7	4.3	3.3
Bethel	3.3	3.1	7.5	5.2	3.8	Harwinton	3.4	3.0	5.4	4.1	3.7	Scotland	3.8	3.4	6.5	5.7	3.4
Bethlehem	3.6	3.5	6.2	5.2	4.3	Hebron	2.9	2.8	5.9	4.8	3.2	Seymour	4.0	3.8	8.2	6.3	4.8
Bloomfield	4.0	3.8	8.2	6.7	4.6	Kent	2.8	2.8	5.4	3.9	3.5	Sharon	2.7	2.2	4.4	3.7	2.6
Bolton	2.6	2.6	5.1	4.6	3.1	Killingly	4.4	3.9	7.9	6.2	4.1	Shelton	3.9	3.6	7.9	6.2	4.3
Bozrah	3.6	3.0	7.9	5.8	3.3	Killingworth	2.5	2.3	5.1	4.4	2.9	Sherman	2.9	2.8	6.4	4.7	3.6
Branford	3.4	3.2	6.9	5.3	3.5	Lebanon	3.6	3.4	7.0	5.9	3.9	Simsbury	2.7	2.5	5.3	4.3	3.1
Bridgeport	5.7	5.3	12.0	9.8	5.9	Ledyard	3.2	2.9	9.3	6.0	3.9	Somers	3.4	3.2	6.6	5.0	3.8
Bridgewater	3.1	3.2	6.4	4.9	4.1	Lisbon	3.8	3.6	8.9	7.0	4.9	South Windsor	3.2	3.0	6.4	4.7	3.4
Bristol	4.3	4.1	8.6	7.1	4.7	Litchfield	2.9	2.9	5.6	4.8	3.4	Southbury	3.7	3.3	7.3	5.7	4.2
Brookfield	3.3	3.2	7.3	5.4	3.6	Lyme	3.0	2.5	5.2	4.7	3.7	Southington	3.3	3.0	6.5	5.0	3.6
Brooklyn	3.8	3.5	7.4	5.7	4.3	Madison	2.8	2.6	5.5	4.3	3.3	Sprague	4.2	4.0	9.6	7.5	4.7
Burlington	3.0	2.8	5.6	4.9	3.4	Manchester	3.9	3.6	8.5	6.4	4.1	Stafford	3.9	3.6	7.1	5.9	4.3
Canaan	2.7	2.1	6.0	4.6	3.0	Mansfield	3.6	3.6	4.9	4.9	4.4	Stamford	3.5	3.2	8.1	5.7	3.9
Canterbury	3.7	3.1	7.4	5.8	3.9	Marlborough	3.1	2.9	5.6	4.6	3.2	Sterling	4.7	4.5	8.1	6.4	4.7
Canton	3.0	2.8	5.7	4.8	3.4	Meriden	4.5	4.3	8.9	7.6	4.6	Stonington	3.1	2.9	7.3	5.2	3.6
Chaplin	4.3	3.6	7.8	6.9	4.0	Middlebury	3.2	2.8	6.4	4.8	3.6	Stratford	4.4	4.2	9.4	7.5	4.9
Cheshire	2.8	2.4	5.2	4.1	3.0	Middlefield	3.0	3.4	6.4	4.8	3.4	Suffield	3.2	3.1	6.3	5.0	3.7
Chester	2.8	2.9	6.2	4.7	3.1	Middletown	3.8	3.5	7.3	6.2	4.2	Thomaston	3.6	3.3	6.6	5.1	3.7
Clinton	3.2	3.1	6.8	4.9	3.3	Milford	3.5	3.3	7.5	5.9	3.7	Thompson	3.7	3.7	6.9	5.8	4.1
Colchester	3.2	3.0	6.2	4.8	3.4	Monroe	3.5	3.5	7.0	5.5	4.0	Tolland	2.9	2.7	5.4	4.6	3.4
Colebrook	4.5	3.6	6.0	5.2	4.5	Montville	3.9	3.6	10.2	6.5	4.3	Torrington	4.5	4.1	8.4	7.0	4.5
Columbia	3.2	3.2	5.9	4.7	3.5	Morris	3.3	2.8	5.6	3.9	3.4	Trumbull	3.6	3.3	7.2	5.5	3.8
Cornwall	2.7	2.4	5.8	3.7	3.1	Naugatuck	4.4	4.0	8.5	6.8	4.6	Union	2.5	2.9	5.2	5.0	3.8
Coventry	3.2	2.8	5.9	4.9	3.7	New Britain	5.3	5.1	10.9	9.6	5.7	Vernon	3.7	3.4	7.8	6.0	3.9
Cromwell	3.4	3.0	6.8	5.1	3.7	New Canaan	3.0	3.0	5.7	4.4	3.6	Voluntown	3.4	3.9	8.6	7.2	4.4
Danbury	3.2	3.1	7.3	5.4	3.7	New Fairfield	3.2	3.1	7.1	5.4	4.2	Wallingford	3.3	3.0	6.5	5.0	3.6
Darien	3.2	3.2	5.4	4.7	3.5	New Hartford	3.2	2.8	5.8	4.8	3.2	Warren	3.0	2.6	5.4	5.2	3.8
Deep River	3.1	2.6	5.9	4.5	3.2	New Haven	4.7	4.2	8.8	7.8	4.8	Washington	2.3	2.2	5.1	4.4	3.0
Derby	4.9	4.3	9.9	8.0	5.0	New London	5.2	4.8	13.3	10.0	5.7	Waterbury	6.2	5.7	11.7	10.1	6.3
Durham	2.8	2.6	5.1	3.8	2.9	New Milford	3.4	3.1	7.5	5.8	3.7	Waterford	3.4	3.3	8.3	6.0	4.1
East Granby	3.2	2.8	6.1	5.0	3.2	Newington	3.4	3.3	7.4	5.4	3.6	Watertown	3.5	3.3	6.7	5.2	3.6
East Haddam	3.3	3.2	6.7	5.2	3.6	Newtown	3.3	2.9	6.3	5.1	3.6	West Hartford	2.9	2.7	6.0	4.7	3.3
East Hampton	3.2	2.9	6.2	5.2	3.6	Norfolk	3.3	3.1	5.9	4.4	3.3	West Haven	4.4	3.9	8.7	6.7	4.4
East Hartford	5.0	4.5	10.4	8.4	5.1	North Branford	3.3	3.0	5.9	4.9	3.7	Westbrook	3.4	3.2	6.7	5.4	3.7
East Haven	4.1	4.0	8.3	6.7	4.4	North Canaan	3.3	3.3	6.4	5.1	3.5	Weston	3.4	3.1	6.5	5.1	3.6
East Lyme	3.6	3.4	8.0	6.1	4.0	North Haven	3.3	3.1	6.8	4.9	3.6	Westport	2.9	2.8	5.6	4.3	3.4
East Windsor	4.1	3.6	7.3	5.8	4.1	North Stonington	3.2	3.1	7.0	5.4	3.8	Wethersfield	3.4	3.1	7.3	5.9	3.9
Eastford	3.7	3.0	5.7	4.6	3.7	Norwalk	3.5	3.3	8.2	5.8	3.9	Willington	3.3	2.7	6.1	5.2	3.4
Easton	3.2	2.7	6.1	4.9	3.6	Norwich	4.2	3.9	14.1	8.8	4.7	Wilton	3.0	3.1	5.9	4.7	3.4
Ellington	3.3	3.0	5.8	4.9	3.6	Old Lyme	3.4	3.1	6.9	5.7	4.0	Winchester	4.2	4.0	7.8	6.3	4.3
Enfield	3.8	3.5	7.6	5.8	4.0	Old Saybrook	3.2	3.0	6.6	5.2	3.8	Windham	5.0	4.7	9.0	8.0	5.3
Essex	3.0	2.9	6.1	4.3	3.1	Orange	3.0	2.8	6.2	4.3	3.1	Windsor	3.9	3.7	8.0	6.4	4.0
Fairfield	3.4	3.3	6.7	5.1	3.8	Oxford	3.1	3.0	6.4	5.4	3.7	Windsor Locks	4.1	3.6	8.0	6.1	3.9
Farmington	3.0	2.7	5.8	4.5	3.3	Plainfield	4.5	4.2	8.6	6.2	3.9	Wolcott	3.5	3.2	6.8	5.3	3.6
Franklin	3.2	3.6	7.5	5.8	3.8	Plainville	3.8	3.4	7.8	6.3	4.1	Woodbridge	2.9	2.6	5.5	4.0	3.1
Glastonbury	2.7	2.5	5.5	4.1	3.1	Plymouth	4.3	4.3	8.1	6.3	4.8	Woodbury	3.2	3.1	6.3	5.1	3.7
Goshen	2.8	2.9	5.3	4.7	3.6	Pomfret	3.1	2.6	4.9	4.2	2.8	Woodstock	3.9	3.6	7.2	5.4	4.3
Granby	2.7	2.4	5.0	4.3	2.9	Portland	3.5	3.1	6.5	4.9	3.7						
Greenwich	2.9	2.8	5.9	4.5	3.5	Preston	3.7	3.6	9.9	6.8	4.5	CONNECTICUT	3.9	3.6	7.9	6.3	4.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Research

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48.1% respectively. Nationally, 55.6% of establishments experienced a decrease in demand for their products or services and 18.7% experienced a government-mandated closure. Connecticut's portion with decreased demand was 56.3% while the portion with a mandated closure was 17.3% in Connecticut. Only 17.8% of establishments nationally and 17.1% in Connecticut reported that they experienced no impact from the pandemic on their business operations.

One change brought about by the pandemic which may have lasting effects on at least some business establishments is increased telework. Nationally, 30.9% of establishments employing 54.3% of American workers increased teleworking opportunities as did 33.9% of establishments in Connecticut employing 55.9% of Connecticut workers. In the country, 52.3% of establishments and 49.9% in Connecticut had no telework either before or after the start of the pandemic according to the 2020 survey.

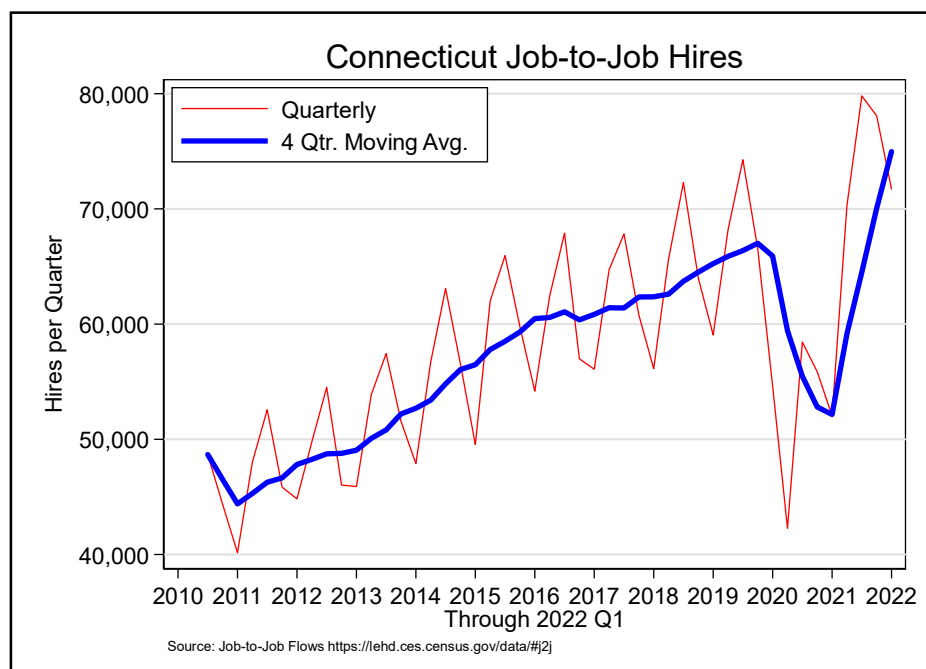
The 2021 Business Response Survey asked additional questions about changes made as a result of the pandemic. Nationally 34.5% of establishments (34.7% in Connecticut) reported some additional workplace flexibilities since the start of the pandemic such as flexible or staggered work hours, compressed or alternative work schedules, or voluntary reductions in hours worked. In addition, 24.2% of establishments employing 45.8% of total employment made some changes in pay directly because of the coronavirus pandemic, either by increasing base wages or paying a bonus or other financial incentive. Again, Connecticut's results were similar to the nation's with 23.8% of establishments employing 48.0% of total employment changing pay as a result of the pandemic.

The 2021 survey showed 34.5% of establishments had increased telework for some or all employees since the start of the pandemic. These establishments employ 50.8% of total private sector employment. In Connecticut, 39.4% of

establishments had increased telework for some or all employees in establishments employing 56.9% of private sector workers. 67.0% of the Connecticut establishments expected the increase in telework to continue after the pandemic is over compared to 60.2% for the nation.

The 2022 survey showed that 27.5% of private-sector establishments had employees teleworking some or all of the time. Connecticut's 27.8% was nearly identical to the nation's. Connecticut establishments with employees teleworking employ 41.6% of the private sector workforce compared to 35.2% for the nation as a whole. The Connecticut level is roughly consistent with the expectations expressed in the 2021 survey although the pandemic was not really "over" when the survey was conducted in August and September of 2022. Fully 95.5% of Connecticut establishments expected the amount of telework to remain the same over the next six months, with only 1.5% expecting it to increase and 3.0% expecting a decrease, suggesting the amount of telework has reached an equilibrium. The survey does not have results by industry by state, but nationally the industries with the highest percentage of establishments with employees teleworking some or all of the time were Information, Professional & Business Services, Educational Services, Wholesale Trade, and Financial Activities.

The 2022 Business Response Survey also asked about hiring and vacancies. 22.4% of establishments nationally reported hiring at least one new employee in July 2022 as did 20.4% of Connecticut establishments. Vacancies were reported by 21.3% of Connecticut establishments and 20.9% of establishments nationally.



The large number of vacancies in July is consistent with the large number of job openings reported by the monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) published by BLS. The persistently high level of openings is perhaps the most surprising result of the pandemic. As of March 2023, there were 9.6 million job openings in the United States. While this is down from the 12.0 million in March 2022 it is still 2 million openings higher than the highest level ever recorded before the pandemic. Connecticut openings tell a similar story with 104,000 openings reported for March 2023, tens of thousands more

than the 86,000 pre-pandemic high and the 65,000 average for 2019, the last year before COVID-19.

One cause of the large number of vacancies is the willingness of workers to quit their jobs. This has been called (inaccurately in my view) “the great resignation” when in fact most workers are quitting to take other jobs. This is in sharp contrast to worker behavior following the “great recession” of 2007-2009 when quit rates were depressed for years. Indeed the Job-to-Job flows show that the number of workers switching jobs was on an upward trend even before the pandemic. The Job-to-Job flows measure the number of workers who leave one job and

start another with little or no unemployment in between.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a severe contraction of the economy with a spike in unemployment and unprecedented job loss. The economy rebounded quickly with jobs and unemployment now at or near pre-pandemic levels. The pandemic has led to some changes that will likely be with us for the long-term, such as an increase in telework. In contrast to previous recessions, the aftermath of the COVID recession is an increased willingness of workers to quit their jobs for new opportunities – a trend that had begun before the pandemic but accelerated after the end of the COVID lockdown. ■

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	4Q 2022	4Q 2021	YoY CHG NO. %		3Q 2022	QoQ CHG NO. %	
General Drift Indicator (2007=100)*							
Leading	113.7	105.8	7.9	7.4	110.0	3.7	3.39
Coincident	95.6	95.1	0.5	0.6	95.6	0.0	0.01
Real Gross Domestic Product** (Millions of chained 2012 dollars)	4Q 2022	4Q 2021	YoY CHG NO. %		3Q 2022	QoQ CHG NO. %	
Connecticut	252,611	250,639	1,972	0.8	252,526	85	0.0
United States	20,182,491	20,006,181	176,310	0.9	20,054,663	127,828	0.6
New England	1,036,456	1,033,155	3,301	0.3	1,031,315	5,140	0.5
Per Capita Personal Income** (Current \$, SAAR)	4Q 2022	4Q 2021	YoY CHG NO. %		3Q 2022	QoQ CHG NO. %	
Connecticut	86,195	82,734	3,461	4.2	85,279	916	1.1
United States	66,944	63,626	3,318	5.2	65,851	1,093	1.7
New England	81,212	77,406	3,806	4.9	79,382	1,830	2.3
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	YoY CHG NO. %		Mar 2023	MoM CHG NO. %	
Connecticut	123.63	120.09	3.53	2.9	123.14	0.49	0.4
United States	137.78	132.84	4.94	3.7	137.38	0.40	0.3

Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut, <https://steven-lanza.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

	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,684.4	1,667.6	16.8	1.0	1,685.3
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Construction	59.7	61.6	-1.9	-3.1	59.9
Manufacturing	157.7	156.9	0.8	0.5	158.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	297.5	300.4	-2.9	-1.0	297.1
Information	31.3	31.0	0.3	1.0	31.1
Financial Activities	114.7	118.8	-4.1	-3.5	115.0
Professional and Business Services	224.5	222.8	1.7	0.8	226.0
Education and Health Services	352.7	340.2	12.5	3.7	352.0
Leisure and Hospitality	153.5	148.2	5.3	3.6	153.8
Other Services	62.1	61.0	1.1	1.8	61.9
Government*	230.2	226.2	4.0	1.8	229.7

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

Average weekly initial
claims rose from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
(Seasonally adjusted)					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,901.2	1,947.7	-46.5	-2.4	1,905.6
Employed (000s)	1,828.9	1,865.8	-36.9	-2.0	1,830.4
Unemployed (000s)	72.3	81.9	-9.6	-11.7	75.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.2	-0.4	---	3.9
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.3	66.2	-1.9	---	64.5
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	61.9	63.4	-1.5	---	61.9
Average Weekly Initial Claims (NSA)	3,610	3,283	327	10.0	2,898
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (% NSA)	1.39	1.30	0.09	---	1.81
	1Q 2023	1Q 2022			2022
U-6 Rate (%)	7.8	9.2	-1.4	---	7.8

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

The production worker
weekly earnings rose over
the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar	Feb
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023	2023
(Not seasonally adjusted)						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	40.4	39.9	0.5	1.3	40.0	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	28.42	27.44	0.98	3.6	28.41	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,148.17	1,094.86	53.31	4.9	1,136.40	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index (2012=100)	92.1	101.8	-9.62	-9.5	94.0	98.7
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,963	4,037	-74	-1.8	3,976	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	194	229	-35	-15.4	200	215
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, 12-MMA (2012=100)	102.3	101.8	0.50	0.5	103.1	103.8

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

*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income
increased 4.3 percent
from a year earlier.

INCOME

	4Q	4Q	CHANGE		3Q
	2022	2021	NO.	%	2022
(\$ Millions, SA, annualized)					
Personal Income	\$312,921.9	\$299,897.1	\$13,024.8	4.3	\$309,372.4
Wages and Salaries	\$140,553.4	\$131,813.8	\$8,739.6	6.6	\$138,870.9

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations decreased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	YY %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Apr 2023	289	-28.8	2,015	1,555	29.6
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Mar 2023	2,122	-3.2	6,472	7,013	-7.7
Construction Contracts Index (1980=100)	Apr 2023	848.5	216.0	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Apr 2023	12,327	-4.9	54,663	55,450	-1.4
Exports (Bil. \$)	1Q 2023	3.66	3.2	3.66	3.54	3.2
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Apr 2023	4,169.48	0.9	---	---	---

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	Feb 2023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	3Q 2022	3,837	-6.2	13,399	13,246	1.2
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Feb 2023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Department of Labor	3Q 2022	1,223	-40.8	4,600	6,042	-23.9

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

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments was up from a year ago.

(Millions of dollars)	Apr	Apr	%	YEAR TO DATE		%
	2023	2022	CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	2,991.0	3,920.0	-23.7	9,672.4	10,877.3	-11.1
Corporate Tax	394.1	403.8	-2.4	1,512.1	1,683.1	-10.2
Personal Income Tax	1,852.3	2,786.9	-33.5	5,030.2	6,017.6	-16.4
Real Estate Conv. Tax	17.1	11.4	50.0	69.4	86.7	-20.0
Sales & Use Tax	365.4	359.7	1.6	1,968.8	1,934.3	1.8
Gaming Payments**	18.4	18.1	1.6	70.3	68.3	2.9

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 (%)*	Apr 2023	59.3	-0.3	53.4	52.2	2.3
Tourism Website Visitors	Apr 2023	358,423	-7.8	1,211,846	1,621,767	-25.3
Air Passenger Count	Mar 2023	549,067	10.9	1,402,283	1,187,740	18.1
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Apr 2023	883.2	1.0	3,403.5	3,310.7	2.8

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 4.8 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar 2023	Dec 2022	3-Mo % Chg	Mar 2023	Mar 2022	12-Mo % Chg
UNITED STATES TOTAL	157.3	155.5	1.2	157.4	150.2	4.8
Wages and Salaries	159.5	157.6	1.2	159.5	151.8	5.1
Benefit Costs	152.3	150.6	1.1	152.4	146.1	4.3
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	159.0	152.2	4.5
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	159.8	153.1	4.4

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 4.9 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	Apr 2023	303.363	4.9	0.5
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Apr 2023	0.330	-4.7	-0.5
Northeast Region	Apr 2023	311.848	3.8	0.2
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Apr 2023	319.211	3.7	0.1
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Mar 2023	324.859	4.7	0.2
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Apr 2023	297.730	4.6	0.6

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 6.34 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022
Prime	8.00	7.82	3.50
Federal Funds	4.83	4.65	0.33
3 Month Treasury Bill	5.07	4.86	0.76
6 Month Treasury Bill	4.99	4.99	1.26
1 Year Treasury Note	4.68	4.68	1.89
3 Year Treasury Note	3.76	4.09	2.72
5 Year Treasury Note	3.54	3.82	2.78
7 Year Treasury Note	3.50	3.77	2.80
10 Year Treasury Note	3.46	3.66	2.75
20 Year Treasury Note	3.80	3.94	2.99
Conventional Mortgage	6.34	6.54	4.98

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Eight of nine states in the region gained jobs over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
Connecticut	1,684.4	1,667.6	16.8	1.0	1,685.3
Maine	646.0	638.4	7.6	1.2	645.2
Massachusetts	3,759.2	3,660.1	99.1	2.7	3,754.1
New Hampshire	699.9	685.3	14.6	2.1	700.7
New Jersey	4,332.3	4,233.2	99.1	2.3	4,316.5
New York	9,673.0	9,439.2	233.8	2.5	9,698.0
Pennsylvania	6,117.1	5,960.8	156.3	2.6	6,106.1
Rhode Island	495.6	496.4	-0.8	-0.2	499.4
Vermont	309.8	304.1	5.7	1.9	308.6
United States	155,673.0	151,678.0	3,995.0	2.6	155,420.0

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

LABOR FORCE

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
Connecticut	1,901,193	1,947,722	-46,529	-2.4	1,905,641
Maine	675,402	677,710	-2,308	-0.3	673,696
Massachusetts	3,739,047	3,758,814	-19,767	-0.5	3,741,218
New Hampshire	765,802	765,496	306	0.0	767,950
New Jersey	4,832,677	4,725,353	107,324	2.3	4,814,879
New York	9,676,648	9,625,656	50,992	0.5	9,659,921
Pennsylvania	6,509,436	6,489,022	20,414	0.3	6,505,031
Rhode Island	566,611	571,812	-5,201	-0.9	566,181
Vermont	346,407	341,723	4,684	1.4	346,213
United States	166,688,000	163,950,000	2,738,000	1.7	166,731,000

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

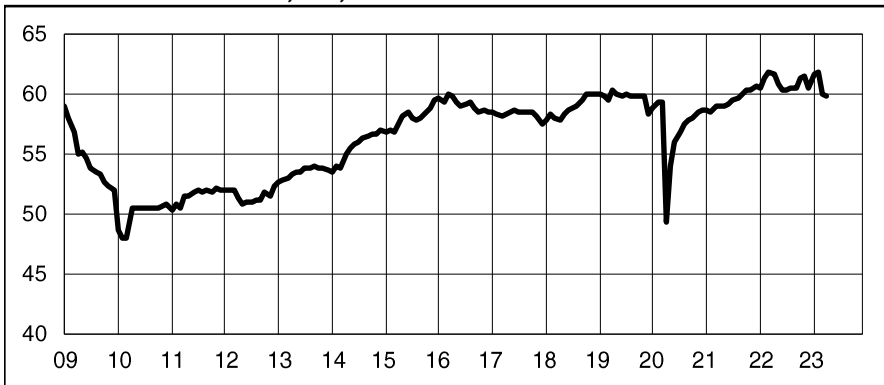
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Apr	Apr	CHANGE	Mar
	2023	2022		2023
Connecticut	3.8	4.2	-0.4	3.9
Maine	2.4	2.7	-0.3	2.6
Massachusetts	3.3	3.7	-0.4	3.5
New Hampshire	2.1	2.1	0.0	2.4
New Jersey	3.5	3.9	-0.4	3.5
New York	4.0	4.3	-0.3	4.1
Pennsylvania	4.1	4.3	-0.2	4.2
Rhode Island	3.0	2.9	0.1	3.1
Vermont	2.4	2.2	0.2	2.7
United States	3.4	3.6	-0.2	3.5

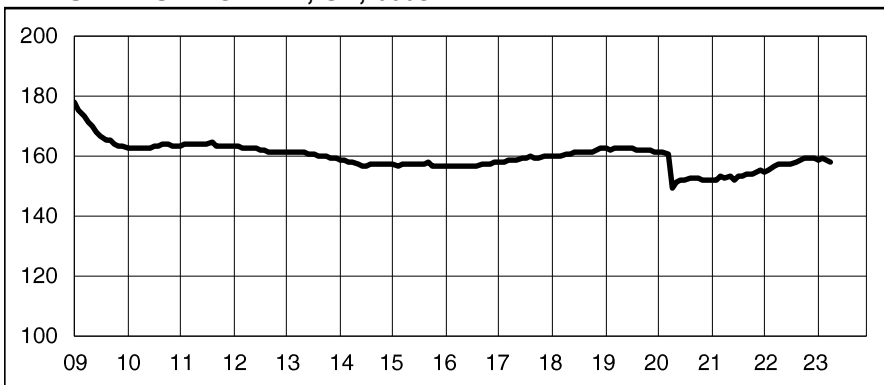
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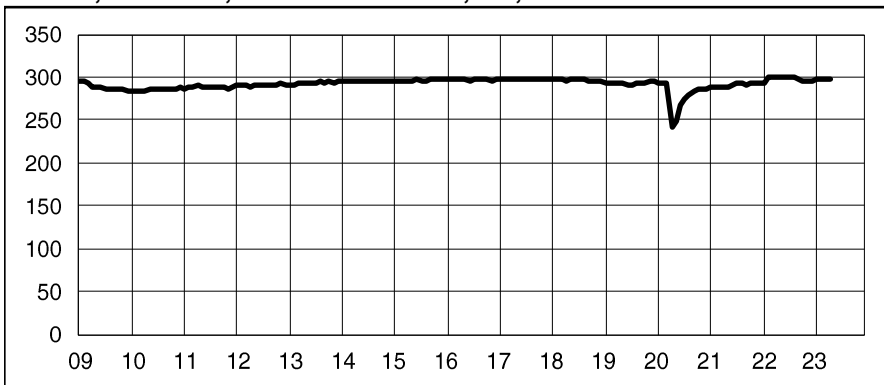
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	58.6	60.5	61.6
Feb	58.5	61.2	61.7
Mar	59.0	61.7	59.9
Apr	58.9	61.6	59.7
May	59.0	60.8	
Jun	59.1	60.3	
Jul	59.4	60.3	
Aug	59.6	60.4	
Sep	59.9	60.4	
Oct	60.2	61.2	
Nov	60.2	61.5	
Dec	60.6	60.4	

MANUFACTURING EMP., SA, 000s



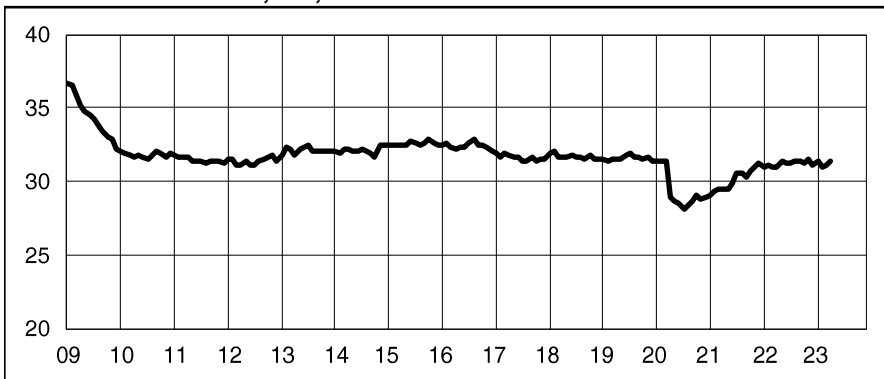
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	151.7	154.3	158.4
Feb	152.0	155.3	158.7
Mar	152.8	156.1	158.3
Apr	152.5	156.9	157.7
May	152.7	156.8	
Jun	152.0	156.9	
Jul	153.3	157.2	
Aug	152.9	157.8	
Sep	153.5	158.1	
Oct	153.9	159.1	
Nov	154.4	158.8	
Dec	154.8	159.1	

TRADE, TRANSP., & UTILITIES EMP., SA, 000s



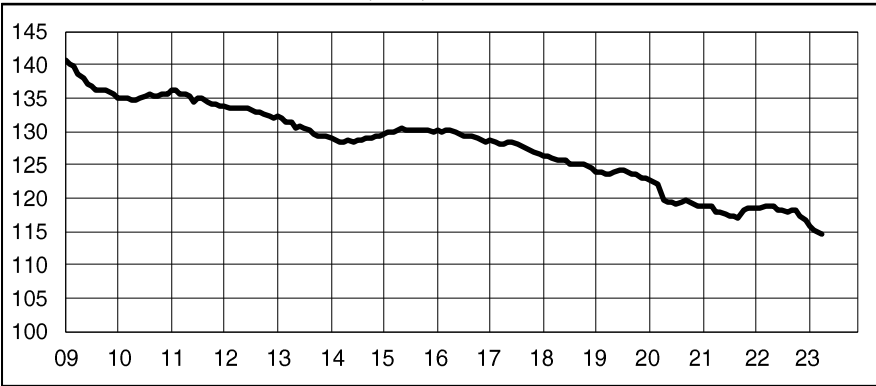
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	288.6	293.4	296.7
Feb	289.0	300.3	296.9
Mar	289.3	300.2	297.1
Apr	288.3	300.4	297.5
May	289.2	299.0	
Jun	289.7	299.2	
Jul	292.9	299.3	
Aug	292.2	299.0	
Sep	290.9	298.6	
Oct	292.0	294.5	
Nov	291.7	294.7	
Dec	292.5	295.7	

INFORMATION EMP., SA, 000s



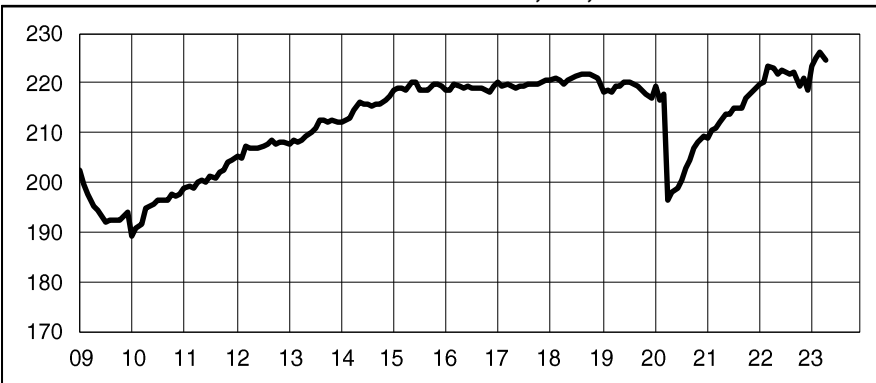
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	29.1	31.0	31.3
Feb	29.3	31.1	31.0
Mar	29.5	31.0	31.1
Apr	29.5	31.0	31.3
May	29.5	31.3	
Jun	29.9	31.2	
Jul	30.5	31.2	
Aug	30.5	31.4	
Sep	30.3	31.4	
Oct	30.7	31.2	
Nov	31.0	31.5	
Dec	31.2	31.1	

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES EMP., SA, 000s



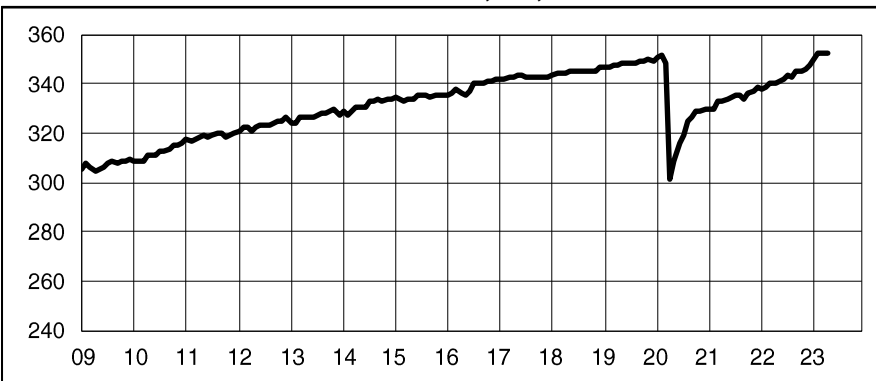
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	118.9	118.5	115.8
Feb	118.7	118.5	115.2
Mar	118.8	118.7	115.0
Apr	117.9	118.8	114.7
May	117.8	118.8	
Jun	117.5	118.3	
Jul	117.4	118.3	
Aug	117.2	118.0	
Sep	116.9	118.3	
Oct	118.3	118.1	
Nov	118.6	117.2	
Dec	118.6	116.6	

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



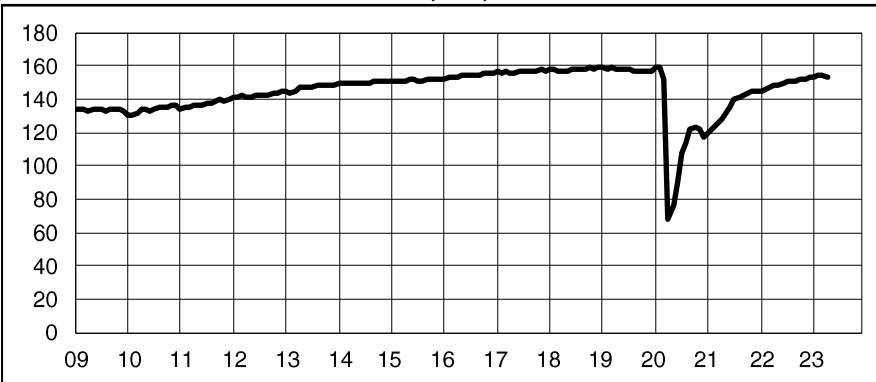
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	208.7	219.8	223.5
Feb	210.5	220.1	225.1
Mar	211.0	223.2	226.0
Apr	212.1	222.8	224.5
May	213.7	221.6	
Jun	213.8	222.4	
Jul	214.7	222.0	
Aug	215.0	221.8	
Sep	215.1	222.0	
Oct	217.1	219.4	
Nov	218.3	220.9	
Dec	218.9	218.6	

EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	329.5	337.5	349.6
Feb	329.9	338.9	351.9
Mar	332.7	340.1	352.0
Apr	332.5	340.2	352.7
May	333.6	341.0	
Jun	334.1	341.5	
Jul	334.9	343.1	
Aug	335.3	342.8	
Sep	333.5	344.7	
Oct	336.4	345.2	
Nov	337.0	346.1	
Dec	338.2	347.6	

LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY EMP., SA, 000s



Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan	120.0	144.2	153.1
Feb	122.2	146.1	154.2
Mar	125.0	147.1	153.8
Apr	127.3	148.2	153.5
May	131.1	148.7	
Jun	134.6	149.2	
Jul	139.4	150.4	
Aug	140.7	151.0	
Sep	141.8	150.6	
Oct	143.5	151.8	
Nov	144.4	152.2	
Dec	144.9	153.0	

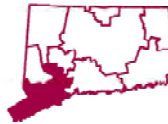
CONNECTICUT*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,676,600	1,662,300	14,300	0.9	1,668,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,443,500	1,431,800	11,700	0.8	1,433,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	216,500	218,000	-1,500	-0.7	213,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	59,800	61,900	-2,100	-3.4	56,000
MANUFACTURING	156,700	156,100	600	0.4	157,900
Durable Goods	121,900	122,200	-300	-0.2	122,800
Fabricated Metal.....	27,600	28,100	-500	-1.8	27,800
Machinery.....	13,300	13,300	0	0.0	13,400
Computer and Electronic Product.....	10,200	10,400	-200	-1.9	10,300
Transportation Equipment.....	45,900	44,900	1,000	2.2	46,300
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	29,700	29,400	300	1.0	30,100
Non-Durable Goods	34,800	33,900	900	2.7	35,100
Chemical.....	8,100	8,000	100	1.3	8,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,460,100	1,444,300	15,800	1.1	1,454,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	292,700	293,900	-1,200	-0.4	294,400
Wholesale Trade.....	62,700	60,000	2,700	4.5	62,200
Retail Trade.....	162,700	165,800	-3,100	-1.9	163,000
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,000	21,100	-100	-0.5	21,000
Building Material.....	15,900	16,800	-900	-5.4	15,400
Food and Beverage Stores.....	40,300	40,900	-600	-1.5	40,600
General Merchandise Stores.....	27,700	27,800	-100	-0.4	28,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	67,300	68,100	-800	-1.2	69,200
Utilities.....	5,100	5,000	100	2.0	5,100
Transportation and Warehousing.....	62,200	63,100	-900	-1.4	64,100
INFORMATION	31,400	30,800	600	1.9	31,000
Telecommunications.....	6,000	6,100	-100	-1.6	5,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	114,100	118,100	-4,000	-3.4	114,900
Finance and Insurance.....	95,200	99,000	-3,800	-3.8	95,900
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	19,800	20,900	-1,100	-5.3	20,000
Financial Investments and Related.....	21,500	22,000	-500	-2.3	21,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	53,900	56,100	-2,200	-3.9	54,100
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	18,900	19,100	-200	-1.0	19,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	224,600	223,000	1,600	0.7	222,000
Professional, Scientific.....	102,200	99,400	2,800	2.8	101,600
Legal Services.....	12,100	11,800	300	2.5	12,100
Computer Systems Design.....	23,000	22,700	300	1.3	22,900
Management of Companies.....	30,900	30,800	100	0.3	30,700
Administrative and Support.....	91,500	92,800	-1,300	-1.4	89,700
Employment Services.....	28,300	29,300	-1,000	-3.4	28,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	354,000	342,600	11,400	3.3	352,500
Educational Services.....	75,300	71,300	4,000	5.6	73,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	278,700	271,300	7,400	2.7	278,700
Hospitals.....	60,900	59,300	1,600	2.7	60,900
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	54,300	52,700	1,600	3.0	54,400
Social Assistance.....	67,400	64,700	2,700	4.2	67,700
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	148,600	144,900	3,700	2.6	144,100
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	26,500	24,400	2,100	8.6	24,000
Accommodation and Food Services.....	122,100	120,500	1,600	1.3	120,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	112,700	112,000	700	0.6	111,000
OTHER SERVICES	61,600	60,500	1,100	1.8	60,600
GOVERNMENT	233,100	230,500	2,600	1.1	234,700
Federal Government.....	18,800	18,100	700	3.9	18,600
State Government.....	71,100	71,700	-600	-0.8	71,000
Local Government**.....	143,200	140,700	2,500	1.8	145,100

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2022.

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

BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	404,100	397,800	6,300	1.6	400,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	362,100	355,600	6,500	1.8	357,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	42,400	42,400	0	0.0	41,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	13,500	13,600	-100	-0.7	12,600
MANUFACTURING	28,900	28,800	100	0.3	29,300
Durable Goods.....	22,700	22,900	-200	-0.9	23,000
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	361,700	355,400	6,300	1.8	358,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	64,900	64,600	300	0.5	65,000
Wholesale Trade.....	13,300	13,000	300	2.3	13,200
Retail Trade.....	42,300	42,500	-200	-0.5	42,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	9,300	9,100	200	2.2	9,600
INFORMATION	12,800	12,300	500	4.1	12,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	33,800	35,200	-1,400	-4.0	34,300
Finance and Insurance.....	28,200	29,400	-1,200	-4.1	28,800
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	7,000	7,400	-400	-5.4	7,100
Financial Investments and Related.....	15,400	15,600	-200	-1.3	15,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	67,500	67,400	100	0.1	65,200
Professional, Scientific.....	32,600	31,800	800	2.5	32,100
Administrative and Support.....	24,300	25,600	-1,300	-5.1	22,600
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	80,800	76,600	4,200	5.5	80,500
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	66,600	63,700	2,900	4.6	66,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	43,000	40,500	2,500	6.2	41,200
Accommodation and Food Services.....	33,600	31,400	2,200	7.0	32,600
OTHER SERVICES	16,900	16,600	300	1.8	16,700
GOVERNMENT	42,000	42,200	-200	-0.5	42,800
Federal.....	2,400	2,300	100	4.3	2,400
State & Local.....	39,600	39,900	-300	-0.8	40,400

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	76,200	75,800	400	0.5	75,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	66,500	66,000	500	0.8	66,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,900	12,300	-400	-3.3	11,600
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	64,300	63,500	800	1.3	64,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	17,900	17,000	900	5.3	18,100
Retail Trade.....	12,200	11,700	500	4.3	12,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,100	9,200	-100	-1.1	9,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	7,200	7,300	-100	-1.4	7,000
GOVERNMENT	9,700	9,800	-100	-1.0	9,600
Federal.....	700	700	0	0.0	700
State & Local.....	9,000	9,100	-100	-1.1	8,900

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HARTFORD LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	575,900	570,100	5,800	1.0	574,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	482,000	477,100	4,900	1.0	480,100
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	75,000	76,000	-1,000	-1.3	74,100
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	20,800	20,600	200	1.0	19,500
MANUFACTURING	54,200	55,400	-1,200	-2.2	54,600
Durable Goods.....	44,500	45,500	-1,000	-2.2	44,700
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,700	9,900	-200	-2.0	9,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	500,900	494,100	6,800	1.4	500,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	91,000	91,500	-500	-0.5	91,200
Wholesale Trade.....	17,000	16,800	200	1.2	17,000
Retail Trade.....	49,600	50,200	-600	-1.2	49,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	24,400	24,500	-100	-0.4	25,000
Transportation and Warehousing.....	23,700	23,700	0	0.0	24,300
INFORMATION	9,000	8,700	300	3.4	8,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49,700	51,500	-1,800	-3.5	49,800
Depository Credit Institutions.....	4,800	4,900	-100	-2.0	4,800
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	33,700	34,900	-1,200	-3.4	33,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	76,800	74,500	2,300	3.1	78,500
Professional, Scientific.....	36,600	34,600	2,000	5.8	36,800
Management of Companies.....	12,700	12,000	700	5.8	12,600
Administrative and Support.....	27,500	27,900	-400	-1.4	29,100
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	113,700	109,600	4,100	3.7	112,800
Educational Services.....	14,900	14,000	900	6.4	14,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	98,800	95,600	3,200	3.3	98,200
Ambulatory Health Care.....	33,600	32,900	700	2.1	33,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	45,000	44,200	800	1.8	43,300
Accommodation and Food Services.....	37,000	37,300	-300	-0.8	36,300
OTHER SERVICES	21,800	21,100	700	3.3	21,500
GOVERNMENT	93,900	93,000	900	1.0	94,300
Federal.....	5,500	5,200	300	5.8	5,400
State & Local.....	88,400	87,800	600	0.7	88,900

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT*Seasonally Adjusted*

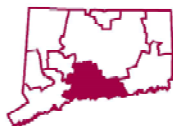
Labor Market Areas	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	406,900	400,000	6,900	1.7	406,600
DANBURY LMA	76,700	76,200	500	0.7	76,500
HARTFORD LMA	577,100	570,700	6,400	1.1	577,000
NEW HAVEN LMA	302,700	299,000	3,700	1.2	302,400
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	124,300	122,700	1,600	1.3	125,700
WATERBURY LMA	67,500	65,800	1,700	2.6	67,200
ENFIELD LMA**	41,800	41,600	200	0.5	41,900
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**	32,500	32,400	100	0.3	32,100
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**	27,100	27,000	100	0.4	27,000

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**Unofficial seasonally adjusted estimates produced by the Connecticut Department of Labor

NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
	2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	301,700	298,400	3,300	1.1	299,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	265,500	262,800	2,700	1.0	263,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	34,300	34,600	-300	-0.9	33,900
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	11,500	11,200	300	2.7	11,000
MANUFACTURING	22,800	23,400	-600	-2.6	22,900
Durable Goods.....	16,600	16,800	-200	-1.2	16,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	267,400	263,800	3,600	1.4	265,900
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	56,900	58,500	-1,600	-2.7	57,200
Wholesale Trade.....	11,800	11,600	200	1.7	11,800
Retail Trade.....	26,500	27,000	-500	-1.9	26,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	18,600	19,900	-1,300	-6.5	18,900
INFORMATION	3,800	3,900	-100	-2.6	3,800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	11,700	11,800	-100	-0.8	11,700
Finance and Insurance.....	7,800	7,900	-100	-1.3	7,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	31,200	32,600	-1,400	-4.3	30,900
Administrative and Support.....	16,400	17,100	-700	-4.1	16,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	89,900	86,900	3,000	3.5	88,800
Educational Services.....	36,700	34,100	2,600	7.6	35,200
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	53,200	52,800	400	0.8	53,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	27,000	23,900	3,100	13.0	26,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	22,700	20,200	2,500	12.4	22,400
OTHER SERVICES	10,700	10,600	100	0.9	10,500
GOVERNMENT	36,200	35,600	600	1.7	36,500
Federal.....	5,100	5,000	100	2.0	5,000
State & Local.....	31,100	30,600	500	1.6	31,500

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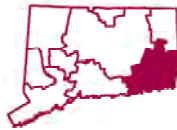
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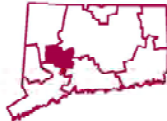
Workforce Area	April Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads
Eastern	8,894	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	2,445	Registered Nurses	621
North Central	37,299	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	7,740	Registered Nurses	2,161
Northwest	12,271	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	3,409	Registered Nurses	1,112
South Central	18,962	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	5,495	Registered Nurses	1,534
Southwest	22,653	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	5,325	Registered Nurses	1,386

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*

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	123,600	122,100	1,500	1.2	123,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	96,900	96,500	400	0.4	96,700
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	23,300	22,800	500	2.2	23,300
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	4,200	4,500	-300	-6.7	4,000
MANUFACTURING	19,100	18,300	800	4.4	19,300
Durable Goods.....	15,700	14,900	800	5.4	15,800
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,400	3,400	0	0.0	3,500
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	100,300	99,300	1,000	1.0	100,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	20,600	20,600	0	0.0	20,800
Wholesale Trade.....	2,700	2,500	200	8.0	2,700
Retail Trade.....	14,100	14,400	-300	-2.1	14,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	3,800	3,700	100	2.7	3,900
INFORMATION	1,300	1,400	-100	-7.1	1,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,800	2,700	100	3.7	2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,300	9,900	-600	-6.1	9,100
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	20,800	21,000	-200	-1.0	21,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	17,900	17,900	0	0.0	18,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	15,500	14,900	600	4.0	15,100
Accommodation and Food Services.....	13,100	12,600	500	4.0	12,700
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.....	11,100	10,800	300	2.8	10,900
OTHER SERVICES	3,300	3,200	100	3.1	3,300
GOVERNMENT	26,700	25,600	1,100	4.3	26,900
Federal.....	3,000	2,900	100	3.4	3,000
State & Local**.....	23,700	22,700	1,000	4.4	23,900

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	67,000	65,700	1,300	2.0	66,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	57,100	55,600	1,500	2.7	56,400
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	10,300	10,000	300	3.0	10,000
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,000	2,800	200	7.1	2,800
MANUFACTURING	7,300	7,200	100	1.4	7,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	56,700	55,700	1,000	1.8	56,500
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	12,900	12,500	400	3.2	12,900
Wholesale Trade.....	1,900	1,900	0	0.0	1,900
Retail Trade.....	9,000	8,800	200	2.3	9,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	2,000	1,800	200	11.1	2,000
INFORMATION	600	600	0	0.0	600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3	1,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,500	5,500	0	0.0	5,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	17,900	17,000	900	5.3	17,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	15,400	15,000	400	2.7	15,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,700	5,700	0	0.0	5,500
OTHER SERVICES	2,400	2,400	0	0.0	2,400
GOVERNMENT	9,900	10,100	-200	-2.0	10,100
Federal.....	400	400	0	0.0	400
State & Local.....	9,500	9,700	-200	-2.1	9,700

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SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	41,800	41,600	200	0.5	41,900
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	32,500	32,400	100	0.3	32,100
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	27,100	27,000	100	0.4	27,000

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

	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	CHANGE		Mar 2023
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	340,200	331,600	8,600	2.6	338,100
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	275,100	268,700	6,400	2.4	272,900
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	41,000	41,200	-200	-0.5	40,600
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	12,300	12,200	100	0.8	11,900
MANUFACTURING.....	28,700	29,000	-300	-1.0	28,700
Durable Goods.....	19,800	19,500	300	1.5	19,800
Non-Durable Goods.....	8,900	9,500	-600	-6.3	8,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	299,200	290,400	8,800	3.0	297,500
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	58,500	58,100	400	0.7	58,600
Wholesale Trade.....	12,000	11,300	700	6.2	12,000
Retail Trade.....	31,600	32,200	-600	-1.9	31,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	14,900	14,600	300	2.1	14,900
INFORMATION.....	3,000	3,000	0	0.0	2,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	14,400	13,800	600	4.3	14,400
Finance and Insurance.....	11,100	10,700	400	3.7	11,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	7,500	7,200	300	4.2	7,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	26,100	25,000	1,100	4.4	26,500
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	86,200	84,700	1,500	1.8	87,000
Educational Services.....	16,900	16,600	300	1.8	17,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	69,300	68,100	1,200	1.8	70,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	33,000	30,700	2,300	7.5	30,100
OTHER SERVICES.....	12,900	12,200	700	5.7	12,800
GOVERNMENT.....	65,100	62,900	2,200	3.5	65,200
Federal.....	6,100	6,000	100	1.7	6,000
State & Local.....	59,000	56,900	2,100	3.7	59,200

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** New England City and Town Area

<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Apr	Apr	CHANGE		Mar
		2023	2022	NO.	%	2023
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,867,700	1,922,400	-54,700	-2.8	1,882,100
	Employed	1,812,500	1,844,700	-32,200	-1.7	1,801,000
	Unemployed	55,200	77,700	-22,500	-29.0	81,100
	Unemployment Rate	3.0	4.0	-1.0	---	4.3
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	459,200	470,100	-10,900	-2.3	460,100
	Employed	445,300	451,000	-5,700	-1.3	439,900
	Unemployed	14,000	19,000	-5,000	-26.3	20,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.0	4.0	-1.0	---	4.4
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	104,300	107,300	-3,000	-2.8	104,200
	Employed	101,500	103,400	-1,900	-1.8	100,100
	Unemployed	2,800	3,900	-1,100	-28.2	4,000
	Unemployment Rate	2.7	3.6	-0.9	---	3.9
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,100	44,200	-1,100	-2.5	43,300
	Employed	41,800	42,400	-600	-1.4	41,300
	Unemployed	1,300	1,800	-500	-27.8	2,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.1	4.0	-0.9	---	4.7
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	49,500	50,500	-1,000	-2.0	50,000
	Employed	48,100	48,500	-400	-0.8	47,900
	Unemployed	1,400	2,000	-600	-30.0	2,000
	Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.9	-1.1	---	4.1
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	607,400	627,700	-20,300	-3.2	614,500
	Employed	589,700	601,800	-12,100	-2.0	588,600
	Unemployed	17,700	26,000	-8,300	-31.9	26,000
	Unemployment Rate	2.9	4.1	-1.2	---	4.2
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	330,000	340,100	-10,100	-3.0	332,800
	Employed	321,000	327,300	-6,300	-1.9	319,700
	Unemployed	9,000	12,800	-3,800	-29.7	13,100
	Unemployment Rate	2.7	3.8	-1.1	---	3.9
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	135,100	138,800	-3,700	-2.7	136,600
	Employed	131,200	133,300	-2,100	-1.6	131,000
	Unemployed	3,900	5,600	-1,700	-30.4	5,600
	Unemployment Rate	2.9	4.0	-1.1	---	4.1
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	46,400	47,800	-1,400	-2.9	46,100
	Employed	45,100	46,000	-900	-2.0	43,900
	Unemployed	1,300	1,800	-500	-27.8	2,100
	Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.7	-0.9	---	4.6
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	108,400	111,400	-3,000	-2.7	110,300
	Employed	104,200	106,000	-1,800	-1.7	103,800
	Unemployed	4,200	5,400	-1,200	-22.2	6,400
	Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.8	-0.9	---	5.8
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	166,221,000	163,449,000	2,772,000	1.7	166,783,000
	Employed	161,075,000	157,991,000	3,084,000	2.0	160,741,000
	Unemployed	5,146,000	5,458,000	-312,000	-5.7	6,043,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.3	-0.2	---	3.6

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	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Apr		CHG Y/Y	Mar 2023	Apr		CHG Y/Y	Mar 2023	Apr		CHG Y/Y	Mar 2023
	2023	2022			2023	2022			2023	2022		
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>												
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,148.17	\$1,094.86	\$53.31	\$1,136.40	40.4	39.9	0.5	40.0	\$28.42	\$27.44	\$0.98	\$28.41
DURABLE GOODS	1,226.14	1,162.16	63.98	1,221.25	40.4	39.8	0.6	40.6	30.35	29.20	1.15	30.08
NON-DUR. GOODS	919.37	894.66	24.71	898.14	40.2	40.3	-0.1	38.3	22.87	22.20	0.67	23.45
CONSTRUCTION	1,560.66	1,263.83	296.83	1,480.29	41.2	36.9	4.3	39.9	37.88	34.25	3.63	37.10
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,206.46	1,160.35	46.11	1,176.18	33.7	33.8	-0.1	32.9	35.80	34.33	1.47	35.75
GOODS PRODUCING	1,506.26	1,435.60	70.66	1,487.74	40.6	38.8	1.8	39.4	37.10	37.00	0.10	37.76
Construction	1,562.09	1,407.11	154.98	1,501.90	39.9	37.0	2.9	38.1	39.15	38.03	1.12	39.42
Manufacturing	1,487.20	1,402.18	85.02	1,422.18	40.0	39.2	0.8	39.2	37.18	35.77	1.41	36.28
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,154.08	1,111.03	43.05	1,122.86	32.5	32.9	-0.4	31.8	35.51	33.77	1.74	35.31
Trade, Transp., Utilities	904.88	934.14	-29.26	864.76	31.3	32.8	-1.5	30.6	28.91	28.48	0.43	28.26
Financial Activities	2,111.48	1,950.00	161.48	2,006.37	38.3	37.5	0.8	37.1	55.13	52.00	3.13	54.08
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,558.55	1,407.00	151.55	1,487.86	36.5	35.0	1.5	35.4	42.70	40.20	2.50	42.03
Education & Health Ser.	1,098.92	1,052.37	46.55	1,087.28	33.1	33.0	0.1	32.7	33.20	31.89	1.31	33.25
Leisure & Hospitality	548.08	549.38	-1.30	531.20	24.8	26.0	-1.2	24.3	22.10	21.13	0.97	21.86
Other Services	896.64	861.59	35.05	915.22	29.7	29.0	0.7	29.4	30.19	29.71	0.48	31.13
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,300.20	1,279.37	20.83	1,284.73	33.0	33.5	-0.5	32.5	39.40	38.19	1.21	39.53
Danbury	1,252.68	1,266.66	-13.98	1,219.68	36.5	36.8	-0.3	36.0	34.32	34.42	-0.10	33.88
Hartford	1,283.85	1,191.46	92.39	1,225.43	34.3	33.6	0.7	33.5	37.43	35.46	1.97	36.58
New Haven	1,136.67	1,126.76	9.91	1,078.13	33.9	34.0	-0.1	32.9	33.53	33.14	0.39	32.77
Norwich-New London	1,022.34	924.37	97.97	1,002.39	33.0	32.4	0.6	32.2	30.98	28.53	2.45	31.13
Waterbury	958.27	862.36	95.91	931.13	33.6	30.7	2.9	32.5	28.52	28.09	0.43	28.65

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2022.

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- Torrington to get second retail cannabis store
- Amazon plans to hire 1,500 more workers in new Windsor warehouse
- Rogers Orchards opens Long View Ciderhouse in Southington
- Subway closed 571 stores in 2022 but plans openings for this year

Layoffs and Closures

- Alan's Cup n' Saucer closes after nearly 40 years in Meriden
- 10 Christmas Tree Shops locations slated to close
- Jenny Craig shuts down, closing 7 CT locations
- Sanitary Cleaners closing to make way for Norwalk apartments
- Wells Fargo set to close two bank branches in Connecticut
- Greenwich-based freight transporter XPO confirms job cuts
- Stamford-based Pitney Bowes announces workforce reductions
- Bed Bath & Beyond to close final two stores in CT amid bankruptcy
- Hughes Health & Rehabilitation in West Hartford closes

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

APRIL 2023

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont..				
	459,245	445,286	13,959	3.0	Canton	5,594	5,471	123	2.2
Ansonia	9,031	8,652	379	4.2	Chaplin	1,223	1,184	39	3.2
Bridgeport	66,942	64,255	2,687	4.0	Colchester	9,136	8,923	213	2.3
Darien	8,559	8,328	231	2.7	Columbia	3,152	3,080	72	2.3
Derby	6,486	6,251	235	3.6	Coventry	7,681	7,502	179	2.3
Easton	3,784	3,683	101	2.7	Cromwell	7,750	7,542	208	2.7
Fairfield	29,334	28,515	819	2.8	East Granby	3,010	2,942	68	2.3
Greenwich	28,722	28,015	707	2.5	East Haddam	4,905	4,768	137	2.8
Milford	30,363	29,528	835	2.8	East Hampton	7,523	7,356	167	2.2
Monroe	9,927	9,606	321	3.2	East Hartford	26,364	25,330	1,034	3.9
New Canaan	8,276	8,046	230	2.8	Ellington	9,576	9,333	243	2.5
Norwalk	50,214	48,845	1,369	2.7	Farmington	13,977	13,669	308	2.2
Oxford	7,246	7,066	180	2.5	Glastonbury	18,697	18,305	392	2.1
Redding	4,359	4,233	126	2.9	Granby	6,878	6,725	153	2.2
Ridgefield	11,673	11,381	292	2.5	Haddam	4,940	4,828	112	2.3
Seymour	8,802	8,502	300	3.4	Hartford	50,724	48,342	2,382	4.7
Shelton	21,795	21,097	698	3.2	Hartland	1,126	1,103	23	2.0
Southbury	8,597	8,352	245	2.8	Harwinton	3,160	3,082	78	2.5
Stamford	70,647	68,729	1,918	2.7	Hebron	5,440	5,320	120	2.2
Stratford	26,777	25,787	990	3.7	Lebanon	3,955	3,844	111	2.8
Trumbull	17,546	17,011	535	3.0	Manchester	32,067	31,176	891	2.8
Weston	4,305	4,178	127	3.0	Mansfield	12,147	11,874	273	2.2
Westport	12,858	12,522	336	2.6	Marlborough	3,507	3,423	84	2.4
Wilton	8,265	8,065	200	2.4	Middletown	25,428	24,697	731	2.9
Woodbridge	4,741	4,642	99	2.1	New Britain	35,593	34,139	1,454	4.1
					New Hartford	3,905	3,811	94	2.4
DANBURY	104,297	101,496	2,801	2.7	Newington	16,751	16,345	406	2.4
Bethel	10,818	10,526	292	2.7	Plainville	10,196	9,906	290	2.8
Bridgewater	819	799	20	2.4	Plymouth	6,474	6,253	221	3.4
Brookfield	9,094	8,841	253	2.8	Portland	5,339	5,187	152	2.8
Danbury	46,139	44,907	1,232	2.7	Rocky Hill	11,404	11,150	254	2.2
New Fairfield	6,943	6,748	195	2.8	Scotland	931	912	19	2.0
New Milford	14,749	14,343	406	2.8	Simsbury	13,770	13,468	302	2.2
Newtown	13,902	13,547	355	2.6	Southington	24,271	23,634	637	2.6
Sherman	1,833	1,785	48	2.6	South Windsor	14,125	13,798	327	2.3
					Stafford	6,724	6,527	197	2.9
ENFIELD	49,478	48,116	1,362	2.8	Thomaston	4,643	4,509	134	2.9
East Windsor	6,656	6,471	185	2.8	Tolland	8,417	8,204	213	2.5
Enfield	22,668	22,016	652	2.9	Union	461	450	11	2.4
Somers	4,976	4,838	138	2.8	Vernon	17,126	16,658	468	2.7
Suffield	7,637	7,455	182	2.4	West Hartford	33,968	33,216	752	2.2
Windsor Locks	7,540	7,335	205	2.7	Wethersfield	13,680	13,319	361	2.6
					Willington	3,574	3,488	86	2.4
HARTFORD	607,396	589,727	17,669	2.9	Windham	11,931	11,552	379	3.2
Andover	1,899	1,856	43	2.3	Windsor	16,167	15,731	436	2.7
Ashford	2,513	2,461	52	2.1					
Avon	9,271	9,056	215	2.3					
Barkhamsted	2,230	2,187	43	1.9					
Berlin	11,563	11,270	293	2.5					
Bloomfield	11,488	11,170	318	2.8					
Bolton	3,093	3,029	64	2.1					
Bristol	32,266	31,105	1,161	3.6					
Burlington	5,662	5,515	147	2.6					

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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)

APRIL 2023

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	330,013	320,971	9,042	2.7	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST				
Bethany	3,208	3,139	69	2.2		46,376	45,092	1,284	2.8
Branford	16,311	15,885	426	2.6	Canaan	647	632	15	2.3
Cheshire	15,915	15,561	354	2.2	Colebrook	813	785	28	3.4
Chester	2,381	2,334	47	2.0	Cornwall	777	758	19	2.4
Clinton	7,451	7,282	169	2.3	Goshen	1,648	1,612	36	2.2
Deep River	2,913	2,851	62	2.1	Kent	1,505	1,472	33	2.2
Durham	4,366	4,291	75	1.7	Litchfield	4,813	4,695	118	2.5
East Haven	15,942	15,433	509	3.2	Morris	1,426	1,394	32	2.2
Essex	3,508	3,420	88	2.5	Norfolk	905	884	21	2.3
Guilford	13,160	12,901	259	2.0	North Canaan	1,758	1,720	38	2.2
Hamden	35,704	34,803	901	2.5	Roxbury	1,344	1,315	29	2.2
Killingworth	3,909	3,832	77	2.0	Salisbury	1,832	1,795	37	2.0
Madison	9,264	9,028	236	2.5	Sharon	1,508	1,476	32	2.1
Meriden	32,347	31,189	1,158	3.6	Torrington	18,567	17,973	594	3.2
Middlefield	2,571	2,513	58	2.3	Warren	796	777	19	2.4
New Haven	65,647	63,580	2,067	3.1	Washington	2,077	2,035	42	2.0
North Branford	8,343	8,141	202	2.4	Winchester	5,962	5,770	192	3.2
North Haven	13,661	13,308	353	2.6					
Old Saybrook	5,205	5,084	121	2.3	WATERBURY	108,361	104,185	4,176	3.9
Orange	7,494	7,304	190	2.5	Beacon Falls	3,510	3,405	105	3.0
Wallingford	26,557	25,929	628	2.4	Bethlehem	1,900	1,844	56	2.9
West Haven	30,424	29,528	896	2.9	Middlebury	3,977	3,848	129	3.2
Westbrook	3,730	3,635	95	2.5	Naugatuck	16,800	16,185	615	3.7
					Prospect	5,562	5,415	147	2.6
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART					Waterbury	48,727	46,394	2,333	4.8
	119,465	115,910	3,555	3.0	Watertown	12,698	12,334	364	2.9
Bozrah	1,462	1,426	36	2.5	Wolcott	9,782	9,482	300	3.1
Canterbury	2,780	2,709	71	2.6	Woodbury	5,405	5,278	127	2.3
East Lyme	8,171	7,968	203	2.5					
Franklin	1,009	988	21	2.1	DANIELSON-NORTHEAST	43,102	41,763	1,339	3.1
Griswold	6,031	5,825	206	3.4	Brooklyn	4,126	4,007	119	2.9
Groton	17,346	16,868	478	2.8	Eastford	975	948	27	2.8
Ledyard	7,539	7,359	180	2.4	Hampton	1,017	987	30	2.9
Lisbon	2,241	2,171	70	3.1	Killingly	9,611	9,296	315	3.3
Lyme	1,154	1,122	32	2.8	Plainfield	8,571	8,302	269	3.1
Montville	8,625	8,387	238	2.8	Pomfret	2,511	2,458	53	2.1
New London	11,379	10,966	413	3.6	Putnam	4,793	4,646	147	3.1
No. Stonington	2,780	2,719	61	2.2	Sterling	2,023	1,943	80	4.0
Norwich	19,043	18,352	691	3.6	Thompson	5,292	5,124	168	3.2
Old Lyme	3,535	3,449	86	2.4	Woodstock	4,182	4,052	130	3.1
Preston	2,323	2,239	84	3.6					
Salem	2,021	1,968	53	2.6					
Sprague	1,512	1,464	48	3.2					
Stonington	9,448	9,181	267	2.8					
Voluntown	1,377	1,351	26	1.9					
Waterford	9,690	9,399	291	3.0					

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

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	135,051	131,162	3,889	2.9
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	15,586	15,252	334	2.1

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,867,700	1,812,500	55,200	3.0
UNITED STATES	166,221,000	161,075,000	5,146,000	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,901,200	1,828,900	72,300	3.8
UNITED STATES	166,688,000	161,031,000	5,657,000	3.4

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	APR YR TO DATE			TOWN	APR YR TO DATE			TOWN	APR YR TO DATE		
	2023	2023	2022		2023	2023	2022		2023	2023	2022
Andover	0	0	0	Griswold	1	6	31	Preston	1	3	3
Ansonia	0	0	0	Groton	1	5	7	Prospect	1	2	2
Ashford	0	0	0	Guilford	4	20	10	Putnam	1	5	7
Avon	1	4	5	Haddam	0	0	4	Redding	0	2	1
Barkhamsted	1	3	1	Hamden	0	0	0	Ridgefield	11	13	5
Beacon Falls	1	6	7	Hampton	0	0	0	Rocky Hill	0	0	1
Berlin	1	5	7	Hartford	0	3	3	Roxbury	1	2	2
Bethany	0	2	1	Hartland	0	0	1	Salem	0	0	2
Bethel	2	133	26	Harwinton	2	5	4	Salisbury	0	0	3
Bethlehem	0	0	0	Hebron	1	4	5	Scottery	0	0	0
Bloomfield	0	0	8	Kent	0	2	2	Seymour	3	5	8
Bolton	0	1	0	Killingly	3	5	7	Sharon	1	1	2
Bozrah	0	0	0	Killingworth	0	2	3	Shelton	6	10	25
Branford	0	197	14	Lebanon	0	1	2	Sherman	1	3	1
Bridgeport	2	9	22	Ledyard	5	14	12	Simsbury	4	7	26
Bridgewater	0	0	0	Lisbon	0	2	3	Somers	1	2	9
Bristol	7	18	11	Litchfield	0	0	8	South Windsor	0	5	3
Brookfield	1	105	3	Lyme	0	1	3	Southbury	4	10	8
Brooklyn	0	3	2	Madison	1	3	4	Southington	2	12	13
Burlington	1	4	6	Manchester	6	12	5	Sprague	1	1	1
Canaan	0	0	1	Mansfield	0	2	3	Stafford	1	2	3
Canterbury	3	8	5	Marlborough	1	2	0	Stamford	0	409	21
Canton	1	1	1	Meriden	0	2	2	Sterling	2	6	2
Chaplin	0	0	0	Middlebury	3	4	43	Stonington	4	11	10
Cheshire	16	20	12	Middlefield	0	0	2	Stratford	0	0	3
Chester	0	0	0	Middletown	1	6	8	Suffield	2	10	9
Clinton	1	3	4	Milford	8	39	62	Thomaston	0	0	0
Colchester	1	4	5	Monroe	2	4	2	Thompson	1	9	7
Colebrook	0	0	2	Montville	1	2	5	Tolland	1	6	8
Columbia	1	2	1	Morris	1	3	0	Torrington	1	2	2
Cornwall	0	1	0	Naugatuck	0	5	10	Trumbull	7	15	29
Coventry	3	4	3	New Britain	0	0	8	Union	0	0	0
Cromwell	1	2	3	New Canaan	1	9	46	Vernon	5	28	53
Danbury	0	0	30	New Fairfield	0	2	2	Voluntown	1	2	1
Darien	2	9	9	New Hartford	1	1	4	Wallingford	1	7	8
Deep River	0	1	4	New Haven	24	187	220	Warren	1	1	1
Derby	0	0	2	New London	0	9	13	Washington	3	3	6
Durham	1	2	1	New Milford	8	23	17	Waterbury	0	5	8
East Granby	0	3	1	Newington	20	20	1	Waterford	2	6	6
East Haddam	0	9	9	Newtown	4	8	73	Watertown	0	7	4
East Hampton	1	10	5	Norfolk	0	0	0	West Hartford	1	22	33
East Hartford	0	0	2	North Branford	0	3	3	West Haven	0	1	5
East Haven	0	0	3	North Canaan	0	0	0	Westbrook	1	3	3
East Lyme	0	3	38	North Haven	3	6	6	Weston	1	4	2
East Windsor	0	0	2	North Stonington	0	3	4	Westport	24	34	23
Eastford	0	0	2	Norwalk	3	12	28	Wethersfield	0	0	3
Easton	0	2	2	Norwich	0	2	1	Willington	1	1	1
Ellington	1	3	46	Old Lyme	1	3	4	Wilton	1	4	3
Enfield	1	3	3	Old Saybrook	0	1	3	Winchester	0	0	1
Essex	0	0	4	Orange	6	10	2	Windham	1	1	1
Fairfield	7	118	44	Oxford	0	4	30	Windsor	0	2	4
Farmington	3	17	10	Plainfield	1	4	7	Windsor Locks	0	0	3
Franklin	0	0	2	Plainville	0	3	4	Wolcott	1	5	14
Gastonbury	0	5	4	Plymouth	1	2	2	Woodbridge	1	2	1
Goshen	1	6	3	Pomfret	0	2	0	Woodbury	1	4	3
Granby	3	90	11	Portland	0	1	1	Woodstock	0	2	5
Greenwich	8	24	33								

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.

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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.....	7.4	CT Mfg. Production Index	-9.5	Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator.....	0.6	Production Worker Hours.....	-1.8	Occupancy Rate.....	-0.3
Connecticut Real GDP.....	0.8	Industrial Electricity Sales.....	-15.4	Tourism Website Visitors.....	-7.8
United States Real GDP.....	0.9	Personal Income	4.3	Air Passenger Count.....	10.9
New England Real GDP.....	0.3	UI Covered Wages	6.6	Gaming Slots.....	1.0
Connecticut PCPI.....	4.2	Business Activity		Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
United States PCPI.....	5.2	New Housing Permits.....	-28.8	Total.....	4.8
New England PCPI.....	4.9	Electricity Sales.....	-3.2	Wages & Salaries.....	5.1
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index....	2.9	Construction Contracts Index.....	216.0	Benefit Costs.....	4.3
Phil. Fed's US Coincident Index...	3.7	New Auto Registrations.....	-4.9	Consumer Prices	
		Exports.....	3.2	U.S. City Average.....	4.9
		S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	0.9	Northeast Region.....	3.8
Total Nonfarm Employment	1.0	Business Starts		NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	3.7
Labor Force.....	-2.4	Secretary of the State.....	NA	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	4.7
Employed.....	-2.0	Dept. of Labor.....	-6.2	Interest Rates	
Unemployed.....	-11.7	Business Terminations		Prime.....	4.50 *
Unemployment Rate	-0.4 *	Secretary of the State.....	NA	Conventional Mortgage.....	1.36 *
Labor Force Participation Rate...	-1.9 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-40.8		
Employment-Population Ratio...	-1.5 *	State Revenues	-23.7		
Average Weekly Initial Claims ..	10.0	Corporate Tax.....	-2.4		
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate	0.09 *	Personal Income Tax.....	-33.5		
U-6 Rate	-1.4 *	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	50.0		
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs	1.3	Sales & Use Tax.....	1.6		
PW Avg Hourly Earnings	3.6	Gaming Payments.....	1.6		
PW Avg Weekly Earnings	4.9				

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

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