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June 2018 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 4.4%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.0%

Nonfarm jobs increase by 6,100 in June; unemployment rate at 4.4%

WETHERSFIELD, July 19, 2018 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state grew 6,100 net jobs (0.4%) in June 2018, to a level of 1,698,800, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 14,900 jobs (0.9%). The May 2018 originally-released job gain of 4,100 was revised up by 2,000 to a gain of 6,100 over the month. The number of the state's unemployed residents was estimated at 83,975 seasonally adjusted, down 918 from May. As a result, Connecticut's June unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a point to 4.4%, seasonally adjusted. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm payroll job estimates above.

"June's increase of 6,100 jobs overcame the entire decline we saw in March and April," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Our three month average job growth has once again turned positive. The seasonally adjusted year over year job gain of nearly 15,000 jobs is very encouraging, but this number can be volatile. Our average annual gain for the last 12 months is 5,300, still ahead of last year's pace. Construction and manufacturing are now the fastest growing sectors in the state's labor market – a very good sign."

Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

Private sector employment grew by 7,600 (0.5%) to 1,470,700 jobs over the month in June, and grew by 19,400 (1.3%) seasonally-adjusted jobs over the year. The **government supersector** lost 1,500 positions in June to a total of 228,100, with over-the-year losses at -4,500 or -1.9%. The **government supersector** includes all federal, state and local employment, including public higher education and Native American casino employment located on tribal land.

Seven of the ten major industry *supersectors* gained employment in June, while three declined. The **leisure & hospitality supersector** led growing industries with 2,400 net new jobs (1.5%, 158,500 total jobs) in June while **education & health services** (0.6%, 341,100) was next, adding 1,900 new positions. **Construction & mining** grew by 1,200 (2.0%, 61,300) and **professional & business services** added 1,100 (0.5%, 222,300). **Manufacturing** grew by 900 (0.6%, 164,000) in June while **financial activities** grew by 400 (0.3%, 127,900). Finally, **the information supersector** grew by 200 jobs (0.7%, 30,900) last month.

In addition to the **government supersector** mentioned above, the **other services supersector** dropped 400 jobs (-0.6%, 65,200) in June, while **trade, transportation & utilities** lost 100 positions (-0.0%, 299,500).

Connecticut has now recovered **87.8%** (104,600 jobs) of the 119,100 seasonally adjusted jobs lost in the "Great Recession" (3/08-2/10). The job recovery is into its 100th month and the state needs an additional 14,500 net new jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. The state's **private sector** has now recovered **111.2%** (124,200) of the private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn.

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Four of the six LMAs that are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics saw job increases in June 2018 while the **Waterbury LMA** was unchanged. The **Hartford LMA** led gainers with 2,800 net new positions (0.5%, 579,900). The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** was next with 2,300 new jobs (0.6%, 407,900) and the **Norwich–New London–Westerly, RI LMA** added 600 jobs, (0.5%, 131,600) and the **Danbury LMA** saw a small increase of 100 jobs (0.1%, 79,300) while the **New Haven LMA** saw a decline of 400 jobs over the month (-0.1%, 285,300).

Note: The six major Connecticut LMAs are estimated independently from the statewide data by the BLS and cover more than 90% of the nonfarm employment in the state. Thus, estimates will not fully sum to the statewide total.

Hours and Earnings: The **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 33.8 hours in June 2018, up two-tenths of an hour from the same month a year ago (0.6%). Average hourly earnings at \$31.31, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$0.53 (1.7%) from the June 2017 estimate (\$30.78). The resultant average **private sector** weekly pay amounted to \$1,058.28, up \$24.07 from a year ago (2.3%). The 12-month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in June 2018 was 2.9%. Information for the manufacturing production workweek and earnings can be found in the table section of this release under the “Hours and Earnings” data category. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

Labor Force Data (residential household survey)

The June 2018 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **4.4%** (seasonally adjusted), down one-tenth of a point from May 2018 and down three-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 4.7%. The US jobless rate in June 2018 was 4.0%, up two-tenths of a point from May 2018.

Based on the Local Area Unemployment Statistics model (LAUS - a statistical model using the CPS – Current Population Survey residential data), the number of Connecticut unemployed residents, seasonally adjusted, was down 900 from May at 84,000 in June. Over the year, the number of the state’s jobless residents declined by 5,600 (-6.3%). The state’s labor force decreased by 1,900 (-0.1%) over the month, and is down over the year (-23,300, -1.2%).

June 2018 seasonally-adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut grew by 69 claimants (2.2%) to 3,211 from May 2018, and were lower by 609 claims (-15.9%) from the June 2017 level of 3,820.

*The nonfarm employment estimate, derived from a survey of businesses, is a measure of jobs in the state; the unemployment rate and labor force estimates are based on a household survey, and measure the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Overall, as the national and state economies recover, volatility in monthly numbers can be expected. **Job and employment estimates are best understood in the context of their movement over several months rather than observed changes in a single month’s value.***

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

| | June 2018 P | May 2018 R | April 2018 | March 2018 | June 2017 | Over Month Change | Over Month Rate | Over Year Change | Over Year Rate |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| CONNECTICUT | 1,698,800 | 1,692,700 | 1,686,600 | 1,688,500 | 1,683,900 | 6,100 | 0.4% | 14,900 | 0.9% |
| Total Private | 1,470,700 | 1,463,100 | 1,456,500 | 1,458,200 | 1,451,300 | 7,600 | 0.5% | 19,400 | 1.3% |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 600 | 600 | 500 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Construction | 60,700 | 59,500 | 59,200 | 59,400 | 58,600 | 1,200 | 2.0% | 2,100 | 3.6% |
| Manufacturing | 164,000 | 163,100 | 162,800 | 162,600 | 159,100 | 900 | 0.6% | 4,900 | 3.1% |
| Durable Goods | 128,800 | 128,200 | 128,000 | 127,800 | 124,500 | 600 | 0.5% | 4,300 | 3.5% |
| Nondurable Goods | 35,200 | 34,900 | 34,800 | 34,800 | 34,600 | 300 | 0.9% | 600 | 1.7% |
| Service Providing Industries | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 299,500 | 299,600 | 297,600 | 298,700 | 297,800 | -100 | 0.0% | 1,700 | 0.6% |
| Wholesale | 62,800 | 62,800 | 62,600 | 63,200 | 62,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 0.5% |
| Retail | 183,200 | 183,500 | 181,900 | 182,200 | 183,700 | -300 | -0.2% | -500 | -0.3% |
| Transp, Warehousing & Utilities | 53,500 | 53,300 | 53,100 | 53,300 | 51,600 | 200 | 0.4% | 1,900 | 3.7% |
| Information | 30,900 | 30,700 | 30,600 | 30,700 | 31,700 | 200 | 0.7% | -800 | -2.5% |
| Financial Activities | 127,900 | 127,500 | 127,600 | 128,400 | 128,000 | 400 | 0.3% | -100 | -0.1% |
| Finance & Insurance | 107,700 | 107,400 | 107,500 | 108,200 | 108,200 | 300 | 0.3% | -500 | -0.5% |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing | 20,200 | 20,100 | 20,100 | 20,200 | 19,800 | 100 | 0.5% | 400 | 2.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 222,300 | 221,200 | 220,500 | 221,100 | 218,300 | 1,100 | 0.5% | 4,000 | 1.8% |
| Prof, Scientific & Tech Services | 98,300 | 98,000 | 97,100 | 96,800 | 96,500 | 300 | 0.3% | 1,800 | 1.9% |
| Management of Companies | 31,600 | 31,600 | 31,600 | 31,700 | 31,900 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -0.9% |
| Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv | 92,400 | 91,600 | 91,800 | 92,600 | 89,900 | 800 | 0.9% | 2,500 | 2.8% |
| Educational & Health Services | 341,100 | 339,200 | 338,800 | 338,500 | 334,900 | 1,900 | 0.6% | 6,200 | 1.9% |
| Educational Services | 67,100 | 65,900 | 65,800 | 65,400 | 65,400 | 1,200 | 1.8% | 1,700 | 2.6% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 274,000 | 273,300 | 273,000 | 273,100 | 269,500 | 700 | 0.3% | 4,500 | 1.7% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 158,500 | 156,100 | 154,500 | 153,800 | 157,100 | 2,400 | 1.5% | 1,400 | 0.9% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 27,500 | 26,900 | 25,900 | 25,700 | 28,000 | 600 | 2.2% | -500 | -1.8% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 131,000 | 129,200 | 128,600 | 128,100 | 129,100 | 1,800 | 1.4% | 1,900 | 1.5% |
| Other Services | 65,200 | 65,600 | 64,400 | 64,400 | 65,200 | -400 | -0.6% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Government** | 228,100 | 229,600 | 230,100 | 230,300 | 232,600 | -1,500 | -0.7% | -4,500 | -1.9% |
| UNITED STATES | 148,912,000 | 148,699,000 | 148,455,000 | 148,280,000 | 146,538,000 | 213,000 | 0.1% | 2,374,000 | 1.6% |

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

| Seasonally Adjusted data | June 2018 P | May 2018 R | April 2018 | March 2018 | June 2017 | Over Month Change | Over Month Rate | Over Year Change | Over Year Rate |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk | 407,900 | 405,600 | 406,200 | 406,700 | 408,000 | 2,300 | 0.6% | -100 | 0.0% |
| Danbury | 79,300 | 79,200 | 78,900 | 79,000 | 78,200 | 100 | 0.1% | 1,100 | 1.4% |
| Hartford | 579,900 | 577,100 | 575,700 | 577,500 | 572,600 | 2,800 | 0.5% | 7,300 | 1.3% |
| New Haven | 285,300 | 285,700 | 285,300 | 283,200 | 284,800 | -400 | -0.1% | 500 | 0.2% |
| Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI | 131,600 | 131,000 | 130,900 | 130,700 | 130,600 | 600 | 0.5% | 1,000 | 0.8% |
| Waterbury | 66,500 | 66,500 | 66,300 | 66,500 | 67,300 | 0 | 0.0% | -800 | -1.2% |
| <i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Enfield | 45,300 | 45,400 | 45,600 | 44,800 | 45,200 | -100 | -0.2% | 100 | 0.2% |
| Torrington-Northwest | 33,400 | 32,900 | 31,900 | 31,600 | 33,500 | 500 | 1.5% | -100 | -0.3% |
| Danielson-Northeast | 27,200 | 27,100 | 27,000 | 26,600 | 27,400 | 100 | 0.4% | -200 | -0.7% |

* Less than 0.05% ** Includes Native American tribal government employment

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Starting with March, 2011, our monthly statewide and major LMA nonfarm job estimates have been taken over by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the final phase of transition in this program, which began in 2008. As a result of changes in the estimation procedures, you are likely to see more variability in month-to-month estimates of job counts. Caution should be used in interpreting any single month's estimate. The data are best interpreted to identify trends and cycles over several months and quarters. If you have any questions about these changes, please email us at: dol.lmi@ct.gov. Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

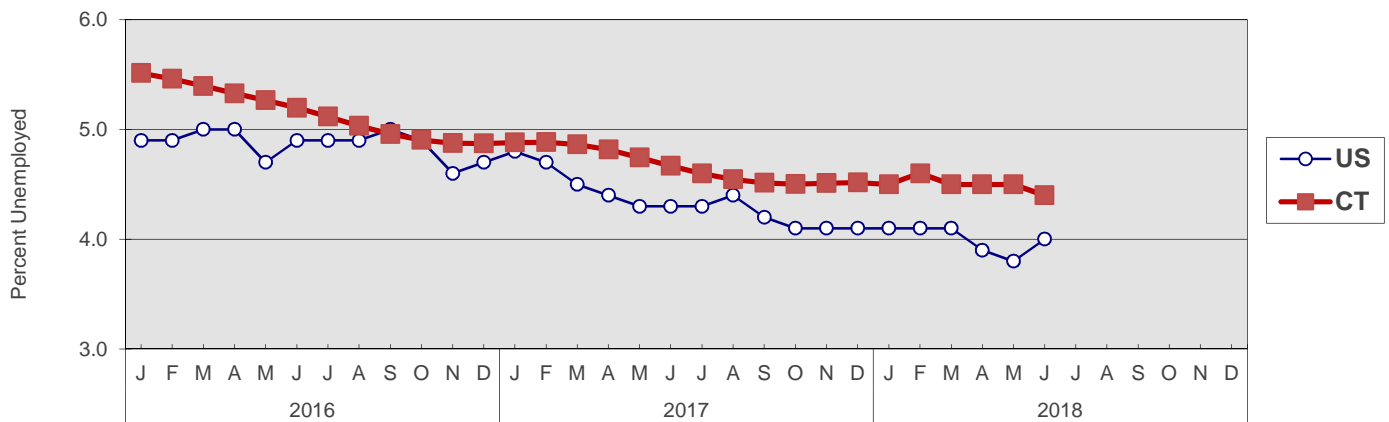
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

| | June 2018 P | | June 2017 R | | Change | | May 2018 R | |
|----------------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-----------|--------|-------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Points | Number | Rate |
| CONNECTICUT | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed | 84,000 | 4.4 | 89,600 | 4.7 | -5,600 | -0.3 | 84,900 | 4.5 |
| Labor Force | 1,896,600 | | 1,919,900 | | -23,300 | | 1,898,500 | |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed | 6,564,000 | 4.0 | 6,964,000 | 4.3 | -400,000 | -0.3 | 6,065,000 | 3.8 |
| Labor Force | 162,140,000 | | 160,214,000 | | 1,926,000 | | 161,539,000 | |

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2016 - 2018



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | June 2018 P | | June 2017 R | | Change | | May 2018 R | |
|---|-------------|------|-------------|------|----------|--------|------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Points | Number | Rate |
| Bridgeport-Stamford | | | | | | | | |
| Danbury | | | | | | | | |
| Danielson-Northeast* | | | | | | | | |
| Worcester NECTA | | | | | | | | |
| Hampton | | | | | | | | |
| Enfield | | | | | | | | |
| Hartford | | | | | | | | |
| New Haven | | | | | | | | |
| Norwich-New London | | | | | | | | |
| Torrington-Northwest** | | | | | | | | |
| Torrington NECTA | | | | | | | | |
| Litchfield | | | | | | | | |
| Waterbury | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Release of the June 2018 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, July 20, 2018. An updated <i>Connecticut Labor Situation</i> with these data will be available on our website at that time at: http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| CONNECTICUT | 86,500 | 4.5 | 93,600 | 4.8 | -7,100 | -0.3 | 80,800 | 4.2 |
| UNITED STATES | 6,812,000 | 4.2 | 7,250,000 | 4.5 | -438,000 | -0.3 | 5,756,000 | 3.6 |

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R = Revised

Labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| | June 2018 P | June 2017 | Change over Yr. | May 2018 R | June 2018 P | June 2017 | Change over Yr. | May 2018 R | June 2018 P | June 2017 | Change over Yr. | May 2018 R |
| Private Industry All Employees | \$1,058.28 | \$1,034.21 | \$24.07 | \$1,064.12 | 33.8 | 33.6 | 0.2 | 33.9 | \$31.31 | \$30.78 | \$0.53 | \$31.39 |
| Manufacturing* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production Workers | \$1,025.71 | \$1,052.50 | -\$26.79 | \$1,052.06 | 40.8 | 42.1 | -1.3 | 41.0 | \$25.14 | \$25.00 | \$0.14 | \$25.66 |

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

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

TRENDS

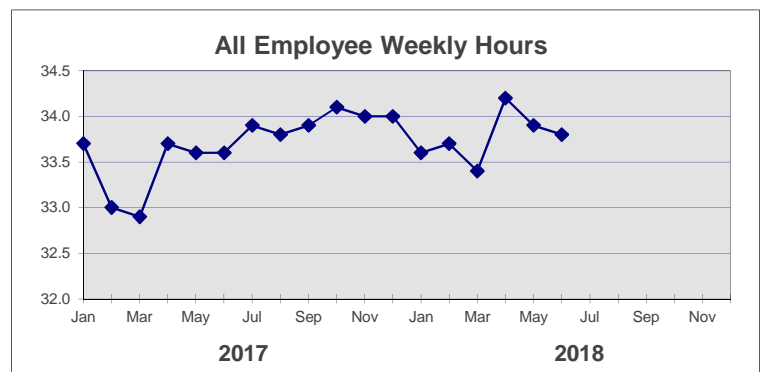
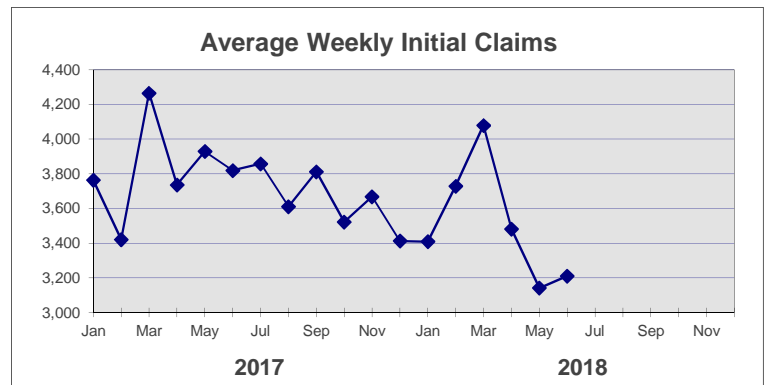
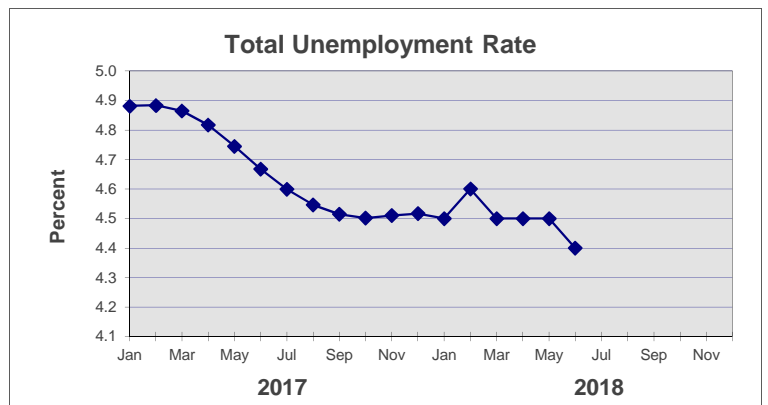
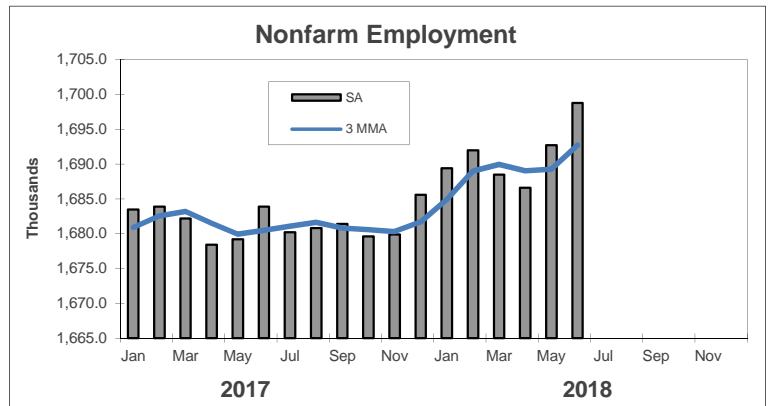
Seasonally Adjusted

| | Nonfarm Employment (000s) | Total Unemployment Rate |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2017 | | |
| Jan | 1,683.5 | 4.9 |
| Feb | 1,683.9 | 4.9 |
| Mar | 1,682.2 | 4.9 |
| Apr | 1,678.4 | 4.8 |
| May | 1,679.2 | 4.7 |
| Jun | 1,683.9 | 4.7 |
| Jul | 1,680.2 | 4.6 |
| Aug | 1,680.8 | 4.5 |
| Sep | 1,681.4 | 4.5 |
| Oct | 1,679.6 | 4.5 |
| Nov | 1,679.9 | 4.5 |
| Dec | 1,685.6 | 4.5 |

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------|
| 2018 | | |
| Jan | 1,689.4 | 4.5 |
| Feb | 1,692.0 | 4.6 |
| Mar | 1,688.5 | 4.5 |
| Apr | 1,686.6 | 4.5 |
| May | 1,692.7 R | 4.5 R |
| Jun | 1,698.8 P | 4.4 P |
| Jul | | |
| Aug | | |
| Sep | | |
| Oct | | |
| Nov | | |
| Dec | | |

| | Avg Weekly Initial Claims | All Employee Weekly Hours* |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2017 | | |
| Jan | 3,763 | 33.7 |
| Feb | 3,421 | 33.0 |
| Mar | 4,266 | 32.9 |
| Apr | 3,736 | 33.7 |
| May | 3,929 | 33.6 |
| Jun | 3,820 | 33.6 |
| Jul | 3,858 | 33.9 |
| Aug | 3,611 | 33.8 |
| Sep | 3,812 | 33.9 |
| Oct | 3,523 | 34.1 |
| Nov | 3,668 | 34.0 |
| Dec | 3,413 | 34.0 |

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|-------------|-------|--------|
| 2018 | | |
| Jan | 3,409 | 33.6 |
| Feb | 3,729 | 33.7 |
| Mar | 4,080 | 33.4 |
| Apr | 3,481 | 34.2 |
| May | 3,142 | 33.9 R |
| Jun | 3,211 | 33.8 P |
| Jul | | |
| Aug | | |
| Sep | | |
| Oct | | |
| Nov | | |
| Dec | | |



* Not seasonally adjusted

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** Labor-management dispute