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June 2021 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 7.9%

US Unemployment Rate = 5.9%

Connecticut jobs increase by 3,500 as statewide unemployment rate declines to 7.9%

WETHERSFIELD, July 15, 2021 –Connecticut employment rose 3,500 (0.2%) in June 2021 (seasonally adjusted) to 1,592,900. Payroll jobs are now 102,000 (6.8%) positions above June 2020 levels. May’s preliminary job gain of 7,800 (0.5%) was revised higher to 8,100 (0.5%). Connecticut has now recovered 64.6% (189,000) of the 292,400 positions lost in the March and April 2020 lockdown. Monthly nonfarm industry job estimates are developed from the business survey overseen by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

“Private sector jobs are up 8,100 over two months as the uneven monthly pattern continues,” said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. “Even with some recent weakness, Construction and Retail Trade have regained 70% or more of the jobs lost during the pandemic. The same is true for Management of Companies, Accommodation & Food Services, and private Education which have added jobs in each of the past two months.”

Private sector employment declined 600 (-0.04%) to 1,366,700 in June 2021 after gaining 8,700 in May and is now higher by 92,100 jobs (7.2%) from June 2020. The **government supersector**, added 4,100 jobs (1.8%) last month to a level of 226,200 and is now higher by 9,900 (4.6%) positions since June 2020. The local government component was especially strong adding 4,200 (3.2%, 136,600) last month. The government *supersector* includes all federal, state, and local employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on tribal reservation land.

Four of the ten major industry *supersectors* had employment gains while six declined in June 2021.

Four increasing industry *supersectors* included:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	June 2021 Employment
Government	+4,100	1.8%	226,200
Other Services	+2,400	4.1%	61,300
Leisure & Hospitality	+1,600	1.2%	129,900
Professional & Business Services	+200	0.1%	208,500

Six industry *supersectors* declined in June:

Declining Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	June 2021 Employment
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	-1,400	-0.5%	284,900
Construction & Mining	-1,000	-1.7%	56,900
Financial Activities	-700	-0.6%	117,400
Manufacturing	-700	-0.5%	151,600
Education & Health Services	-600	-0.2%	328,800
Information	-400	-1.4%	27,400

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Two of the six Connecticut **LMAs** seasonally adjusted by BLS experienced regional employment gains in June 2021, while three declined and the **Danbury LMA** (72,600) was unchanged. The **Waterbury LMA** (0.9%, 65,600) and the **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.5%, 115,300) each added 600 positions. The **New Haven LMA** (-0.5%, 284,400) posted the largest monthly regional decline, shedding 1,400 jobs. The **Hartford LMA** (-0.2%, 546,900) lost 1,300 positions and the **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-0.1%, 373,900) receded 300 jobs.

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 June 2021 **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 33.9 hours, down seven-tenths of an hour from June 2020 (-2.0%, 34.6). Average hourly earnings at \$33.50, not seasonally adjusted, were lower by \$0.31 (-0.9%) from the June 2020 estimate of \$33.81. The June 2021 private sector weekly wages averaged \$1,135.65, down \$34.18 from a year ago (-2.9%). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in June 2021 was up 5.4% from June 2020. *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 2021 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **7.9%** (seasonally adjusted), lower by 0.2 percentage points from the revised May 2021 level of 8.1%. The Connecticut unemployment rate was 11.4% in June 2020. The U.S. jobless rate in June 2021 was 5.9%, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the May 2021 rate of 5.8% but down from the 11.1% U.S. unemployment rate a year ago.

Data users must be cautious about trying to compare or reconcile UI claims data with the official unemployment figures derived from the household survey. For additional insight into the Connecticut labor market during the COVID-19 pandemic please see the analysis linked here: <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/claimsdata.asp> Please note that there are conceptual, coverage, and scope differences between the two data sources.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut were an average of 4,524 per week in June 2021, down 4,822 (-51.6%) from the May 2021 (9,346) level and also lower by 5,922 claims (-56.7%) from the average weekly count of 10,446 in June 2020.

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

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(preliminary July 2021 data)*

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2021 P	May 2021 R	April 2021	March 2021	June 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,592,900	1,589,400	1,581,300	1,580,100	1,490,900	3,500	0.2%	102,000	6.8%
Total Private	1,366,700	1,367,300	1,358,600	1,358,500	1,274,600	-600	0.0%	92,100	7.2%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	56,400	57,400	58,200	57,000	55,500	-1,000	-1.7%	900	1.6%
Manufacturing	151,600	152,300	151,600	152,200	151,900	-700	-0.5%	-300	-0.2%
Durable Goods	119,200	120,200	119,500	120,100	120,700	-1,000	-0.8%	-1,500	-1.2%
Nondurable Goods	32,400	32,100	32,100	32,100	31,200	300	0.9%	1,200	3.8%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	284,900	286,300	286,300	288,800	265,400	-1,400	-0.5%	19,500	7.3%
Wholesale	54,000	54,100	54,000	54,300	54,300	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.6%
Retail	164,200	164,900	165,800	167,100	153,100	-700	-0.4%	11,100	7.3%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	66,700	67,300	66,500	67,400	58,000	-600	-0.9%	8,700	15.0%
Information	27,400	27,800	28,000	27,600	28,200	-400	-1.4%	-800	-2.8%
Financial Activities	117,400	118,100	118,500	119,000	118,400	-700	-0.6%	-1,000	-0.8%
Finance & Insurance	99,800	100,200	100,400	100,600	100,500	-400	-0.4%	-700	-0.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	17,600	17,900	18,100	18,400	17,900	-300	-1.7%	-300	-1.7%
Professional & Business Services	208,500	208,300	206,300	202,700	198,500	200	0.1%	10,000	5.0%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	93,600	94,400	93,800	92,000	91,400	-800	-0.8%	2,200	2.4%
Management of Companies	32,600	32,400	32,300	32,100	30,800	200	0.6%	1,800	5.8%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	82,300	81,500	80,200	78,600	76,300	800	1.0%	6,000	7.9%
Educational & Health Services	328,800	329,400	324,500	328,800	313,700	-600	-0.2%	15,100	4.8%
Educational Services	65,900	65,800	62,500	67,000	61,200	100	0.2%	4,700	7.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	262,900	263,600	262,000	261,800	252,500	-700	-0.3%	10,400	4.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	129,900	128,300	125,500	123,500	90,000	1,600	1.2%	39,900	44.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22,300	21,300	20,800	20,300	12,300	1,000	4.7%	10,000	81.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	107,600	107,000	104,700	103,200	77,700	600	0.6%	29,900	38.5%
Other Services	61,300	58,900	59,200	58,400	52,500	2,400	4.1%	8,800	16.8%
Government**	226,200	222,100	222,700	221,600	216,300	4,100	1.8%	9,900	4.6%
UNITED STATES	145,759,000	144,909,000	144,326,000	144,057,000	137,840,000	850,000	0.6%	7,919,000	5.7%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	June 2021 P	May 2021 R	April 2021	March 2021	June 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	373,900	374,200	374,700	374,300	350,700	-300	-0.1%	23,200	6.6%
Danbury	72,600	72,600	72,400	72,000	67,600	0	0.0%	5,000	7.4%
Hartford	546,900	548,200	548,300	548,400	521,900	-1,300	-0.2%	25,000	4.8%
New Haven	284,400	285,800	284,000	287,400	266,700	-1,400	-0.5%	17,700	6.6%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	115,300	114,700	114,400	115,200	105,700	600	0.5%	9,600	9.1%
Waterbury	65,600	65,000	64,900	65,100	59,600	600	0.9%	6,000	10.1%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	41,800	41,600	41,400	42,100	39,700	200	0.5%	2,100	5.3%
Torrington-Northwest	31,300	30,800	29,900	30,200	29,600	500	1.6%	1,700	5.7%
Danielson-Northeast	25,900	25,600	25,200	25,600	24,500	300	1.2%	1,400	5.7%

* 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:

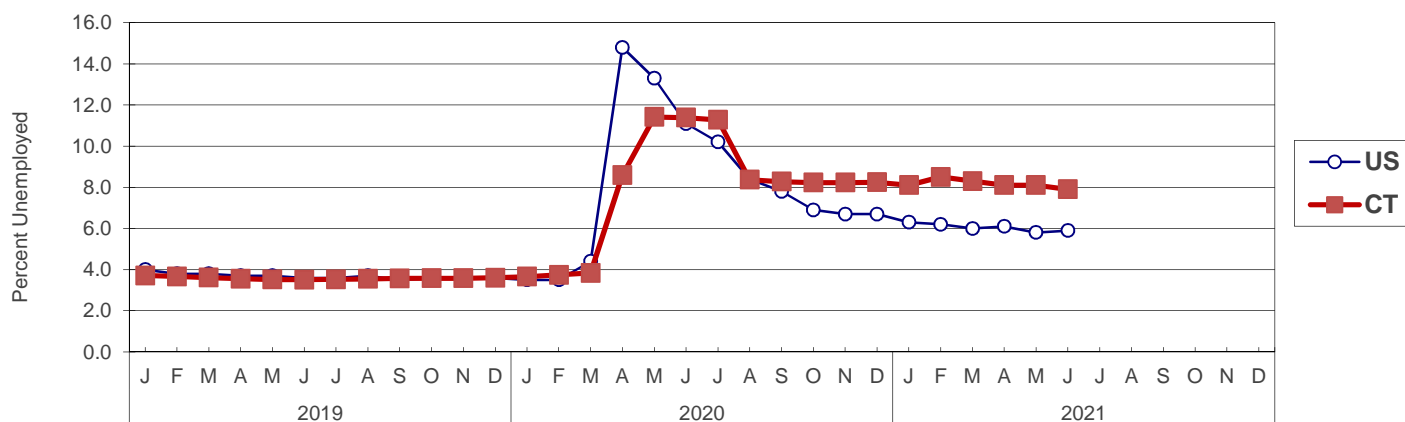
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2021 P		Jun 2020 R		Change		May 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	139,100	7.9	215,200	11.4	-76,100	-3.5	142,800	8.1
Labor Force	1,770,500		1,890,700		-120,200		1,759,100	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	9,484,000	5.9	17,697,000	11.1	-8,213,000	-5.2	9,316,000	5.8
Labor Force	161,086,000		159,797,000		1,289,000		160,935,000	

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2019 - 2021



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2021 P		Jun 2020 R		Change		May 2021 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								
CONNECTICUT	124,200	7.0	216,900	11.4	-92,700	-4.4	120,400	6.8
UNITED STATES	9,883,000	6.1	18,072,000	11.2	-8,189,000	-5.1	8,829,000	5.5

Release of the June 2021 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, July 16, 2021. An updated *Connecticut Labor Situation* with these data will be available on our website at that time at: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf>.

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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

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	June 2021 P	June 2020	Change over Yr.	May 2021 R	June 2021 P	June 2020	Change over Yr.	May 2021 R	June 2021 P	June 2020	Change over Yr.	May 2021 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,135.65	\$1,169.83	-\$34.18	\$1,172.66	33.9	34.6	-0.7	34.5	\$33.50	\$33.81	-\$0.31	\$33.99
Manufacturing*												
Production Workers	\$1,097.21	\$1,193.14	-\$95.93	\$1,117.95	39.2	40.2	-1.0	39.7	\$27.99	\$29.68	-\$1.69	\$28.16

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

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

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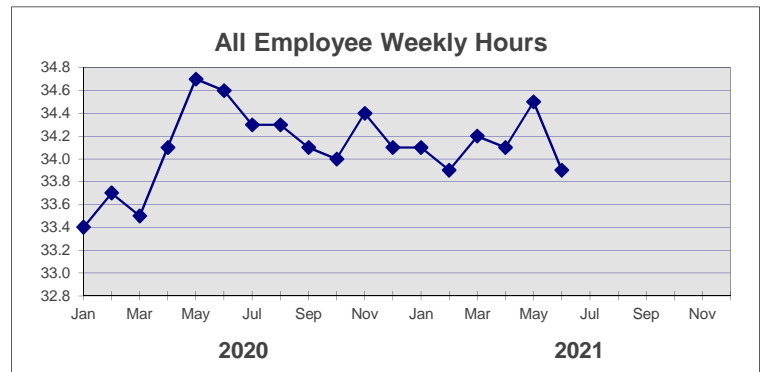
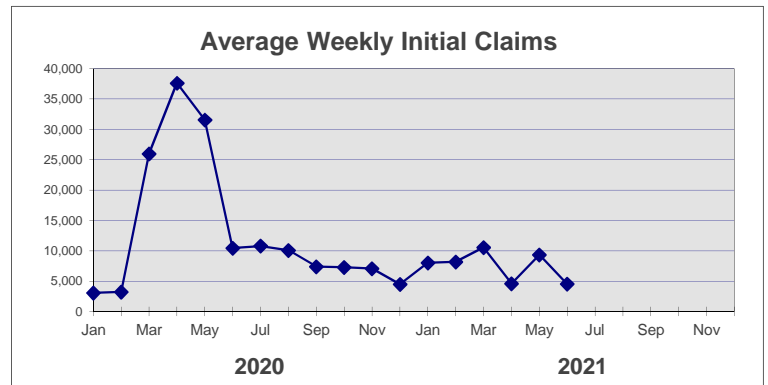
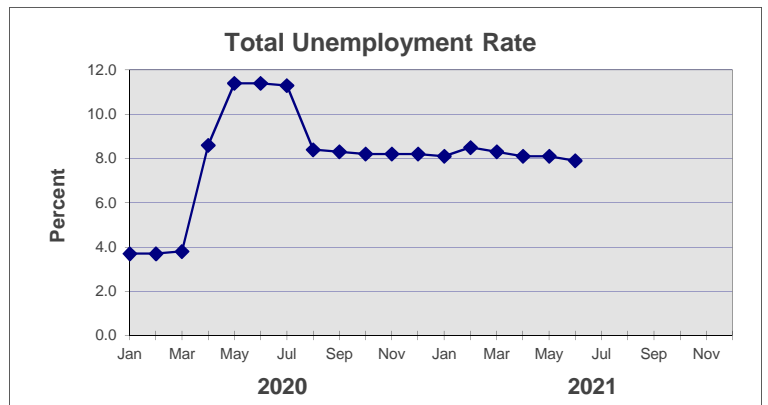
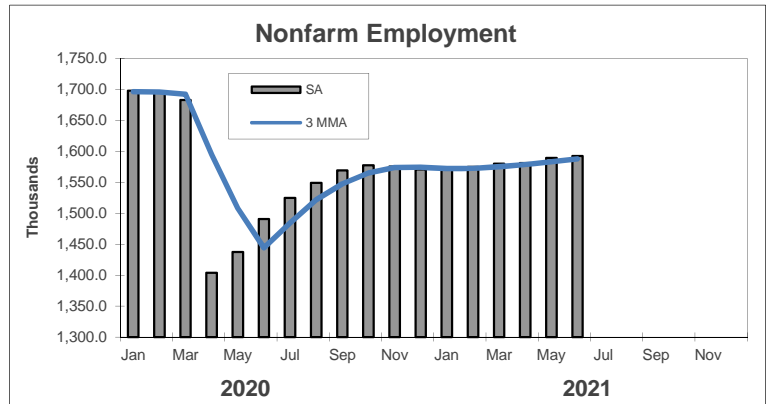
Seasonally Adjusted

	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2020		
Jan	1,698.0	3.7
Feb	1,696.3	3.7
Mar	1,683.3	3.8
Apr	1,403.9	8.6
May	1,437.5	11.4
Jun	1,490.9	11.4
Jul	1,525.0	11.3
Aug	1,549.0	8.4
Sep	1,569.2	8.3
Oct	1,577.7	8.2
Nov	1,575.4	8.2
Dec	1,570.8	8.2

2021		
Jan	1,571.8	8.1
Feb	1,574.9	8.5
Mar	1,580.1	8.3
Apr	1,581.3	8.1
May	1,589.4 R	8.1 R
Jun	1,592.9 P	7.9 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
2020		
Jan	3,079	33.4
Feb	3,243	33.7
Mar	25,989	33.5
Apr	37,632	34.1
May	31,592	34.7
Jun	10,446	34.6
Jul	10,794	34.3
Aug	10,073	34.3
Sep	7,408	34.1
Oct	7,295	34.0
Nov	7,072	34.4
Dec	4,493	34.1

2021		
Jan	8,040	34.1
Feb	8,184	33.9
Mar	10,553	34.2
Apr	4,609	34.1
May	9,346	34.5 R
Jun	4,524	33.9 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute