



## Connecticut Career Resource Network Update

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**Connecticut Career Resource Network (CCRN) UPDATE**  
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### Save the date:

### Connecticut Learns and Works Conference

**Friday, May 5, 2023**  
**Water's Edge Resort & Spa**  
 1525 Boston Post Road  
 Westbrook, Connecticut 06498

### Theme: "Equity & Inclusion" - Connecting Education & Labor as a "New Normal" Emerges

The Connecticut Learns and Works Conference is an annual conference for educators, counselors, employment and training specialists and business persons interested in career and workforce development. Professionals from the business community, education, higher education and workforce development boards were brought together to form the Learns and Works committee. Our goal is to better inform educators, counselors and job developers how changes in the workplace will affect jobs and careers in the future.

The conference will start with a keynote presentation followed by breakout sessions. The sessions give you an opportunity to learn more about the options students and job seekers have, available trainings, current labor economy, etc.

- ◇ The Connecticut Pre-Apprenticeship High School Training Program
- ◇ Skills21: Personalized Project-Based Learning
- ◇ Career Paths for People on the Spectrum
- ◇ Developing Work-based Learning Opportunities-partnerships

**Registration fee is \$175.**

**Please visit [www.ctlearnsandworks.com](http://www.ctlearnsandworks.com) for details.**

## State launches job training program to help people who lost jobs during COVID

Gov. Ned Lamont announced the launch of CareerConneCT, a job training initiative that provides \$70 million to get people who lost their jobs amid COVID-19 back to work.

The program includes 19 job training programs meant to create pathways to employment in high-quality, in-demand careers.

“We are building CareerConneCT to become one of the largest workforce development initiatives ever executed in Connecticut,” Lamont said. “We’ve already received significant commitments from employers that are looking to hire thousands of workers across a broad spectrum of high-quality, good-paying fields.” “This is an opportunity for those who are unemployed or underemployed to receive no-cost training in an in-demand field and get connected to a job opportunity that is waiting to be filled,” Lamont said.

Statewide and regional programs under the initiative will lead to industry-recognized credentials that create pathways to employment in high-quality, in-demand careers at no cost to participants. Administered by the Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy, CareerConneCT is made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Jobseekers are encouraged to enroll through an online intake portal – [portal.ct.gov/careerconnect](https://portal.ct.gov/careerconnect) – that connects them to reskilling, upskilling, or next-skilling opportunities in manufacturing, information technology, health care, infrastructure and clean energy, CDL, and other high-demand sectors. Once registered in the portal, participants will complete a brief skills inventory and then receive a Career Coach who will help them access training that meets their skills and interests. Participants also can explore career paths, learning opportunities and available jobs.

The portal features a curated list of available training programs that will continue to grow as programs are scheduled and new programs are developed to meet additional employer demands for skilled talent. Trainings programs ranging from five weeks to ten months have already begun with many more being added in January. Trainings have been designed based on the hiring needs of employers, with a significant number of employers committing to hire graduates.



**At-A-Glance** is a monthly pamphlet that contains the latest updates for data items most frequently requested by the Office of Research.

<http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/ataglance/ataglance.asp>

## STEM To Grow Faster Than Overall Occupations Through 2030

By Matthew Krzyzek, Economist, Department of Labor

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) occupations are projected to grow faster than all occupations in Connecticut through 2030. These high-growth, good-paying occupations are distributed throughout most major industries in the state and include a variety of career opportunities for Connecticut workers.

The ten largest STEM occupations account for 57% of overall STEM employment in the state. Among these ten occupations, four are computer occupations, three are engineering, two are management, and one involves sales. The largest STEM occupation in the state, Software Developers & Analysts had 2020 employment of 19,130 and is expected to grow by 5,280 or 28% to 24,410 by 2030.

Read the full article at: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/ctdigest.asp>



## Connecticut Career Paths is being Updated...



The popular *Connecticut Career Paths* publication, a must-have resource for jobseekers, students and career counselors, is being updated. The new edition will be available for the 2023 Fall when the new school year begins. The current booklet can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor's website at [www.ct.gov/dol](http://www.ct.gov/dol) under the "Labor Market Information" page.

Printed copies can be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Labor located at 200 Folly Brook Blvd. in Wethersfield or at the state's *American Job Centers*, local Workforce Investment Board offices, libraries, adult education centers, vocational rehabilitation offices, and several other state agencies. Please contact the CT DOL Office of Research at (860) 263-6275 or [ccrn@ct.gov](mailto:ccrn@ct.gov) for copies.

**Connecticut Career Posters** offer colorful, at-a-glance illustrations of job journeys in each of Connecticut's 16 career clusters. Each poster includes information on some of Connecticut's in-demand occupations within each career cluster, grouped by level of education or training required and average annual wage.

If you are unable to print the posters, you may order a full poster set from the CT Department of Labor for \$40.00.

We offer full sets of the 11x17 prints, just download the order form (Microsoft Word at <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/images/careerposters/careerposterorderform.doc>) and mail to:

Connecticut Department of Labor  
Office of Research  
Connecticut Career Posters  
200 Folly Brook Boulevard  
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Please make your check payable to: Connecticut Department of Labor.

### Maximum Weekly UI Benefit is \$703

The unemployment weekly benefit rate for filers with a new benefit year beginning on or after October 2, 2022, will increase by \$18 to a maximum rate of \$703 per week. This change applies to new benefit year claims only and does not impact current active claims. The dependency allowance remains \$15 per dependent to a maximum of \$75 per week. Currently, Connecticut has approximately 19,000 unemployment filers.

To ensure the best possible customer service, follow the instructions to file for unemployment benefits in Connecticut at: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/UI-OnLine/index.htm>. You can also download the **Claimant's Guide to Unemployment Insurance** at <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/progsupt/unempl/claimant-guide/uc-288.pdf>



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## Occupational Outlook Handbook

The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (OOH) provides information on what workers do; the work environment; education, training, and other qualifications; pay; the job outlook; information on state and area data; similar occupations; and sources of additional information.

Many occupations and job titles are covered in the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH). To find more about an occupation you are interested in, look under the A–Z index, using similar occupational titles.

### Career Outlook: Middle School Teachers

**Middle school teachers** educate students, typically in sixth through eighth grade. They help students build on the fundamentals taught in elementary school and prepare students for high school.

Middle school teachers work in public and private schools. They generally work during school hours when students are present and use nights and weekends to prepare lessons and grade papers. Most do not work during the summer. They may meet with parents, students, and other teachers before and after school. Teachers who coach sports or advise clubs generally do so before or after school.

Many teachers work a traditional 10-month school year and have a 2-month break during the summer. They also have a short midwinter break. Some teachers work during the summer.

Middle school teachers typically need a bachelor's degree. In addition, public school teachers must have a state-issued certification or license.

The median annual wage for middle school teachers was \$61,320 in May 2021.

Employment of middle school teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2021 to 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

To read the full article, please go to:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm#tab-1>



## Monthly Connecticut Help Wanted OnLine Data Series (HWOL)

The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine Data Series (HWOL) measures the number of new, first-time online jobs and jobs reposted from the previous month for over 16,000 Internet job boards, corporate boards and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas. The data can be used as a real-time measure of labor demand.

### Statewide Highlights

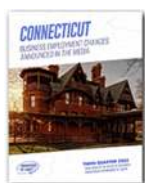
**Total postings** in Connecticut was 91,072 in November 2022, down 2% from October 2022.

**Industry Sectors** with the most job postings were **Health Care and Social Assistance** (18,481 postings), **Retail Trade** (9,317 posting), **Finance & Insurance** (8,358 postings), and **Manufacturing** (8,334 postings).

**Occupations** with the most postings were **Registered Nurses** (4,757 postings), **Retail Salespersons** (3,170 postings), **Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers** (1,886 postings), and **Wholesale and Manufacturing Sales Representatives** (1,830).

Workforce Area	November Total Ads	Industry Sector With Most Ads	Ads	Occupation With Most Ads	Ads
Eastern	7,438	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	1,556	Registered Nurses	358
North Central	31,242	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	5,285	Registered Nurses	1,364
Northwest	10,178	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	2,363	Registered Nurses	687
South Central	17,003	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	4,394	Registered Nurses	1,233
Southwest	20,271	Health Care & Soc. Asst.	4,289	Registered Nurses	967

Source: CT DOL Research Office Analysis of HWOL Data Series



### Business & Employment Changes Announced in the News Media

This publication lists start-ups, expansions, staff reductions, and layoffs reported by the media, both current and future. The report provides company name, the number of workers involved, date of the action, the principal product or service of the company, a brief synopsis of the action, and the source and date of the media article.

<https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/busemp.asp>