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In September...

Nonfarm Employment

Connecticut	1,699,200
Change over month	+0.21%
Change over year	+0.52%

United States	151,722,000
Change over month	+0.09%
Change over year	+1.44%

Unemployment Rate

Connecticut	3.6%
United States	3.5%

Consumer Price Index

United States	256.759
Change over year	+1.7%

State Economic Indexes Improve Further in 2018

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Connecticut's economic performance last year was the best in terms of ranking in eight years. After annual revisions, Connecticut ranked 37th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) in the State Economic Indexes (SEI) in 2018, up from the 38th position in 2017.

For the first time, South Carolina came in first in the nation with the highest index of 171.3 last year, while Alaska continued to place last (109.4). Colorado, which had ranked number one for three years in a row, fell to 13th place in 2018. Our state's index of 136.9 was below the nationwide value of 148.0 (see table on page 2).

SEI: Methodology

Applying the same components and methodology of the Connecticut Town Economic Indexes (See October 2019 issue), the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Research also developed the State Economic Indexes for all 50 states and DC. With recently available annual average data from the Quarterly Census Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, along with the revised annual average unemployment rate from Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), annual SEI is reestimated for the 2010-2018 period.

These indexes provide a measure of the overall economic strength of each state that can be compared and ranked. Four annual average state economic indicators were used as components: 1. the number of the total covered business establishments, 2. total covered employment, 3. real covered wages, and 4. the unemployment rate.

Business establishments are the physical work units located in the state. Employment is the number of employees on payrolls in the establishments that are located in the state who are covered under the unemployment insurance law (nearly the universe count of all the payroll employees in the state). Average annual pay is the aggregate wages earned divided by the total average employment. Establishments, employment and wages are proxies for each state's business activities and its overall economic strength, while the unemployment rate measures the overall economic health of each state's working residents.

Each of the four components of the SEI is given a 25 percent weight. SEI's base year is 2010, which equals 100. The wage component is adjusted to 2010 dollars, and the unemployment rate change is inversed to reflect the right economic direction. By combining these four major economic indicators, the index

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STATE ECONOMIC INDEXES (2010=100), 2014-2018*

State	2018 Rank	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Alabama	19	115.9	122.1	125.3	141.0	150.6
Alaska	51	107.9	111.1	107.8	106.5	109.4
Arizona	29	117.2	123.6	130.5	137.7	141.0
Arkansas	34	112.3	120.9	131.8	137.1	138.3
California	4	121.1	132.9	141.2	151.7	163.2
Colorado	13	124.5	139.8	153.4	168.6	156.8
Connecticut	37	112.5	119.5	124.4	128.7	136.9
Delaware	30	116.5	124.8	129.2	130.4	140.7
District of Columbia	44	108.8	115.7	121.3	123.0	128.0
Florida	3	124.7	133.6	142.7	152.9	166.7
Georgia	16	117.1	126.7	133.5	139.6	152.9
Hawaii	10	117.7	128.8	139.6	155.8	157.8
Idaho	2	125.3	134.5	142.6	156.5	170.0
Illinois	28	117.0	124.8	126.0	132.6	141.6
Indiana	6	121.7	134.4	140.3	154.9	160.9
Iowa	23	115.9	121.6	124.4	131.7	144.8
Kansas	39	117.0	121.6	124.6	128.2	133.7
Kentucky	24	119.8	130.7	133.3	135.5	144.0
Louisiana	49	108.5	110.1	110.8	118.0	121.3
Maine	26	113.4	125.6	134.5	142.1	143.1
Maryland	42	111.1	117.5	123.4	126.3	132.2
Massachusetts	18	116.7	126.3	137.8	141.1	151.2
Michigan	8	121.5	138.1	143.6	150.4	160.1
Minnesota	20	123.1	130.3	128.2	137.4	149.4
Mississippi	38	112.7	119.9	124.9	131.3	135.8
Missouri	7	118.6	129.9	134.9	148.2	160.8
Montana	36	118.8	125.8	128.0	132.9	137.3
Nebraska	43	117.8	123.4	123.1	126.4	128.8
Nevada	5	122.1	131.9	143.7	151.4	161.6
New Hampshire	25	113.2	124.2	132.5	137.3	143.1
New Jersey	33	111.4	118.9	126.1	131.1	138.9
New Mexico	47	107.7	110.0	109.9	113.9	123.6
New York	35	114.0	122.4	126.2	129.5	137.7
North Carolina	12	122.8	130.0	136.6	145.4	157.0
North Dakota	45	129.2	128.3	122.0	126.8	127.7
Ohio	32	123.1	132.9	132.4	133.5	139.2
Oklahoma	40	118.7	120.9	116.9	122.9	133.4
Oregon	15	120.0	132.1	141.9	153.7	154.6
Pennsylvania	41	114.5	120.4	119.9	124.8	132.2
Rhode Island	17	114.9	127.2	135.0	145.9	151.9
South Carolina	1	123.3	129.9	140.7	151.9	171.3
South Dakota	46	116.8	122.6	125.0	123.4	127.5
Tennessee	11	116.6	126.0	135.5	149.4	157.4
Texas	27	122.7	131.4	130.3	135.2	142.3
Utah	14	133.3	139.4	144.7	148.9	156.5
Vermont	31	117.1	122.0	128.0	132.2	139.2
Virginia	21	112.3	120.8	126.0	132.3	145.9
Washington	22	122.1	127.4	131.9	139.8	145.5
West Virginia	48	111.0	111.2	113.5	120.7	122.2
Wisconsin	9	119.8	129.0	136.8	149.5	157.9
Wyoming	50	118.0	116.9	107.8	116.1	118.4
UNITED STATES		118.5	127.3	132.1	139.0	148.0

* 2010 = 100 for all 50 states and District of Columbia. 2011-2013 SEI are available upon request.

State Economic Indexes developed by Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Research

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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gives a broad measure of business and resident economic conditions of each state that can then be compared and analyzed.

SEI: 2017 to 2018

Reflecting further growth in the current economic recovery in the nation, business and labor conditions of 50 of the 50 states and DC improved from 2017 to 2018, compared to 49 with increased SEI from 2016 to 2017. The fastest increase in the index occurred in South Carolina, Virginia, and Iowa. Connecticut ranked 20th among states, in terms of over-the-year growth rate (6.3%), moving up from 38th place in 2017. Meanwhile, the U.S. index rose 6.5% from 2017 to 2018. Colorado was the only state that experienced a decline last year.

SEI: 2010 to 2018

Looking longer term, all 50 states and DC continued to show positive SEI growth. South Carolina, Idaho, and Florida topped the list, when new business formations, jobs, real wages, and unemployment rates are all factored in. The Connecticut index increased 36.9% since 2010, when the economy began to recover, while

the nation's index grew 48.0%. Among the nine Northeast states, Connecticut again ranked 8th, just above Pennsylvania (Chart 1). Rhode Island's economy improved the most since 2010. All in all, only 20 out of the 50 states and DC turned around faster than the national average from 2010 to 2018. The map on page 4 shows the different ranges of economic recovery rate of each state.

Components of SEI:

Establishments

In terms of the number of establishments, Utah, Minnesota, and Idaho experienced the fastest growth over the year. Missouri, Maine, and Nebraska were among the five states with declines from 2017. Connecticut's establishment growth rate ranked 19th among the states.

Over the last eight years, Utah, North Dakota, and Oregon had the fastest business formations. On the other hand, the number of establishments actually fell in Illinois and Michigan since 2010.

Employment

Last year's average nationwide employment grew

1.6%, faster than 1.4% in 2017. Nevada, Idaho, and Utah were the top job growth states, while Connecticut ranked 49th in 2018. Alaska was the only state to lose jobs over the year.

During the 2010-2018 period, all states and DC added jobs. Utah, Nevada, and Colorado experienced the fastest employment gains during the current recovery. Meanwhile, Connecticut's job growth placed 47th from 2010 to 2018.

Real Wages

All states posted inflation-adjusted wage gains in 2018. Washington, West Virginia, and Utah had the fastest annual pay increase. Connecticut ranked second to last in terms of wage growth, while South Carolina's real income grew the slowest over the year.

Once again, the highest annual average pay was earned in DC at \$93,566 in 2018 (in 2010 dollars). Connecticut's wage fell from fourth to fifth highest (\$66,087), following New York (\$71,119), Massachusetts (\$70,832) and California (\$66,805). Only 12 states and DC posted wages higher than the nation's average of \$55,867 last year. The three states with the lowest average pay in 2018 were Mississippi, Idaho and Montana.

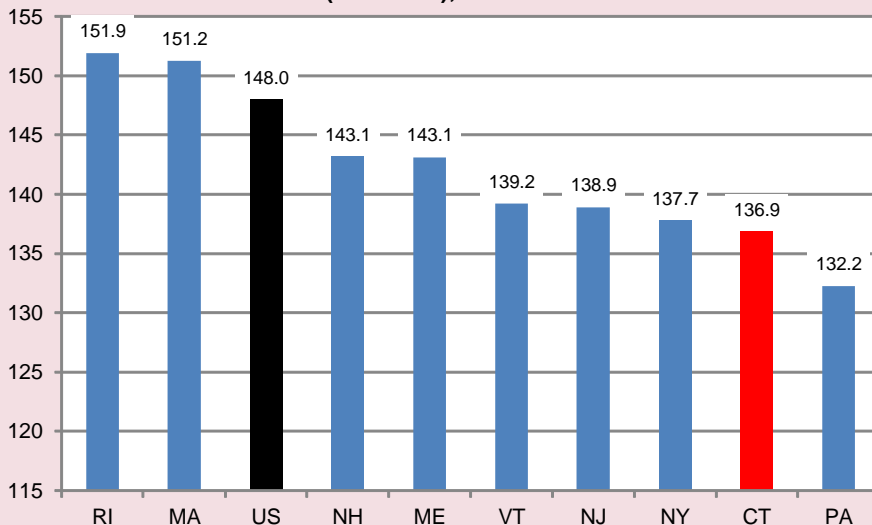
Since 2010, all 50 states and DC experienced income gains, with North Dakota, Washington, and California having the fastest increase. Connecticut's wage growth came in last place among the states in the last eight years.

Unemployment Rate

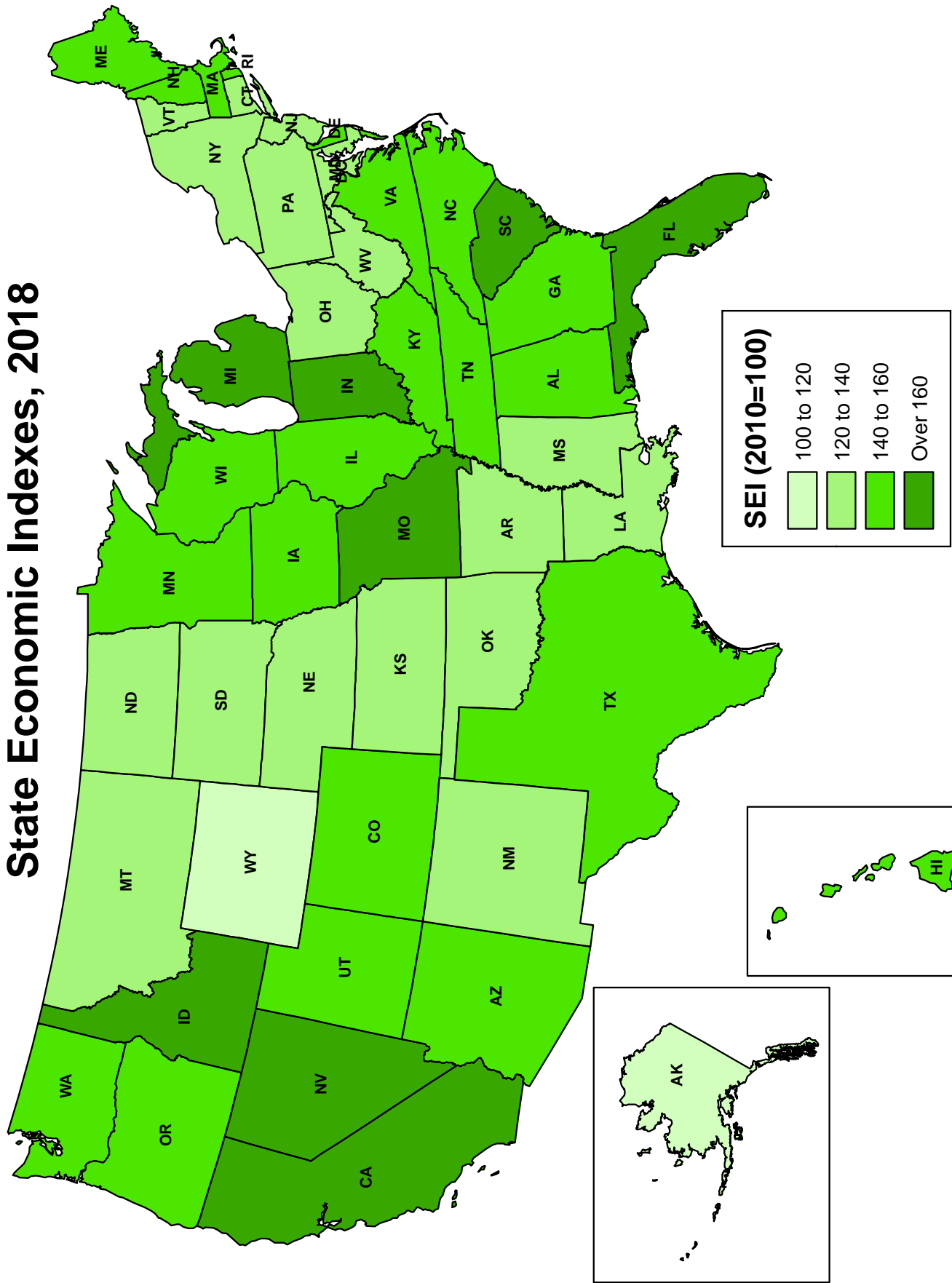
Hawaii (2.4%), Iowa (2.5%), and New Hampshire (2.5%) posted the lowest unemployment rates in 2018. Conversely, Alaska (6.6%), DC (5.6%), and West Virginia (5.3%) had the highest unemployment rates last year. Connecticut's 4.1% jobless rate was above the national rate of

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Chart 1. 2018 SEI (2010=100), Northeast States and U.S.

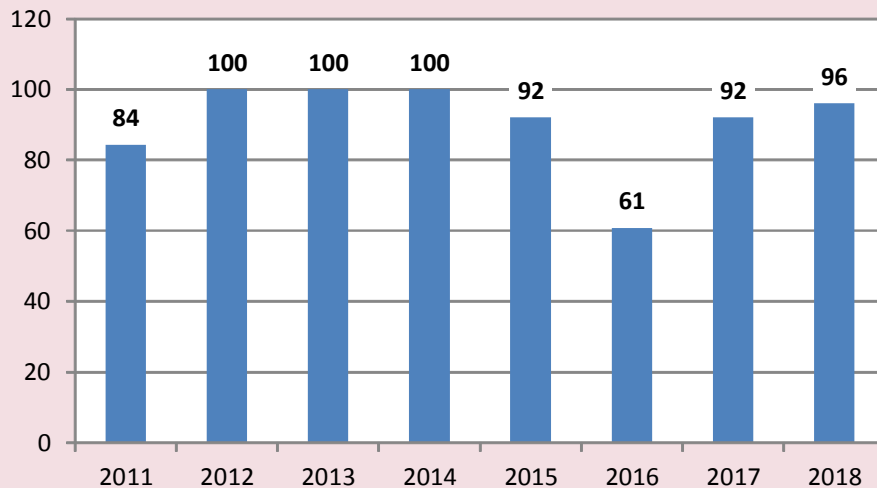


State Economic Indexes, 2018



Note: Alaska and Hawaii not shown to scale

Chart 2. SEI Diffusion Index, 2011-2018



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3.9%. The biggest drops occurred in New Mexico, South Carolina, and Oklahoma. Colorado, Oregon, and West Virginia actually experienced an increase over the year.

Over the longer period, Nevada had the biggest unemployment rate drop, falling from 13.5% in 2010 to 4.6% in 2018. Michigan and California also experienced huge decreases over the last eight years. Connecticut's jobless rate dropped from 9.1% to 4.1%, while it was from 9.6% to 3.9% nationally.

SEI Diffusion Index: 2010-2018

One way to measure aggregate performance of SEI of all 50 states and DC is to use a diffusion index. For each state, the index is up, down, or unchanged over the year. The SEI Diffusion Index is calculated by subtracting the share of states that experienced decreases in their indexes from the share that had increases over the year.

For example, index values in 46 states rose (90%), three (6%) fell, and two stayed the same in 2011. The diffusion index is then

calculated by subtracting 6 from 90, equaling 84. Thus, if all 51 state indexes increase from a prior year, then the diffusion index becomes 100, and if all decline, then -100. If the SEI Diffusion Index is positive, then that is interpreted as an economic recovery or expansion, while negative figures would mean an economic recession or contraction.

As expected, in the last seven years, during which the nation was in the midst of an economic recovery, the SEI Diffusion Index has posted strong numbers. Although the national economy had weakened somewhat in 2016, last year's index, at 96, was the best since 2014 (Chart 2).

Conclusion

Based on the SEI calculations, almost all states fared better over the year, and have contributed to a continued modest national economic growth since 2010. In fact, all states but one increased in 2018 showing that growth was widespread throughout the country with Connecticut's increase slightly below the national average. ■

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	2Q	2Q	CHANGE		1Q
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
General Drift Indicator (1996=100)*					
Leading	118.9	113.7	5.2	4.5	119.8
Coincident	116.2	115.5	0.7	0.6	116.6
Liberty Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**	138.3	137.6	0.7	0.5	138.9
Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (2007=100)***					
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Sep	Sep			Aug
	2019	2018			2019
Connecticut	129.06	125.43	3.6	2.9	128.83
United States	129.19	125.60	3.6	2.9	128.81

Sources: *Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut **Liberty Bank ***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 1996 = 100.

The **Liberty Bank Business Barometer** is a measure of overall economic growth in the state of Connecticut that is derived from non-manufacturing employment, real disposable personal income, and manufacturing production.

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

	Sep		CHANGE		Aug
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>					
TOTAL NONFARM	1,699.2	1,690.4	8.8	0.5	1,695.6
Natural Res & Mining	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-16.7	0.5
Construction	56.9	58.7	-1.8	-3.1	57.3
Manufacturing	161.6	160.6	1.0	0.6	161.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	294.1	296.2	-2.1	-0.7	294.1
Information	33.1	31.7	1.4	4.4	32.8
Financial Activities	127.9	125.3	2.6	2.1	128.0
Professional and Business Services	219.5	221.5	-2.0	-0.9	219.9
Education and Health Services	344.7	334.9	9.8	2.9	340.4
Leisure and Hospitality	161.0	158.1	2.9	1.8	160.9
Other Services	64.4	65.6	-1.2	-1.8	65.0
Government*	235.5	237.2	-1.7	-0.7	235.7

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

Average weekly initial
claims rose from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

	Sep		CHANGE		Aug
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Labor Force, resident (000s)	1,911.0	1,916.5	-5.5	-0.3	1,907.3
Employed (000s)	1,842.8	1,842.3	0.5	0.0	1,839.2
Unemployed (000s)	68.3	74.2	-5.9	-8.0	68.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.9	-0.3	---	3.6
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.5	-0.3	---	66.1
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	63.8	63.9	-0.1	---	63.7
Average Weekly Initial Claims	3,243	3,093	150	4.8	3,230
Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)	2.00	2.08	-0.07	---	2.03
	3Q 2019	3Q 2018			2Q 2019
U-6 Rate (%)	8.2	9.3	-1.1	---	8.7

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

The production worker
weekly earnings rose
over the year.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Sep		CHANGE		Aug	Jul
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019	2019
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>						
Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours	41.6	42.1	-0.5	-1.2	41.6	--
Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings	28.01	26.87	1.14	4.2	27.70	--
Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings	1,165.22	1,131.23	33.99	3.0	1,152.32	--
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)	92.5	97.8	-5.3	-5.4	99.1	105.1
Production Worker Hours (000s)	3,756	3,559	197	5.5	3,736	--
Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*	231	264	-32.7	-12.4	258	280
CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)	87.3	93.7	-6.3	-6.8	88.3	100.1

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

*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for first
quarter 2020 is
forecasted to increase 2.7
percent from a year
earlier.

INCOME

	1Q*		CHANGE		4Q*
	2020	2019	NO.	%	2019
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
<i>(Annualized; \$ Millions)</i>					
Personal Income	\$276,533	\$269,372	7,161	2.7	\$274,725
UI Covered Wages	\$121,125	\$117,538	3,588	3.1	\$120,218

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

*Forecasted by Connecticut Department of Labor

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

New auto registrations decreased over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
New Housing Permits*	Sep 2019	478	77.7	3,763	3,269	15.1
Electricity Sales (mil kWh)	Aug 2019	2,623	-12.1	18,951	19,663	-3.6
Construction Contracts						
Index (1980=100)	Sep 2019	360.2	-11.2	---	---	---
New Auto Registrations	Sep 2019	15,725	-9.3	159,310	170,003	-6.3
Exports (Bil. \$)	2Q 2019	4.05	-13.9	8.43	8.44	-0.2
S&P 500: Monthly Close	Sep 2019	2,976.74	2.2	---	---	---

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 Secretary of the State, was up over the year.

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
STARTS						
Secretary of the State	Sep 2019	2,923	13.9	27,973	26,462	5.7
Department of Labor	1Q 2019	2,863	-19.8	2,863	3,568	-19.8
TERMINATIONS						
Secretary of the State	Sep 2019	949	6.3	13,418	9,770	37.3
Department of Labor	1Q 2019	1,716	-6.0	1,716	1,825	-6.0

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

STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were down from a year ago.

	YEAR TO DATE					
	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	% CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
TOTAL ALL REVENUES*	1,785.0	1,588.8	12.3	15,612.7	15,473.1	0.9
Corporate Tax	386.0	301.1	28.2	1,972.2	946.3	108.4
Personal Income Tax	797.7	854.5	-6.6	7,628.6	8,600.4	-11.3
Real Estate Conv. Tax	18.7	17.2	8.7	161.4	158.1	2.1
Sales & Use Tax	440.3	274.2	60.6	3,551.1	3,419.2	3.9
Gaming Payments**	20.6	21.6	-4.8	187.6	204.1	-8.1

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 fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
Occupancy Rate (%)*	Sep 2019	67.7	-1.6	63.7	63.2	0.8
Tourism Website Visitors	Sep 2019	843,126	73.0	5,405,475	4,043,112	33.7
Air Passenger Count	Aug 2019	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)***	Sep 2019	984.1	-6.8	9,139.0	9,951.9	-8.2

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 2.7 percent over the year.

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep 2019	Jun 2019	3-Mo % Chg	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	12-Mo % Chg
Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100)						
UNITED STATES TOTAL	137.3	136.2	0.8	137.4	133.8	2.7
Wages and Salaries	137.9	136.7	0.9	138.0	134.0	3.0
Benefit Costs	135.8	135.1	0.5	135.8	133.2	2.0
NORTHEAST TOTAL	---	---	---	140.0	135.9	3.0
Wages and Salaries	---	---	---	139.8	135.3	3.3

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

U.S. inflation rate was up by 1.7 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	Sep 2019	256.759	1.7	0.1
Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)	Sep 2019	0.389	-1.7	-0.1
Northeast Region	Sep 2019	270.563	1.4	0.0
New York-Newark-Jersey City	Sep 2019	279.338	1.4	0.0
Boston-Cambridge-Newton**	Sep 2019	281.603	1.1	0.2
CPI-W (1982-84=100)				
U.S. City Average	Sep 2019	250.251	1.5	0.1

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 3.61 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

(Percent)	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018
Prime	5.15	5.25	5.03
Federal Funds	2.04	2.13	1.95
3 Month Treasury Bill	1.93	1.99	2.17
6 Month Treasury Bill	1.89	1.93	2.34
1 Year Treasury Note	1.80	1.77	2.56
3 Year Treasury Note	1.59	1.51	2.84
5 Year Treasury Note	1.57	1.49	2.89
7 Year Treasury Note	1.64	1.55	2.96
10 Year Treasury Note	1.70	1.63	3.00
20 Year Treasury Note	1.97	1.91	3.08
Conventional Mortgage	3.61	3.62	4.63

Sources: Federal Reserve; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

All nine states in the region gained jobs over the year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	Sep	Sep	CHANGE		Aug
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
Connecticut	1,699.2	1,690.4	8.8	0.5	1,695.6
Maine	632.1	628.9	3.2	0.5	634.3
Massachusetts	3,681.4	3,646.1	35.3	1.0	3,682.4
New Hampshire	689.7	680.8	8.9	1.3	693.2
New Jersey	4,197.2	4,152.6	44.6	1.1	4,197.4
New York	9,797.3	9,691.3	106.0	1.1	9,790.1
Pennsylvania	6,044.5	6,014.3	30.2	0.5	6,049.5
Rhode Island	503.6	496.4	7.2	1.5	504.0
Vermont	318.0	314.3	3.7	1.2	317.9
United States	151,722.0	149,575.0	2,147.0	1.4	151,586.0

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>	Sep	Sep	CHANGE		Aug
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
Connecticut	1,911,029	1,916,531	-5,502	-0.3	1,907,301
Maine	691,020	698,269	-7,249	-1.0	691,780
Massachusetts	3,839,898	3,829,454	10,444	0.3	3,837,444
New Hampshire	772,757	763,246	9,511	1.2	771,678
New Jersey	4,475,911	4,419,916	55,995	1.3	4,456,892
New York	9,519,306	9,591,147	-71,841	-0.7	9,520,731
Pennsylvania	6,491,646	6,439,525	52,121	0.8	6,479,546
Rhode Island	555,268	555,981	-713	-0.1	554,449
Vermont	345,888	345,719	169	0.0	347,131
United States	164,039,000	162,055,000	1,984,000	1.2	163,922,000

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

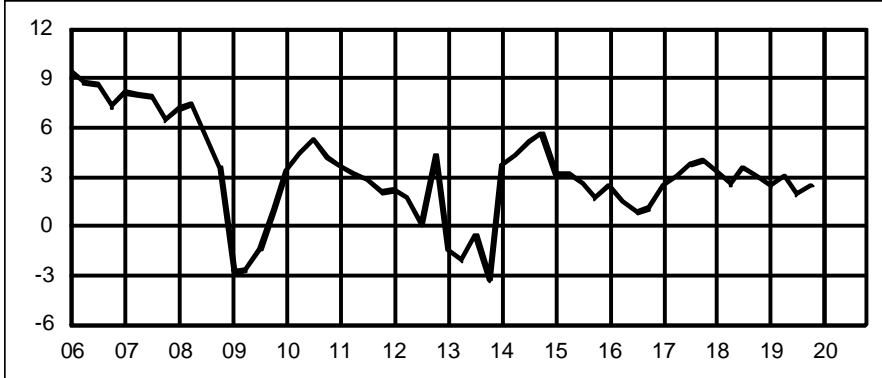
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Sep	Sep	CHANGE	Aug
	2019	2018		2019
Connecticut	3.6	3.9	-0.3	3.6
Maine	2.9	3.5	-0.6	2.9
Massachusetts	2.9	3.2	-0.3	2.9
New Hampshire	2.5	2.4	0.1	2.5
New Jersey	3.1	3.9	-0.8	3.2
New York	3.9	3.8	0.1	4.0
Pennsylvania	4.0	4.2	-0.2	3.9
Rhode Island	3.6	3.9	-0.3	3.6
Vermont	2.2	2.6	-0.4	2.1
United States	3.5	3.7	-0.2	3.7

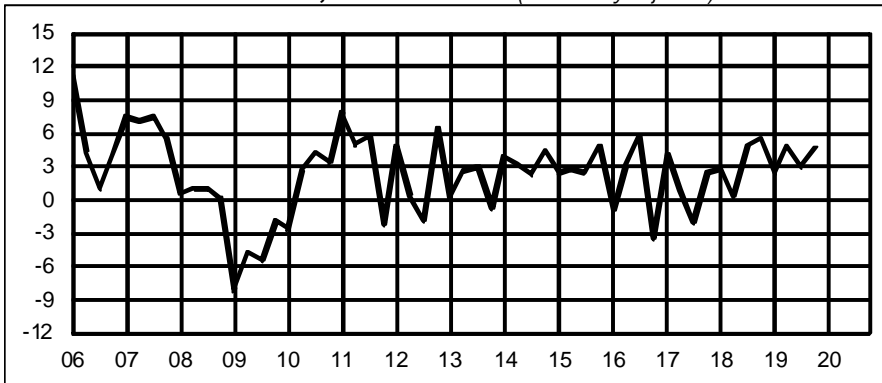
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PERSONAL INCOME, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*



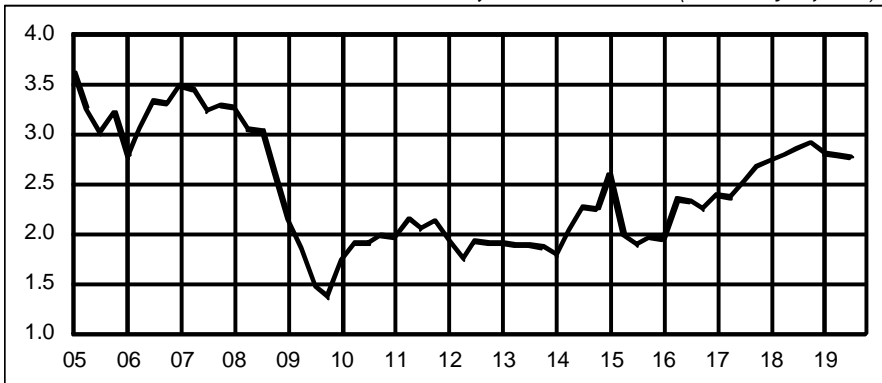
Quarter	2018	2019	2020
First	3.2	2.4	
Second	2.5	3.0	
Third	3.5	1.9	
Fourth	3.0	2.4	

UI COVERED WAGES, YOY % CHG *(Seasonally adjusted)*



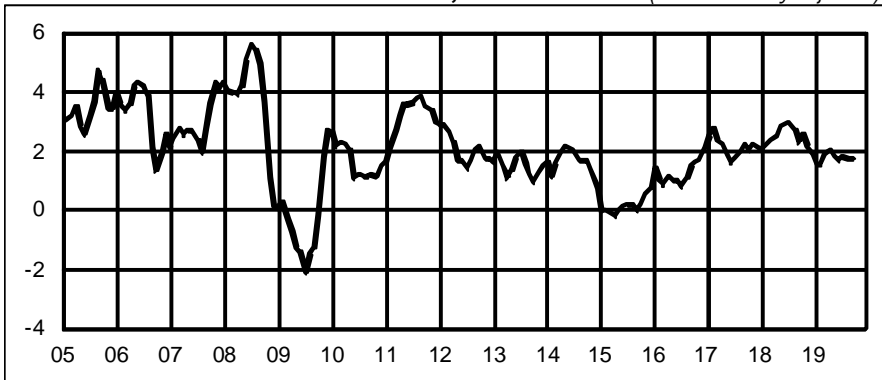
Quarter	2018	2019	2020
First	2.7	2.4	
Second	0.3	4.8	
Third	4.7	2.9	
Fourth	5.4	4.6	

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



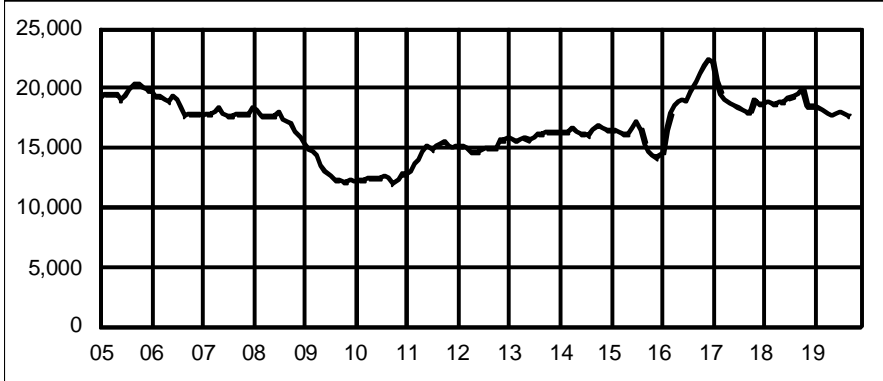
Quarter	2017	2018	2019
First	2.4	2.7	2.8
Second	2.4	2.8	2.8
Third	2.5	2.8	2.8
Fourth	2.7	2.9	

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



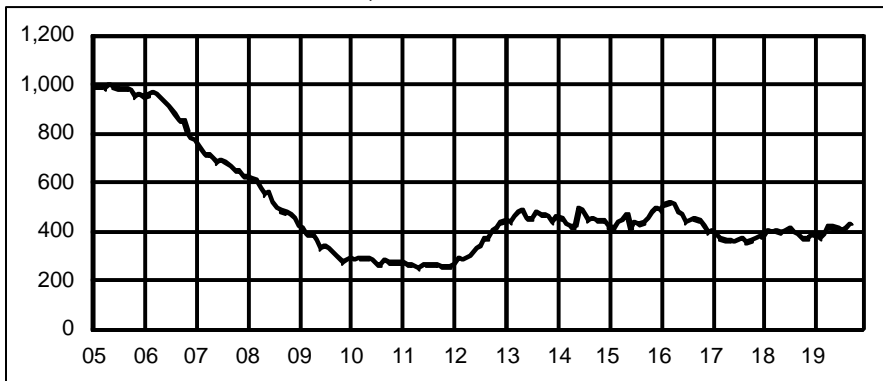
Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	2.5	2.1	1.6
Feb	2.7	2.2	1.5
Mar	2.4	2.4	1.9
Apr	2.2	2.5	2.0
May	1.9	2.8	1.8
Jun	1.6	2.9	1.6
Jul	1.7	2.9	1.8
Aug	1.9	2.7	1.7
Sep	2.2	2.3	1.7
Oct	2.0	2.5	
Nov	2.2	2.2	
Dec	2.1	1.9	

NEW AUTO REGISTRATIONS PROCESSED, 12 MMA



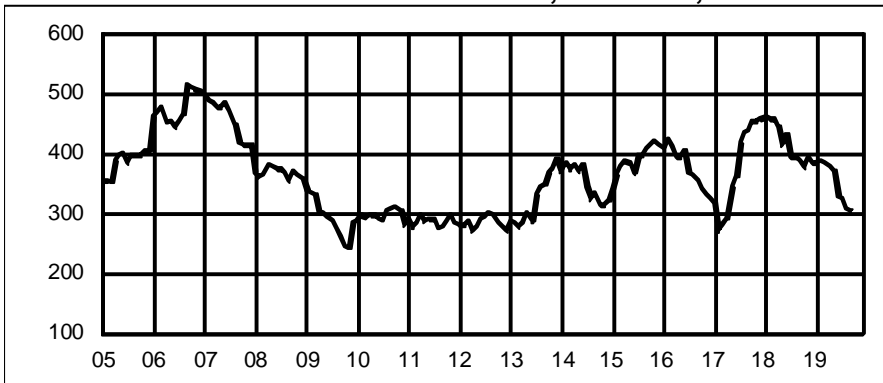
Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	22,067	18,603	18,473
Feb	20,436	18,855	18,317
Mar	19,491	18,641	18,091
Apr	18,968	18,687	17,858
May	18,604	18,819	17,621
Jun	18,518	18,848	17,784
Jul	18,325	19,085	17,980
Aug	18,159	19,370	17,762
Sep	17,973	19,479	17,628
Oct	17,923	19,756	
Nov	18,882	18,422	
Dec	18,631	18,519	

NEW HOUSING PERMITS, 12 MMA



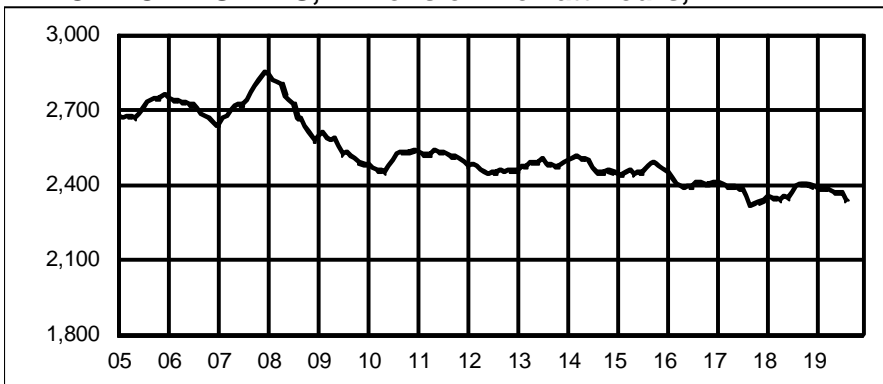
Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	403	376	382
Feb	382	401	369
Mar	368	394	383
Apr	357	397	419
May	360	396	415
Jun	348	400	409
Jul	360	405	404
Aug	371	394	406
Sep	354	380	424
Oct	358	370	
Nov	368	369	
Dec	374	387	

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS INDEX, 1980=100, 12 MMA



Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	315.4	461.4	383.5
Feb	268.7	457.4	385.3
Mar	278.7	458.0	383.6
Apr	291.3	444.7	376.6
May	343.5	411.8	369.6
Jun	361.1	428.5	327.0
Jul	415.7	393.4	324.8
Aug	434.9	392.6	308.0
Sep	437.4	387.6	304.2
Oct	454.2	378.1	
Nov	452.8	394.1	
Dec	456.1	381.9	

ELECTRICITY SALES, millions of kilowatt hours, 12 MMA



Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	2,409	2,352	2,382
Feb	2,398	2,347	2,385
Mar	2,394	2,346	2,388
Apr	2,394	2,337	2,379
May	2,392	2,352	2,365
Jun	2,384	2,345	2,365
Jul	2,381	2,366	2,370
Aug	2,349	2,393	2,340
Sep	2,316	2,398	
Oct	2,319	2,401	
Nov	2,328	2,402	
Dec	2,338	2,392	

CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep	Sep	CHANGE		Aug
	2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,702,800	1,695,000	7,800	0.5	1,687,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,466,400	1,456,200	10,200	0.7	1,468,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	222,100	222,500	-400	-0.2	224,000
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	60,300	62,200	-1,900	-3.1	61,700
MANUFACTURING	161,800	160,300	1,500	0.9	162,300
Durable Goods	126,500	126,000	500	0.4	127,200
Fabricated Metal.....	29,400	29,800	-400	-1.3	29,600
Machinery.....	12,700	12,900	-200	-1.6	12,800
Computer and Electronic Product.....	11,100	10,900	200	1.8	11,000
Transportation Equipment.....	47,400	45,700	1,700	3.7	47,800
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	32,300	30,700	1,600	5.2	32,600
Non-Durable Goods	35,300	34,300	1,000	2.9	35,100
Chemical.....	7,800	7,700	100	1.3	7,800
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	1,480,700	1,472,500	8,200	0.6	1,463,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	291,800	294,400	-2,600	-0.9	289,900
Wholesale Trade.....	64,200	61,400	2,800	4.6	64,300
Retail Trade.....	173,600	177,400	-3,800	-2.1	175,000
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,800	21,700	100	0.5	21,900
Building Material.....	15,200	15,200	0	0.0	15,500
Food and Beverage Stores.....	41,900	42,500	-600	-1.4	41,900
General Merchandise Stores.....	27,600	28,200	-600	-2.1	27,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	54,000	55,600	-1,600	-2.9	50,600
Utilities.....	5,000	5,100	-100	-2.0	5,000
Transportation and Warehousing.....	49,000	50,500	-1,500	-3.0	45,600
INFORMATION	32,800	31,600	1,200	3.8	32,900
Telecommunications.....	7,200	7,300	-100	-1.4	7,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	127,500	125,100	2,400	1.9	128,400
Finance and Insurance.....	106,500	104,800	1,700	1.6	107,200
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	23,500	23,300	200	0.9	23,600
Financial Investments and Related.....	23,000	22,500	500	2.2	23,300
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	60,000	59,000	1,000	1.7	60,300
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	21,000	20,300	700	3.4	21,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	220,800	222,100	-1,300	-0.6	222,300
Professional, Scientific.....	95,100	95,400	-300	-0.3	97,400
Legal Services.....	12,700	12,500	200	1.6	13,000
Computer Systems Design.....	24,500	24,900	-400	-1.6	24,800
Management of Companies.....	33,000	33,200	-200	-0.6	32,400
Administrative and Support.....	92,700	93,500	-800	-0.9	92,500
Employment Services.....	31,900	30,500	1,400	4.6	31,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	344,300	334,700	9,600	2.9	331,800
Educational Services.....	71,800	65,800	6,000	9.1	61,200
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	272,500	268,900	3,600	1.3	270,600
Hospitals.....	58,600	58,100	500	0.9	58,600
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	60,800	60,600	200	0.3	61,200
Social Assistance.....	57,300	57,400	-100	-0.2	56,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	162,600	160,200	2,400	1.5	172,700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	30,400	28,900	1,500	5.2	36,300
Accommodation and Food Services.....	132,200	131,300	900	0.7	136,400
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	120,700	119,500	1,200	1.0	123,500
OTHER SERVICES	64,500	65,600	-1,100	-1.7	66,300
GOVERNMENT	236,400	238,800	-2,400	-1.0	219,400
Federal Government.....	18,300	18,200	100	0.5	18,400
State Government.....	72,600	73,600	-1,000	-1.4	65,100
Local Government***.....	145,500	147,000	-1,500	-1.0	135,900

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BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	411,800	408,300	3,500	0.9	411,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	367,400	363,900	3,500	1.0	370,500
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	42,100	41,800	300	0.7	43,000
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	13,500	13,000	500	3.8	14,100
MANUFACTURING	28,600	28,800	-200	-0.7	28,900
Durable Goods.....	22,000	22,300	-300	-1.3	22,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	369,700	366,500	3,200	0.9	368,800
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	68,300	69,000	-700	-1.0	68,400
Wholesale Trade.....	13,800	13,600	200	1.5	13,900
Retail Trade.....	45,300	46,100	-800	-1.7	45,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	9,200	9,300	-100	-1.1	8,600
INFORMATION	13,300	12,800	500	3.9	13,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	39,900	38,500	1,400	3.6	40,300
Finance and Insurance.....	33,700	32,200	1,500	4.7	33,900
Credit Intermediation and Related.....	8,100	8,200	-100	-1.2	8,200
Financial Investments and Related.....	16,200	16,500	-300	-1.8	16,500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	65,400	65,900	-500	-0.8	66,100
Professional, Scientific.....	27,400	29,100	-1,700	-5.8	28,300
Administrative and Support.....	25,500	25,400	100	0.4	25,200
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	76,300	74,500	1,800	2.4	73,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	63,500	62,200	1,300	2.1	62,000
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	44,700	43,800	900	2.1	47,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	33,900	33,200	700	2.1	35,000
OTHER SERVICES	17,400	17,600	-200	-1.1	17,900
GOVERNMENT	44,400	44,400	0	0.0	41,300
Federal.....	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	2,500
State & Local.....	41,900	41,900	0	0.0	38,800

DANBURY LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	77,700	77,400	300	0.4	77,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	67,900	67,600	300	0.4	68,600
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,700	11,900	-200	-1.7	11,900
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	66,000	65,500	500	0.8	65,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	16,400	17,100	-700	-4.1	16,500
Retail Trade.....	11,700	12,100	-400	-3.3	11,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	10,300	10,200	100	1.0	10,300
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	8,200	8,100	100	1.2	8,600
GOVERNMENT	9,800	9,800	0	0.0	8,700
Federal.....	700	700	0	0.0	700
State & Local.....	9,100	9,100	0	0.0	8,000

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HARTFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	585,700	584,300	1,400	0.2	575,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	494,800	492,500	2,300	0.5	494,500
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	78,900	79,700	-800	-1.0	79,800
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	19,000	20,600	-1,600	-7.8	19,200
MANUFACTURING	59,900	59,100	800	1.4	60,600
Durable Goods.....	49,600	49,200	400	0.8	50,500
Non-Durable Goods.....	10,300	9,900	400	4.0	10,100
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	506,800	504,600	2,200	0.4	496,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	90,300	91,700	-1,400	-1.5	89,400
Wholesale Trade.....	18,100	17,800	300	1.7	18,100
Retail Trade.....	52,900	53,900	-1,000	-1.9	53,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	19,300	20,000	-700	-3.5	18,100
Transportation and Warehousing.....	18,600	19,200	-600	-3.1	17,400
INFORMATION	10,100	9,900	200	2.0	10,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	57,100	56,500	600	1.1	57,100
Depository Credit Institutions.....	5,900	6,000	-100	-1.7	6,000
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	38,800	38,500	300	0.8	39,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	76,100	74,500	1,600	2.1	76,700
Professional, Scientific.....	34,500	34,100	400	1.2	35,200
Management of Companies.....	11,700	11,500	200	1.7	11,600
Administrative and Support.....	29,900	28,900	1,000	3.5	29,900
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	111,000	108,700	2,300	2.1	108,400
Educational Services.....	14,600	13,500	1,100	8.1	11,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	96,400	95,200	1,200	1.3	96,500
Ambulatory Health Care.....	33,700	32,400	1,300	4.0	33,600
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	48,600	48,800	-200	-0.4	50,900
Accommodation and Food Services.....	40,300	41,000	-700	-1.7	41,500
OTHER SERVICES	22,700	22,700	0	0.0	22,000
GOVERNMENT	90,900	91,800	-900	-1.0	81,400
Federal.....	5,400	5,400	0	0.0	5,400
State & Local.....	85,500	86,400	-900	-1.0	76,000

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Labor Market Areas	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA.....	411,200	407,900	3,300	0.8	410,200
DANBURY LMA.....	77,900	77,300	600	0.8	77,900
HARTFORD LMA.....	584,700	583,300	1,400	0.2	583,300
NEW HAVEN LMA.....	289,500	286,300	3,200	1.1	288,500
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA.....	128,900	129,500	-600	-0.5	129,400
WATERBURY LMA.....	69,100	69,300	-200	-0.3	68,400
ENFIELD LMA**.....	45,100	45,300	-200	-0.4	44,900
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**.....	32,600	32,600	0	0.0	32,500
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**.....	26,700	26,800	-100	-0.4	26,700

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NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	291,500	287,000	4,500	1.6	285,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	257,000	252,400	4,600	1.8	256,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	35,200	35,000	200	0.6	35,200
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	11,900	11,500	400	3.5	12,100
MANUFACTURING	23,300	23,500	-200	-0.9	23,100
Durable Goods.....	17,000	17,200	-200	-1.2	17,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	256,300	252,000	4,300	1.7	250,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	50,900	51,200	-300	-0.6	50,300
Wholesale Trade.....	11,600	11,400	200	1.8	11,600
Retail Trade.....	28,700	29,200	-500	-1.7	28,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,600	10,600	0	0.0	10,100
INFORMATION	3,900	3,700	200	5.4	3,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	11,900	12,100	-200	-1.7	12,000
Finance and Insurance.....	8,000	8,300	-300	-3.6	8,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	30,900	31,200	-300	-1.0	31,800
Administrative and Support.....	16,200	16,100	100	0.6	16,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	86,200	81,300	4,900	6.0	82,800
Educational Services.....	33,900	30,500	3,400	11.1	30,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	52,300	50,800	1,500	3.0	51,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	26,500	26,400	100	0.4	28,600
Accommodation and Food Services.....	22,100	21,900	200	0.9	23,000
OTHER SERVICES	11,500	11,500	0	0.0	11,600
GOVERNMENT	34,500	34,600	-100	-0.3	29,000
Federal.....	4,900	4,900	0	0.0	4,900
State & Local.....	29,600	29,700	-100	-0.3	24,100

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HELP WANTED ONLINE

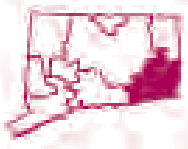
CT online labor demand fell 1.3% in September

The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) Index for Connecticut decreased by 1.3% to 111.2 (July 2018=100) in September, but was up by 7.9% over the year. Nationally, the index fell by 1.3% over the month, but rose by 0.8% over the year. Hartford's labor demand decreased by 1.2% from August, but increased by 7.5% from a year ago. Four out of six New England states showed a decrease of demand for labor over the month.

	HWOL Index			Percent Change		
	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jul to Aug	Aug to Sep	Sep to Sep
July 2018=100 (Seasonally adjusted)						
United States	103.7	104.4	103.0	0.6	-1.3	0.8
New England	107.5	108.4	107.4	0.9	-0.9	4.4
Connecticut	110.0	112.7	111.2	2.4	-1.3	7.9
Hartford	110.8	113.0	111.7	2.0	-1.2	7.5
Maine	112.3	116.3	110.6	3.5	-4.9	5.7
Massachusetts	105.5	105.8	106.4	0.2	0.6	3.6
New Hampshire	107.4	107.2	106.0	-0.2	-1.1	1.1
Rhode Island	99.7	100.8	104.6	1.1	3.8	0.6
Vermont	114.5	119.8	118.9	4.6	-0.8	12.7

Source: The Conference Board

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

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	130,200	130,600	-400	-0.3	131,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	99,900	100,000	-100	-0.1	101,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	22,200	21,400	800	3.7	22,400
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	4,300	4,100	200	4.9	4,300
MANUFACTURING	17,900	17,300	600	3.5	18,100
Durable Goods.....	14,800	14,100	700	5.0	14,900
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,100	3,200	-100	-3.1	3,200
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	108,000	109,200	-1,200	-1.1	108,600
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	22,100	22,500	-400	-1.8	22,200
Wholesale Trade.....	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	2,600
Retail Trade.....	15,400	15,600	-200	-1.3	15,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	4,200	4,400	-200	-4.5	4,000
INFORMATION	1,400	1,400	0	0.0	1,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,700	2,900	-200	-6.9	2,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	9,400	9,400	0	0.0	9,400
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	21,300	21,000	300	1.4	20,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	18,200	18,300	-100	-0.5	18,100
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	17,200	17,700	-500	-2.8	19,300
Accommodation and Food Services.....	14,700	15,000	-300	-2.0	15,900
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	12,200	12,400	-200	-1.6	13,300
OTHER SERVICES	3,600	3,700	-100	-2.7	3,700
GOVERNMENT	30,300	30,600	-300	-1.0	29,700
Federal.....	2,900	2,900	0	0.0	2,900
State & Local**.....	27,400	27,700	-300	-1.1	26,800

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	69,200	69,500	-300	-0.4	67,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	58,400	58,600	-200	-0.3	58,300
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	11,000	10,900	100	0.9	11,100
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING	3,300	3,100	200	6.5	3,400
MANUFACTURING	7,700	7,800	-100	-1.3	7,700
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES	58,200	58,600	-400	-0.7	56,400
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	13,000	12,900	100	0.8	12,600
Wholesale Trade.....	2,000	1,900	100	5.3	2,000
Retail Trade.....	8,600	8,800	-200	-2.3	8,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	2,400	2,200	200	9.1	2,100
INFORMATION	500	600	-100	-16.7	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	2,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	5,300	5,500	-200	-3.6	5,300
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	18,200	17,900	300	1.7	18,100
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	16,300	16,000	300	1.9	16,200
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	5,700	6,100	-400	-6.6	6,000
OTHER SERVICES	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,700
GOVERNMENT	10,800	10,900	-100	-0.9	9,200
Federal.....	500	500	0	0.0	500
State & Local.....	10,300	10,400	-100	-1.0	8,700

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

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT					
ENFIELD LMA.....	45,200	45,400	-200	-0.4	44,600
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	33,000	33,000	0	0.0	33,100
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	26,900	27,000	-100	-0.4	26,900

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

	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	CHANGE		Aug 2019
			NO.	%	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....	345,800	340,300	5,500	1.6	341,500
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	283,300	279,800	3,500	1.3	284,200
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	42,600	40,900	1,700	4.2	42,800
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	13,800	11,800	2,000	16.9	13,700
MANUFACTURING.....	28,800	29,100	-300	-1.0	29,100
Durable Goods.....	19,500	19,600	-100	-0.5	19,700
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,300	9,500	-200	-2.1	9,400
SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....	303,200	299,400	3,800	1.3	298,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	60,500	61,700	-1,200	-1.9	60,800
Wholesale Trade.....	12,100	12,200	-100	-0.8	12,300
Retail Trade.....	33,100	35,400	-2,300	-6.5	33,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	15,300	14,100	1,200	8.5	14,900
INFORMATION.....	3,200	3,300	-100	-3.0	3,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	16,700	16,500	200	1.2	17,000
Finance and Insurance.....	13,200	12,800	400	3.1	13,300
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.....	9,000	8,500	500	5.9	9,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES.....	27,100	27,300	-200	-0.7	27,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	85,600	83,000	2,600	3.1	83,900
Educational Services.....	15,100	14,800	300	2.0	13,700
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	70,500	68,200	2,300	3.4	70,200
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	34,800	34,000	800	2.4	36,100
OTHER SERVICES.....	12,800	13,100	-300	-2.3	13,300
GOVERNMENT.....	62,500	60,500	2,000	3.3	57,300
Federal.....	6,000	6,000	0	0.0	6,000
State & Local.....	56,500	54,500	2,000	3.7	51,300

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

** New England City and Town Area

LMA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(Not seasonally adjusted)	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Sep	Sep	CHANGE		Aug
		2019	2018	NO.	%	2019
CONNECTICUT	Civilian Labor Force	1,913,900	1,903,900	10,000	0.5	1,921,600
	Employed	1,848,100	1,834,200	13,900	0.8	1,852,700
	Unemployed	65,800	69,700	-3,900	-5.6	68,900
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.7	-0.3	---	3.6
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	468,400	465,500	2,900	0.6	472,800
	Employed	452,200	448,300	3,900	0.9	456,000
	Unemployed	16,200	17,200	-1,000	-5.8	16,800
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	-0.2	---	3.6
DANBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	106,700	106,400	300	0.3	108,100
	Employed	103,700	103,100	600	0.6	104,800
	Unemployed	3,000	3,200	-200	-6.3	3,200
	Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	-0.2	---	3.0
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	43,000	43,000	0	0.0	43,700
	Employed	41,500	41,400	100	0.2	42,100
	Unemployed	1,500	1,600	-100	-6.3	1,600
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	-0.3	---	3.6
ENFIELD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	51,300	50,400	900	1.8	51,400
	Employed	49,600	48,700	900	1.8	49,700
	Unemployed	1,600	1,700	-100	-5.9	1,700
	Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	-0.2	---	3.3
HARTFORD LMA	Civilian Labor Force	627,900	625,800	2,100	0.3	627,800
	Employed	606,000	602,800	3,200	0.5	604,600
	Unemployed	21,900	23,000	-1,100	-4.8	23,300
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	-0.2	---	3.7
NEW HAVEN LMA	Civilian Labor Force	329,900	326,300	3,600	1.1	328,900
	Employed	318,800	314,400	4,400	1.4	317,400
	Unemployed	11,100	11,900	-800	-6.7	11,500
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	-0.2	---	3.5
NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA	Civilian Labor Force	142,300	142,700	-400	-0.3	144,600
	Employed	137,600	137,700	-100	-0.1	139,700
	Unemployed	4,700	5,000	-300	-6.0	4,900
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	-0.2	---	3.4
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA	Civilian Labor Force	47,800	47,500	300	0.6	48,200
	Employed	46,400	46,000	400	0.9	46,700
	Unemployed	1,400	1,500	-100	-6.7	1,500
	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.2	-0.3	---	3.1
WATERBURY LMA	Civilian Labor Force	112,200	112,100	100	0.1	112,100
	Employed	107,500	107,000	500	0.5	107,100
	Unemployed	4,800	5,100	-300	-5.9	5,000
	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	-0.2	---	4.4
UNITED STATES	Civilian Labor Force	163,943,000	161,958,000	1,985,000	1.2	164,019,000
	Employed	158,478,000	156,191,000	2,287,000	1.5	157,816,000
	Unemployed	5,465,000	5,766,000	-301,000	-5.2	6,203,000
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.6	-0.3	---	3.8

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Sep		CHG	Aug	Sep		CHG	Aug	Sep		CHG	Aug
	2019	2018	Y/Y	2019	2019	2018	Y/Y	2019	2019	2018	Y/Y	2019
PRODUCTION WORKER												
MANUFACTURING	\$1,165.22	\$1,131.23	\$33.99	\$1,152.32	41.6	42.1	-0.5	41.6	\$28.01	\$26.87	\$1.14	\$27.70
DURABLE GOODS	1,291.50	1,273.31	18.19	1,276.38	41.0	42.7	-1.7	41.2	31.50	29.82	1.68	30.98
NON-DUR. GOODS	784.74	826.06	-41.32	779.49	43.5	40.1	3.4	42.9	18.04	20.60	-2.56	18.17
CONSTRUCTION	1,287.40	1,205.05	82.35	1,283.14	41.0	38.5	2.5	41.1	31.40	31.30	0.10	31.22
ALL EMPLOYEES												
STATEWIDE												
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,146.65	1,116.63	30.02	1,104.12	34.3	34.2	0.1	33.9	33.43	32.65	0.78	32.57
GOODS PRODUCING	1,431.33	1,394.19	37.14	1,418.53	38.8	39.8	-1.0	38.8	36.89	35.03	1.86	36.56
Construction	1,341.74	1,205.65	136.08	1,326.57	38.6	37.2	1.4	38.8	34.76	32.41	2.35	34.19
Manufacturing	1,471.20	1,482.80	-11.60	1,459.77	39.4	41.5	-2.1	39.4	37.34	35.73	1.61	37.05
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,095.79	1,067.05	28.74	1,047.09	33.5	33.2	0.3	33.0	32.71	32.14	0.57	31.73
Trade, Transp., Utilities	962.64	894.62	68.02	926.85	34.1	33.9	0.2	33.4	28.23	26.39	1.84	27.75
Financial Activities	1,919.00	1,867.38	51.62	1,787.11	38.0	37.4	0.6	37.1	50.50	49.93	0.57	48.17
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,284.31	1,270.17	14.15	1,235.05	35.4	34.6	0.8	34.8	36.28	36.71	-0.43	35.49
Education & Health Ser.	987.25	975.47	11.77	976.28	33.5	32.8	0.7	33.4	29.47	29.74	-0.27	29.23
Leisure & Hospitality	454.61	480.25	-25.64	451.10	25.2	26.2	-1.0	25.5	18.04	18.33	-0.29	17.69
Other Services	816.58	805.97	10.61	785.89	32.9	32.2	0.7	32.8	24.82	25.03	-0.21	23.96
LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,218.20	1,215.13	3.07	1,165.86	34.5	34.2	0.3	34.0	35.31	35.53	-0.22	34.29
Danbury	1,079.11	1,014.89	64.22	1,067.06	34.9	34.9	0.0	34.6	30.92	29.08	1.84	30.84
Hartford	1,249.92	1,186.73	63.18	1,189.46	35.6	35.1	0.5	34.8	35.11	33.81	1.30	34.18
New Haven	1,058.70	1,054.14	4.56	1,034.25	33.9	33.7	0.2	33.7	31.23	31.28	-0.05	30.69
Norwich-New London	782.90	854.31	-71.40	774.20	30.1	30.5	-0.4	29.8	26.01	28.01	-2.00	25.98
Waterbury	966.94	960.80	6.15	959.99	35.2	34.9	0.3	35.1	27.47	27.53	-0.06	27.35

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

New Companies and Expansions

- o Developer Carpinato Group breaks ground on \$200M Avon Village Center project
- o Mathnasium of Wilton held a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting on Oct. 18th
- o Plan B burger bar coming to Southington
- o Mohegan Sun to open TAO restaurant in 2020
- o New restaurant Noches de Colombia planned for downtown Stamford

Layoffs and Closures

- o Ice cream distributor Dari Farms laying off nearly 100 in Tolland and Milford
- o Meriden mall menswear store Pietro's Tuxedo closes after 30 years
- o Destination Maternity chain files for bankruptcy, 200+ stores eyed for closure
- o Bed Bath and Beyond is closing 20 more stores (CT impact unknown)

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SEPTEMBER 2019

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD					HARTFORD cont...				
	468,401	452,233	16,168	3.5	Canton	5,797	5,621	176	3.0
Ansonia	9,297	8,863	434	4.7	Chaplin	1,253	1,213	40	3.2
Bridgeport	69,640	66,187	3,453	5.0	Colchester	9,522	9,253	269	2.8
Darien	8,752	8,474	278	3.2	Columbia	3,266	3,181	85	2.6
Derby	6,724	6,472	252	3.7	Coventry	7,881	7,687	194	2.5
Easton	3,875	3,771	104	2.7	Cromwell	8,030	7,800	230	2.9
Fairfield	29,674	28,710	964	3.2	East Granby	3,113	3,030	83	2.7
Greenwich	29,134	28,295	839	2.9	East Haddam	5,062	4,910	152	3.0
Milford	30,651	29,634	1,017	3.3	East Hampton	7,816	7,598	218	2.8
Monroe	10,154	9,842	312	3.1	East Hartford	27,400	26,209	1,191	4.3
New Canaan	8,500	8,220	280	3.3	Ellington	9,547	9,263	284	3.0
Norwalk	50,949	49,460	1,489	2.9	Farmington	14,354	13,991	363	2.5
Oxford	7,199	7,012	187	2.6	Glastonbury	19,267	18,762	505	2.6
Redding	4,487	4,355	132	2.9	Granby	6,924	6,744	180	2.6
Ridgefield	11,964	11,613	351	2.9	Haddam	5,112	4,996	116	2.3
Seymour	9,024	8,711	313	3.5	Hartford	53,496	50,092	3,404	6.4
Shelton	22,280	21,507	773	3.5	Hartland	1,156	1,124	32	2.8
Southbury	8,730	8,457	273	3.1	Harwinton	3,253	3,157	96	3.0
Stamford	71,135	69,019	2,116	3.0	Hebron	5,575	5,445	130	2.3
Stratford	27,504	26,354	1,150	4.2	Lebanon	4,093	3,976	117	2.9
Trumbull	18,066	17,504	562	3.1	Manchester	33,279	32,133	1,146	3.4
Weston	4,387	4,266	121	2.8	Mansfield	12,768	12,355	413	3.2
Westport	12,829	12,451	378	2.9	Marlborough	3,637	3,544	93	2.6
Wilton	8,558	8,297	261	3.0	Middletown	26,373	25,459	914	3.5
Woodbridge	4,891	4,761	130	2.7	New Britain	36,930	35,088	1,842	5.0
					New Hartford	4,011	3,914	97	2.4
DANBURY	106,670	103,691	2,979	2.8	Newington	17,534	16,980	554	3.2
Bethel	10,894	10,579	315	2.9	Plainville	10,576	10,236	340	3.2
Bridgewater	842	815	27	3.2	Plymouth	6,705	6,437	268	4.0
Brookfield	9,336	9,070	266	2.8	Portland	5,547	5,377	170	3.1
Danbury	47,275	45,946	1,329	2.8	Rocky Hill	11,753	11,418	335	2.9
New Fairfield	7,141	6,941	200	2.8	Scotland	960	937	23	2.4
New Milford	15,157	14,742	415	2.7	Simsbury	13,812	13,483	329	2.4
Newtown	14,155	13,775	380	2.7	Southington	24,797	24,138	659	2.7
Sherman	1,871	1,823	48	2.6	South Windsor	14,420	13,993	427	3.0
					Stafford	6,941	6,726	215	3.1
ENFIELD	51,252	49,626	1,626	3.2	Thomaston	4,771	4,635	136	2.9
East Windsor	6,684	6,480	204	3.1	Tolland	8,684	8,461	223	2.6
Enfield	23,838	23,076	762	3.2	Union**	469	457	12	2.6
Somers	5,280	5,123	157	3.0	Vernon	17,470	16,937	533	3.1
Suffield	7,820	7,579	241	3.1	West Hartford	34,985	34,041	944	2.7
Windsor Locks	7,629	7,368	261	3.4	Wethersfield	14,166	13,756	410	2.9
					Willington	3,691	3,610	81	2.2
HARTFORD	627,948	606,032	21,916	3.5	Windham	12,382	11,897	485	3.9
Andover	1,961	1,906	55	2.8	Windsor	16,812	16,195	617	3.7
Ashford	2,572	2,510	62	2.4					
Avon	9,526	9,309	217	2.3					
Barkhamsted	2,323	2,259	64	2.8					
Berlin	11,920	11,567	353	3.0					
Bloomfield	11,990	11,521	469	3.9					
Bolton	3,217	3,130	87	2.7					
Bristol	33,326	32,004	1,322	4.0					
Burlington	5,724	5,567	157	2.7					

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)

SEPTEMBER 2019

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
NEW HAVEN	329,938	318,840	11,098	3.4	TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST				
Bethany	3,164	3,078	86	2.7	Canaan	47,791	46,383	1,408	2.9
Branford	16,344	15,834	510	3.1	Colebrook	660	650	10	1.5
Cheshire	15,961	15,580	381	2.4	Cornwall	822	802	20	2.4
Chester	2,392	2,327	65	2.7	Goshen	798	779	19	2.4
Clinton	7,372	7,168	204	2.8	Kent	1,700	1,656	44	2.6
Deep River	2,905	2,837	68	2.3	Litchfield	1,552	1,514	38	2.4
Durham	4,369	4,261	108	2.5	Morris	4,943	4,829	114	2.3
East Haven	16,012	15,394	618	3.9	Norfolk	1,462	1,434	28	1.9
Essex	3,421	3,324	97	2.8	North Canaan	932	909	23	2.5
Guilford	13,160	12,826	334	2.5	Roxbury	1,816	1,771	45	2.5
Hamden	35,935	34,789	1,146	3.2	Salisbury	1,376	1,349	27	2.0
Killingworth	3,877	3,785	92	2.4	Sharon	1,881	1,844	37	2.0
Madison	9,264	9,014	250	2.7	Torrington	1,539	1,515	24	1.6
Meriden	32,507	31,165	1,342	4.1	Warren	19,195	18,508	687	3.6
Middlefield	2,552	2,483	69	2.7	Washington	819	801	18	2.2
New Haven	65,328	62,630	2,698	4.1	Winchester	2,128	2,090	38	1.8
North Branford	8,332	8,087	245	2.9	WATERBURY				
North Haven	13,595	13,196	399	2.9	Beacon Falls	112,244	107,460	4,784	4.3
Old Saybrook	5,182	5,027	155	3.0	Bethlehem	3,554	3,435	119	3.3
Orange	7,445	7,242	203	2.7	Middlebury	1,966	1,908	58	3.0
Wallingford	26,647	25,884	763	2.9	Naugatuck	3,989	3,869	120	3.0
West Haven	30,451	29,294	1,157	3.8	Prospect	17,476	16,786	690	3.9
Westbrook	3,724	3,617	107	2.9	Waterbury	5,715	5,540	175	3.1
*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART					Watertown	50,835	48,065	2,770	5.4
	126,657	122,385	4,272	3.4	Wolcott	13,125	12,698	427	3.3
Bozrah	1,453	1,402	51	3.5	Woodbury	9,997	9,722	275	2.8
Canterbury	2,889	2,812	77	2.7	DANIELSON-NORTH EAST				
East Lyme	8,697	8,410	287	3.3		42,966	41,459	1,507	3.5
Franklin	1,073	1,044	29	2.7	Brooklyn	4,088	3,959	129	3.2
Griswold	6,311	6,076	235	3.7	Eastford	983	953	30	3.1
Groton	18,485	17,929	556	3.0	Hampton	1,050	1,018	32	3.0
Ledyard	8,009	7,794	215	2.7	Killingly	9,535	9,190	345	3.6
Lisbon	2,350	2,277	73	3.1	Plainfield	8,608	8,275	333	3.9
Lyme	1,214	1,193	21	1.7	Pomfret	2,489	2,433	56	2.2
Montville	9,399	9,052	347	3.7	Putnam	4,790	4,623	167	3.5
New London	12,098	11,498	600	5.0	Sterling	2,002	1,925	77	3.8
No. Stonington	2,932	2,869	63	2.1	Thompson	5,242	5,059	183	3.5
Norwich	20,253	19,520	733	3.6	Woodstock	4,180	4,025	155	3.7
Old Lyme	3,781	3,665	116	3.1	** Not official BLS estimates, but were produced using BLS methodology				
Preston	2,449	2,350	99	4.0					
Salem	2,130	2,077	53	2.5					
Sprague	1,615	1,557	58	3.6					
Stonington	9,831	9,568	263	2.7					
Voluntown	1,499	1,438	61	4.1					
Waterford	10,192	9,856	336	3.3					

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

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	142,307	137,561	4,746	3.3
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	15,650	15,176	474	3.0

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,913,900	1,848,100	65,800	3.4
UNITED STATES	163,943,000	158,478,000	5,465,000	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,911,000	1,842,800	68,300	3.6
UNITED STATES	164,039,000	158,269,000	5,769,000	3.5

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	SEP 2019	YR TO DATE 2019	YR TO DATE 2018	TOWN	SEP 2019	YR TO DATE 2019	YR TO DATE 2018	TOWN	SEP 2019	YR TO DATE 2019	YR TO DATE 2018
Andover	0	6	4	Griswold	1	11	14	Preston	0	8	10
Ansonia	na	na	na	Groton	na	na	na	Prospect	0	26	22
Ashford	na	na	na	Guilford	na	na	na	Putnam	na	na	na
Avon	1	11	11	Haddam	0	6	6	Redding	1	2	4
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	na	Ridgefield	0	42	12
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	na	Rocky Hill	1	7	7
Berlin	0	20	13	Hartford	1	6	4	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	0	1	1	Salem	na	na	na
Bethel	3	42	47	Harwinton	na	na	na	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	1	10	12	Scotland	na	na	na
Bloomfield	17	31	4	Kent	0	1	5	Seymour	na	na	na
Bolton	0	0	6	Killingly	na	na	na	Sharon	na	na	na
Bozrah	na	na	na	Killingworth	0	3	3	Shelton	2	39	40
Branford	0	18	13	Lebanon	1	3	6	Sherman	0	2	2
Bridgeport	2	30	29	Ledyard	na	na	na	Simsbury	10	62	193
Bridgewater	0	1	0	Lisbon	na	na	na	Somers	0	12	9
Bristol	1	34	26	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	8	144	65
Brookfield	2	14	9	Lyme	0	1	2	Southbury	na	na	na
Brooklyn	2	16	11	Madison	na	na	na	Southington	6	69	54
Burlington	2	24	11	Manchester	0	26	20	Sprague	0	2	0
Canaan	na	na	na	Mansfield	0	5	6	Stafford	0	7	8
Canterbury	na	na	na	Marlborough	0	0	2	Stamford	6	363	90
Canton	1	8	6	Meriden	na	na	na	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	na	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	na
Cheshire	2	14	15	Middlefield	1	3	6	Stratford	3	76	24
Chester	0	1	0	Middletown	1	13	10	Suffield	1	29	55
Clinton	2	20	19	Milford	14	140	126	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	1	12	28	Monroe	1	11	6	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	na	Montville	na	na	na	Tolland	1	13	7
Columbia	0	1	1	Morris	na	na	na	Torrington	na	na	na
Cornwall	na	na	na	Naugatuck	na	na	na	Trumbull	1	5	6
Coventry	1	14	13	New Britain	5	14	7	Union	0	3	1
Cromwell	1	8	8	New Canaan	1	9	18	Vernon	12	82	74
Danbury	15	84	87	New Fairfield	0	3	5	Voluntown	0	1	0
Darien	3	31	26	New Hartford	na	na	na	Wallingford	2	16	16
Deep River	0	0	2	New Haven	0	277	454	Warren	na	na	na
Derby	na	na	na	New London	3	27	28	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	0	3	3	New Milford	na	na	na	Waterbury	6	18	18
East Granby	0	3	3	Newington	0	2	2	Waterford	na	na	na
East Haddam	3	8	25	Newtown	5	51	40	Watertown	na	na	na
East Hampton	1	11	18	Norfolk	na	na	na	West Hartford	6	63	58
East Hartford	0	4	0	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	na	North Canaan	na	na	na	Westbrook	1	5	5
East Lyme	4	24	17	North Haven	na	na	na	Weston	0	6	8
East Windsor	1	15	143	North Stonington	na	na	na	Westport	1	41	82
Eastford	na	na	na	Norwalk	52	185	28	Wethersfield	0	3	3
Easton	0	1	7	Norwich	1	9	17	Willington	0	1	2
Ellington	13	89	79	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	1	3	5
Enfield	0	29	20	Old Saybrook	1	14	37	Winchester	na	na	na
Essex	1	13	25	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	1	3	1
Fairfield	74	138	59	Oxford	3	35	33	Windsor	6	17	15
Farmington	2	48	30	Plainfield	na	na	na	Windsor Locks	0	17	9
Franklin	na	na	na	Plainville	1	9	8	Wolcott	11	29	10
Glastonbury	2	24	30	Plymouth	na	na	na	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	na	Pomfret	na	na	na	Woodbury	0	2	3
Granby	0	39	42	Portland	0	3	5	Woodstock	na	na	na
Greenwich	15	160	135								

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (800) 500-2467.

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.....	4.5	Business Activity		Tourism and Travel	
Coincident General Drift Indicator..	0.6	New Housing Permits.....	77.7	Occupancy Rate.....	-1.6
Liberty Bank Business Barometer..	0.5	Electricity Sales.....	-12.1	Tourism Website Visitors.....	73.0
Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index.....	2.9	Construction Contracts Index..	-11.2	Air Passenger Count.....	NA
Total Nonfarm Employment.....	0.5	New Auto Registrations.....	-9.3	Gaming Slots.....	-6.8
Labor Force.....	-0.3	Exports.....	-13.9	Employment Cost Index (U.S.)	
Employed.....	0.0	S&P 500: Monthly Close.....	2.2	Total.....	2.7
Unemployed.....	-8.0	Business Starts		Wages & Salaries.....	3.0
Unemployment Rate.....	-0.3 *	Secretary of the State.....	13.9	Benefit Costs.....	2.0
Labor Force Participation Rate... ..	-0.3 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-19.8	Consumer Prices	
Employment-Population Ratio... ..	-0.1 *	Business Terminations		U.S. City Average.....	1.7
Average Weekly Initial Claims..	4.8	Secretary of the State.....	6.3	Northeast Region.....	1.4
Avg Insured Unempl. Rate.....	-0.07 *	Dept. of Labor.....	-6.0	NY-Newark-Jersey City.....	1.4
U-6 Rate.....	-1.1 *	State Revenues.....	12.3	Boston-Cambridge-Newton...	1.1
Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs.....	-1.2	Corporate Tax.....	28.2	Interest Rates	
PW Avg Hourly Earnings.....	4.2	Personal Income Tax.....	-6.6	Prime.....	0.12 *
PW Avg Weekly Earnings.....	3.0	Real Estate Conveyance Tax..	8.7	Conventional Mortgage.....	-1.02 *
CT Mfg. Production Index.....	-5.4	Sales & Use Tax.....	60.6		
Production Worker Hours.....	5.5	Gaming Payments.....	-4.8		
Industrial Electricity Sales.....	-12.4				
Personal Income.....	2.7				
UI Covered Wages.....	3.1				

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

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