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November 2021 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 6.0%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.2%

Connecticut's jobless rate declines to 6.0%; monthly job gain streak hits 11 (+5,600)

WETHERSFIELD, December 16, 2021 – Connecticut's payroll employment increased by 5,600 (0.3%) in November 2021 to a seasonally adjusted level of 1,624,200. Connecticut industry employment is now 48,800 (3.1%) positions higher than the November 2020 job estimate (1,575,400). This is the eleventh consecutive monthly gain in 2021 for a 4,855 monthly average pace and a total of 53,400 jobs added year-to-date. Connecticut has now recovered 75.3% (220,300) of the 292,400 positions lost in the March and April 2020 COVID lockdown period. October 2021 job gains were revised higher by 1,800 to a 7,100 (0.4%) gain. The monthly statewide industry job estimates are produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from a rotating probability sample of worksites in the state.

"Eleven consecutive months of job growth matches a record set in early 2015. Jobs have increased by more than 5,000 per month in each of the past three months," said Patrick Flaherty, Director of the Office of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor. "The unemployment rate continues to fall rapidly even as the labor force is expanding."

The **private sector** increased employment by 4,400 jobs (0.3%) to 1,398,700 in November 2021 and is now higher by 48,500 positions (3.6%) since November 2020. The **government supersector** was also higher by 1,200 jobs (0.5%) in November to a level of 225,500. This is now 300 (0.1%) positions higher than November 2020. The government *supersector* includes all federal, state, and local employment, including public education and Native American casino employment located on tribal reservation land.

Nine of the ten major industry *supersectors* produced employment gains and one declined in November.

Nine Connecticut industry *supersectors* experienced job growth last month:

Increasing Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Increase	Percent Change	November 2021 Employment
Manufacturing	+1,700	1.1%	155,300
Construction & Mining	+1,200	2.0%	61,100
Government	+1,200	0.5%	225,500
Professional & Business Services	+1,000	0.5%	214,400
Leisure & Hospitality	+700	0.5%	135,800
Other Services	+300	0.5%	61,500
Education & Health Services	+300	0.1%	333,700
Information	+200	0.7%	28,100
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	+100	0.03%	290,800

One industry *supersector* decreased in November 2021:

Declining Sectors			
Industry Sector	Amount of Decrease	Percent Change	November 2021 Employment
Financial Activities	-1,100	-0.9%	118,000

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Four out of the six Connecticut **LMAs**, that are seasonally adjusted by the BLS, posted employment gains, while two regional labor markets posted small job declines in November 2021. The **New Haven LMA** (0.7%, 293,000) increased employment by 1,900 to lead regional employment gains last month. The **Waterbury LMA** (0.8%, 66,100) was next, adding 500 positions. The **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (0.2%, 118,400) added 200 jobs and the **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (0.03%, 383,000) also chipped in 100 jobs (after a large upwardly revised gain of 4,100 last month, 1.1%). The **Hartford LMA** (-0.1%, 557,400) was lower by 300 positions and the **Danbury LMA** (-0.1%, 73,400) dropped 100 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 November 2021 **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 34.1 hours, this is down three-tenths of an hour from the November 2020 level (-0.9%, 34.4). Average hourly earnings at \$34.13, not seasonally adjusted, were lower by \$0.52 (-1.5%) from the November 2020 estimate of \$34.65. The resultant November 2021 private sector weekly wage averaged \$1,163.83, lower by \$28.13 from a year ago (-2.4%). The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in November 2021 was still rising, up 6.8% from a year ago. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

Labor Force Data (residential household survey)

The November 2021 unemployment rate for Connecticut was estimated by the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program (LAUS) to be **6.0%** (seasonally adjusted), down by 0.4 percentage point from the October 2021 level of 6.4%. The Connecticut jobless rate was 8.2% in November 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate in November 2021 was 4.2%, down four-tenths of a percentage point from the October 2021 rate of 4.6% and below the 6.7% from one year ago.

Unemployment claims for first-time filers (seasonally adjusted) in Connecticut were an average of 3,266 per week in November 2021, down 236 (-6.7%) from the October 2021 (3,502) level and much lower by 3,806 claims (-53.8%) from the average weekly count of 7,072 in November 2020. This level of monthly average weekly initial claims (3,266) in the state is comparable to the February 2020 (3,243) count, just before the COVID lockdown.

Both the payroll (establishment) and household surveys request information about employment during the middle of the month. Therefore, results are not affected by events that happened late in the month. For example, we don't yet know what effect, if any, the emergence of the Omicron variant at the end of November had on job growth.

*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 December 2021 data)

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - *Seasonally Adjusted*

	November 2021 P	October 2021 R	September 2021	August 2021	November 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,624,200	1,618,600	1,611,500	1,605,000	1,575,400	5,600	0.3%	48,800	3.1%
Total Private	1,398,700	1,394,300	1,386,700	1,380,400	1,350,200	4,400	0.3%	48,500	3.6%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	60,600	59,400	59,400	57,600	56,400	1,200	2.0%	4,200	7.4%
Manufacturing	155,300	153,600	153,400	152,600	151,600	1,700	1.1%	3,700	2.4%
Durable Goods	121,300	119,900	120,300	119,900	119,900	1,400	1.2%	1,400	1.2%
Nondurable Goods	34,000	33,700	33,100	32,700	31,700	300	0.9%	2,300	7.3%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	290,800	290,700	290,600	287,400	288,400	100	0.0%	2,400	0.8%
Wholesale	57,800	57,100	56,600	54,700	55,800	700	1.2%	2,000	3.6%
Retail	164,500	165,000	165,300	164,500	163,500	-500	-0.3%	1,000	0.6%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	68,500	68,600	68,700	68,200	69,100	-100	-0.1%	-600	-0.9%
Information	28,100	27,900	28,000	27,600	29,200	200	0.7%	-1,100	-3.8%
Financial Activities	118,000	119,100	118,000	117,800	119,300	-1,100	-0.9%	-1,300	-1.1%
Finance & Insurance	100,100	100,800	100,200	100,100	100,800	-700	-0.7%	-700	-0.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	17,900	18,300	17,800	17,700	18,500	-400	-2.2%	-600	-3.2%
Professional & Business Services	214,400	213,400	210,600	211,400	204,200	1,000	0.5%	10,200	5.0%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	97,300	97,200	95,400	95,000	91,600	100	0.1%	5,700	6.2%
Management of Companies	32,400	32,600	32,500	32,800	31,700	-200	-0.6%	700	2.2%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	84,700	83,600	82,700	83,600	80,900	1,100	1.3%	3,800	4.7%
Educational & Health Services	333,700	333,400	332,100	331,100	324,000	300	0.1%	9,700	3.0%
Educational Services	65,900	66,000	66,200	66,100	62,600	-100	-0.2%	3,300	5.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	267,800	267,400	265,900	265,000	261,400	400	0.1%	6,400	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	135,800	135,100	134,100	133,400	119,700	700	0.5%	16,100	13.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22,300	22,400	22,100	21,900	18,600	-100	-0.4%	3,700	19.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	113,500	112,700	112,000	111,500	101,100	800	0.7%	12,400	12.3%
Other Services	61,500	61,200	60,000	61,000	56,900	300	0.5%	4,600	8.1%
Government**	225,500	224,300	224,800	224,600	225,200	1,200	0.5%	300	0.1%
UNITED STATES	148,611,000	148,401,000	147,855,000	147,476,000	142,809,000	210,000	0.1%	5,802,000	4.1%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

<i>Seasonally Adjusted data</i>	November 2021 P	October 2021 R	September 2021	August 2021	November 2020	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	383,000	382,900	378,800	375,900	371,000	100	0.0%	12,000	3.2%
Danbury	73,400	73,500	73,200	73,000	71,300	-100	-0.1%	2,100	2.9%
Hartford	557,400	557,700	554,800	550,600	549,400	-300	-0.1%	8,000	1.5%
New Haven	293,000	291,100	289,100	288,800	281,800	1,900	0.7%	11,200	4.0%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	118,400	118,200	118,800	115,700	114,400	200	0.2%	4,000	3.5%
Waterbury	66,100	65,600	65,600	65,800	63,900	500	0.8%	2,200	3.4%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated - not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	42,900	42,300	42,100	41,600	42,300	600	1.4%	600	1.4%
Torrington-Northwest	31,300	31,400	31,300	31,000	30,600	-100	-0.3%	700	2.3%
Danielson-Northeast	26,600	26,400	26,300	25,800	25,600	200	0.8%	1,000	3.9%

* 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.

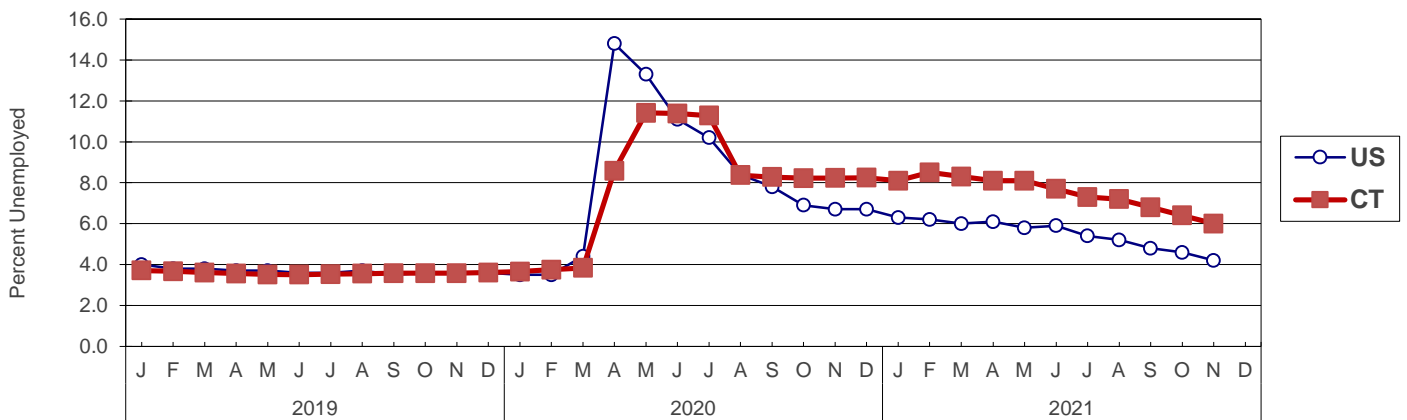
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Nov 2021 P		Nov 2020 R		Change		Oct 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	109,900	6.0	151,800	8.2	-41,900	-2.2	115,100	6.4
Labor Force	1,819,200		1,843,500		-24,300		1,812,600	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	6,877,000	4.2	10,728,000	6.7	-3,851,000	-2.5	7,419,000	4.6
Labor Force	162,052,000		160,536,000		1,516,000		161,458,000	

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



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Nov 2021 P		Nov 2020 R		Change		Oct 2021 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	21,900	4.9	34,600	7.8	-12,700	-2.9	24,100	5.4
Danbury	4,100	4.0	6,600	6.5	-2,500	-2.5	4,400	4.4
Danielson-Northeast*	1,900	4.6	2,900	7.1	-1,000	-2.5	2,000	4.9
Worcester NECTA	1,900	4.6	2,800	7.2	-900	-2.6	2,000	5.0
Hampton	100	3.8	100	4.9	0	-1.1	100	3.9
Enfield	2,100	4.4	3,300	6.9	-1,200	-2.5	2,300	4.8
Hartford	29,000	4.8	45,200	7.4	-16,200	-2.6	31,400	5.2
New Haven	14,800	4.5	23,300	7.1	-8,500	-2.6	16,000	4.9
Norwich-New London	7,000	5.3	11,600	8.7	-4,600	-3.4	7,600	5.7
Torrington-Northwest**	2,000	4.3	3,000	6.7	-1,000	-2.4	2,100	4.5
Torrington NECTA	1,300	5.2	2,000	8.0	-700	-2.8	1,400	5.5
Litchfield	700	3.3	1,000	5.1	-300	-1.8	700	3.3
Waterbury	6,400	5.8	9,500	8.7	-3,100	-2.9	7,000	6.5
CONNECTICUT	88,600	4.8	138,800	7.5	-50,200	-2.7	96,300	5.3
UNITED STATES	6,302,000	3.9	10,264,000	6.4	-3,962,000	-2.5	6,896,000	4.3

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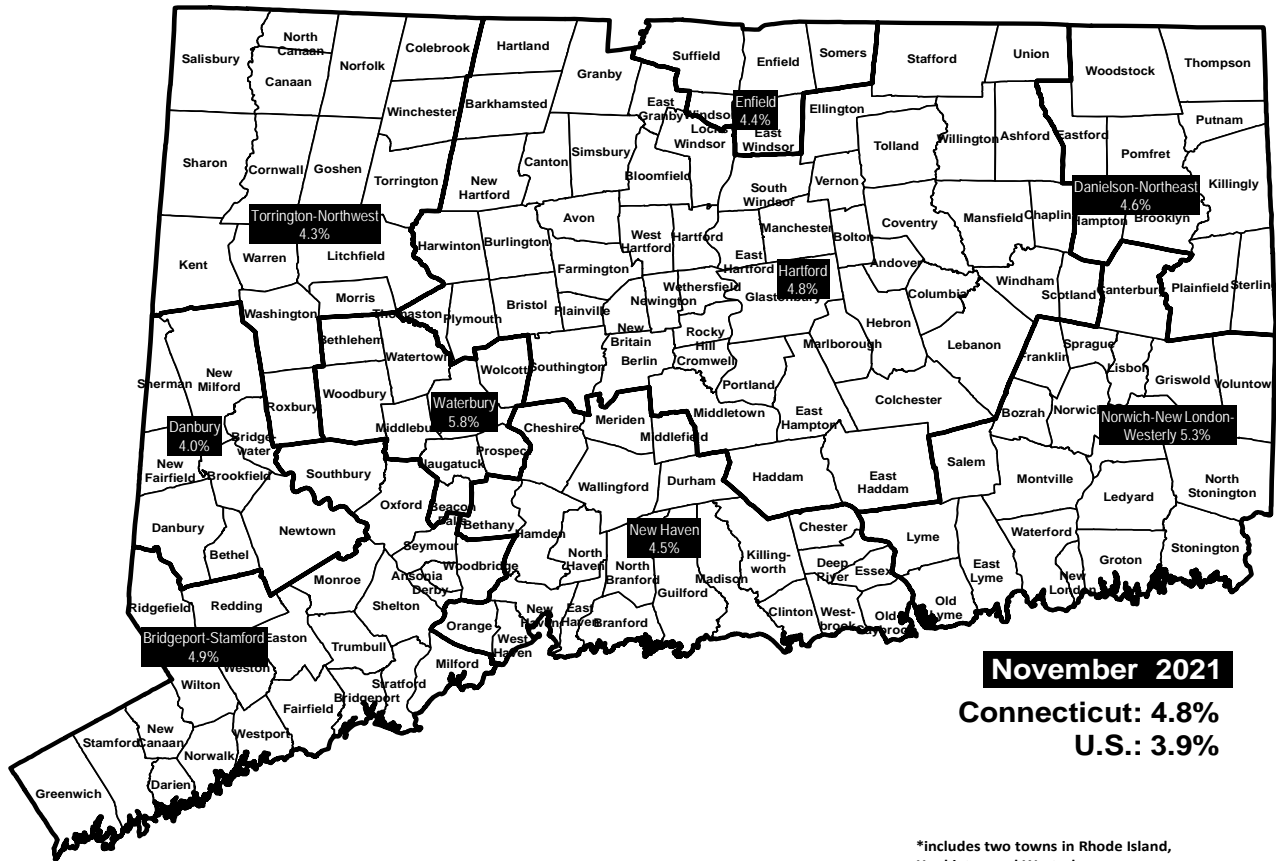
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* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined ** Torrington Micropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LABOR MARKET AREAS



HOURS AND EARNINGS

CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	Nov. 2021 P	Nov. 2020	Change over Yr.	Oct. 2021 R	Nov. 2021 P	Nov. 2020	Change over Yr.	Oct. 2021 R	Nov. 2021 P	Nov. 2020	Change over Yr.	Oct. 2021 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,163.83	\$1,191.96	-\$28.13	\$1,163.14	34.1	34.4	-0.3	34.0	\$34.13	\$34.65	-\$0.52	\$34.21
Manufacturing* Production Workers	\$1,120.54	\$1,155.84	-\$35.30	\$1,104.25	38.8	40.4	-1.6	38.8	\$28.88	\$28.61	\$0.27	\$28.46

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

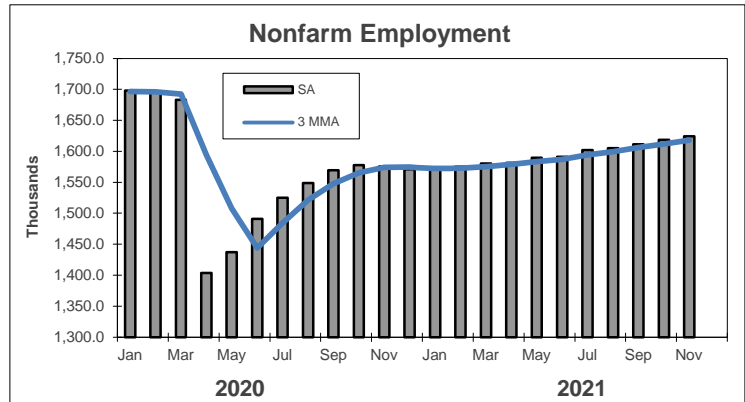
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi

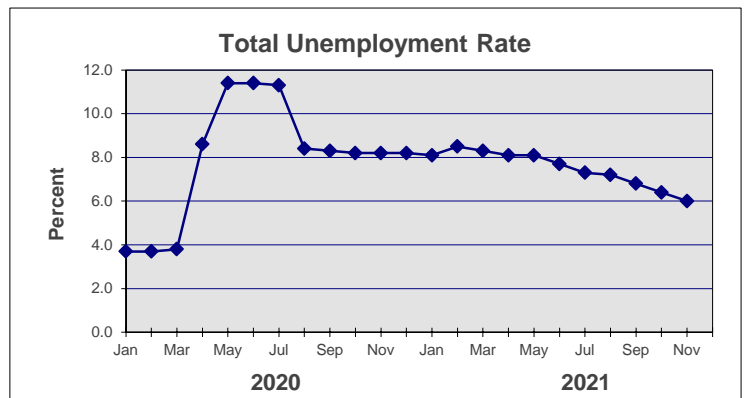
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Seasonally Adjusted

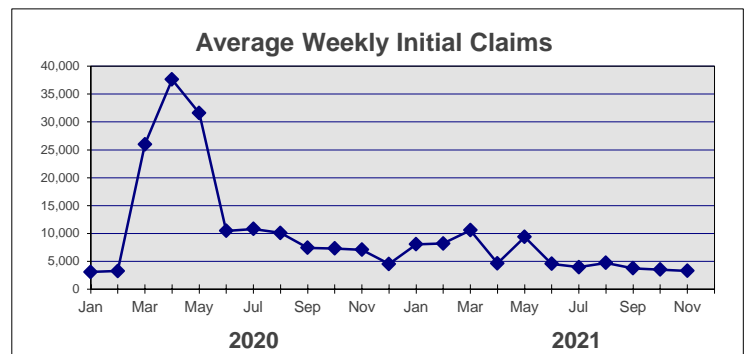
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2020		
Jan	1,698.0	3.7
Feb	1,696.3	3.7
Mar	1,683.3	3.8
Apr	1,403.9	8.6
May	1,437.5	11.4
Jun	1,490.9	11.4
Jul	1,525.0	11.3
Aug	1,549.0	8.4
Sep	1,569.2	8.3
Oct	1,577.7	8.2
Nov	1,575.4	8.2
Dec	1,570.8	8.2



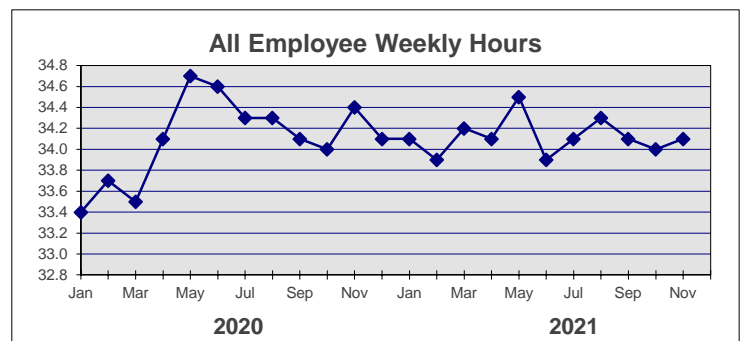
2021		
Jan	1,571.8	8.1
Feb	1,574.9	8.5
Mar	1,580.1	8.3
Apr	1,581.3	8.1
May	1,589.4	8.1
Jun	1,590.9	7.7
Jul	1,602.0	7.3
Aug	1,605.0	7.2
Sep	1,611.5	6.8
Oct	1,618.6 R	6.4 R
Nov	1,624.2 P	6.0 P
Dec		



	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
Jun	4,524	33.9
Jul	3,937	34.1
Aug	4,699	34.3
Sep	3,730	34.1
Oct	3,502	34.0 R
Nov	3,266	34.1 P
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute