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**In August...**

**Nonfarm Employment**

Connecticut..... 1,665,300  
 Change over month ..... -0.22%  
 Change over year ..... +0.3%

United States ..... 139,118,000  
 Change over month ..... +0.10%  
 Change over year ..... +1.8%

**Unemployment Rate**

Connecticut..... 6.6%  
 United States ..... 6.1%

**Consumer Price Index**

United States ..... 237.852  
 Change over year ..... +1.7%

## A Closer Look at Home Care Occupations

*By Sarah Pilipaitis, CT DOL Economist*

Every two years, the Connecticut Department of Labor produces long-term occupational projections. The 2012-2022 projections show that two of the fastest growing occupations in terms of percent and net change come from the Home Health Care industry. The fastest growing occupation in Connecticut in the ten-year timeframe by net change is projected to be Personal Care Aides with a growth of 38.1 percent and 8,846 jobs. Nearby on the list of fastest growing occupations in Connecticut is Home Health Aides with a projected growth rate of 38.1% and 3,195 jobs from 2012 to 2022.<sup>1</sup> The rise in these two occupations warrants a closer look at what each of them entails.

The care of the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities has been trending to more services being performed at the patient's home. The reasons for

this are often financial as well as patient-preference. The past decade has seen a decrease in both the employment and number of establishments of nursing care facilities in Connecticut. As of 2012, there were 234 privately-owned nursing care facilities in the state with 37,301 employees.<sup>2</sup>

The need for receiving home health care varies on an individual basis. Not every elderly or disabled person will require personalized attention. Likewise, consumers of home care can come from any age group and from those in convalescence. However, the demand for home care comes primarily from the older and disabled population. A look at the 2010 Census data reveals the make-up of these groups in Connecticut. Of Connecticut's 3,574,097 residents, there are 506,559 (14%) that are above the age of 64. Similarly, of the 2,843,949 people who are 5 years and older,

**Top 10 Fastest Growing Occupations in Connecticut, by net change**

	Employment 2012	Projections 2022	Net Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Wage
<b>Personal Care Aides</b>	<b>23,244</b>	<b>32,090</b>	<b>8,846</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>\$24,476</b>
Registered Nurses	35,985	41,234	5,249	14.6%	\$75,929
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	34,526	38,644	4,118	11.9%	\$39,450
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	26,728	30,736	4,008	15.0%	\$19,629
Retail Salespersons	53,799	57,267	3,468	6.4%	\$22,425
General and Operations Managers	31,160	34,422	3,262	10.5%	\$121,137
<b>Home Health Aides</b>	<b>8,251</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>\$28,023</b>
Childcare Workers	18,300	21,167	2,867	15.7%	\$21,947
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	17,804	20,555	2,751	15.4%	\$22,652
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	26,358	28,895	2,537	9.6%	\$57,221

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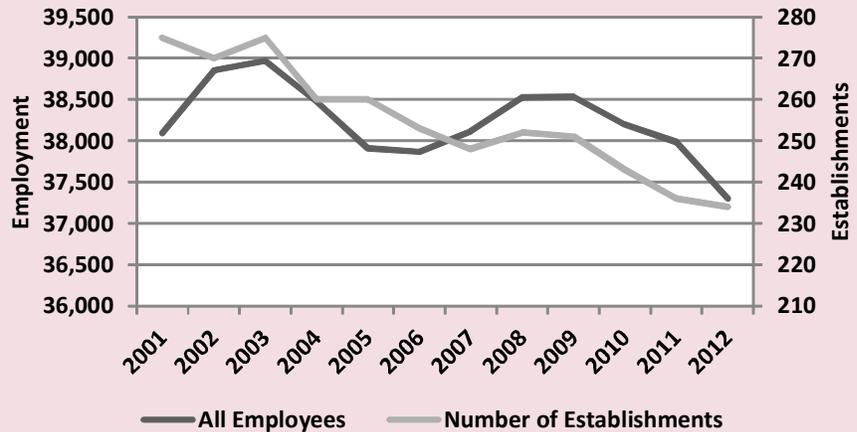
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**Nursing Care Facilities in Connecticut**



383,882 (13%) have a disability.<sup>3</sup>

As the demand for home care rises, it becomes increasingly important to better understand the industry. There are numerous job titles that home care is reported under. In terms of occupational classifications, the key way to distinguish among them is whether or not the in-home care provided is health-related versus assisting with daily living activities. The two main occupational titles given are Personal Care Aide and Home Health Aide.<sup>4</sup>

**Personal Care Aide**

The Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) gives the following description of a Personal Care Aide: *Assist the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities at the person's home or in a care facility. Duties performed at a place of residence may include keeping house (making beds, doing laundry, washing dishes) and preparing meals. May provide assistance at non-residential care facilities. May advise families, the elderly, convalescents, and persons with disabilities regarding such things as nutrition, cleanliness, and household activities.*

**Employment**

The primary sector that employs this occupation in Connecticut is Education and Health Services, comprising 96.8% of personal care aides.<sup>5</sup> Within this sector is an

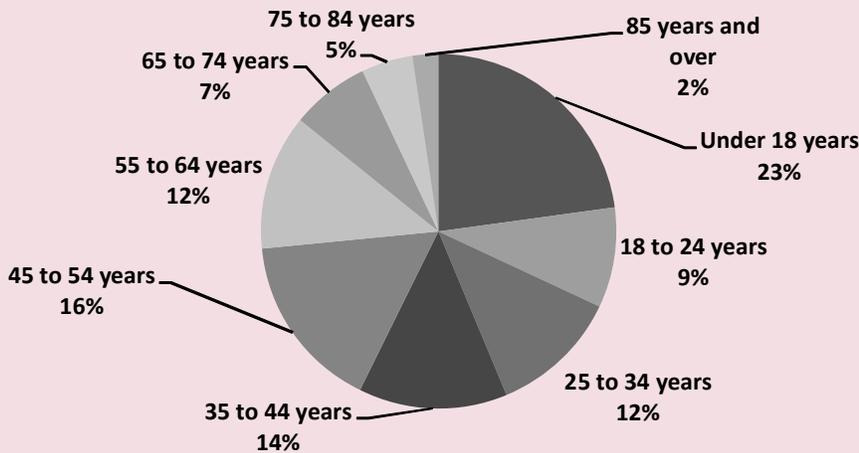
industry titled Services for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (NAICS code 624120). This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing nonresidential social assistance services to improve the quality of life for the elderly, persons diagnosed with mental retardation, or persons with disabilities. These establishments provide for the welfare of these of individuals in such areas as day care, nonmedical home care or homemaker services, social activities, group support, and companionship.<sup>6</sup>

Over the past decade, Connecticut employment for this industry has more than tripled. In the first quarter of 2003, the average monthly employment was 4,432. Ten years later it grew to 13,665 workers. The number of establishments in this industry has also experienced a sharp rise. There were 165 businesses reported in this industry in the first quarter of 2003. By 2013, the figure jumped to 359 businesses in Connecticut.<sup>7</sup>

**What You Need to Know If You Want to Be a Personal Care Aide**

The faster than average projected growth rate of this occupation is great news for jobseekers interested in this line of work. Important skills to hold for this job are: active listening, service orientation, critical thinking, social perceptiveness, monitoring, speaking, coordination, writing, active learning, and instructing. The educational

## Age of Connecticut's Population



requirements are typically a high school diploma. Depending on the employer, some previous experience may be necessary. Reliable transportation is also highly important in this field.<sup>8</sup>

### Wages

As of the first quarter of 2013, the average wage of a personal care aide in Connecticut falls well below the statewide mean wage for all occupations of \$26.16 per hour. The statewide average hourly rate for personal care workers is \$12.05, making the average annual salary \$25,069. The labor market area with the highest average wage is Torrington at \$13.91 and the Danbury labor market area has the lowest earnings at \$10.92 per hour.<sup>9</sup>

### Regulation

In Connecticut, the Department of Consumer Protection oversees homemaker-companion agencies. There are currently 449 actively registered homemaker-companion agencies registered with the Department-- a requirement to do business in the state. All agencies are mandated to conduct a comprehensive background check of all of its employees before they are hired and have them sign a criminal history form.

Homemaker-companion agencies must have a written contract or service plan signed by both the agency and client. The contract or plan shall:

1. provide a list of the anticipated services to be provided by the agency to the client, the term and cost of said services, a clear definition of the employee, provider and client employment relationship, safeguards for securing personal client information, a list of provider job categories such as "live-in" or "daily call," and job duties;
2. contain the homemaker-companion agency policy for the acceptance of gratuities and gifts by the homemaker-companion agency's employees and independent contractors on behalf of the client; and
3. contain a process for the client to file a complaint with the homemaker-companion agency. A process shall be made available for individuals other than a client to file a complaint.<sup>10</sup>

Clients must be given a contact phone number and address for the

agency and an authorized representative to discuss their care. Also, each client must have a file where the caretaker keeps extensive details on the care provided.

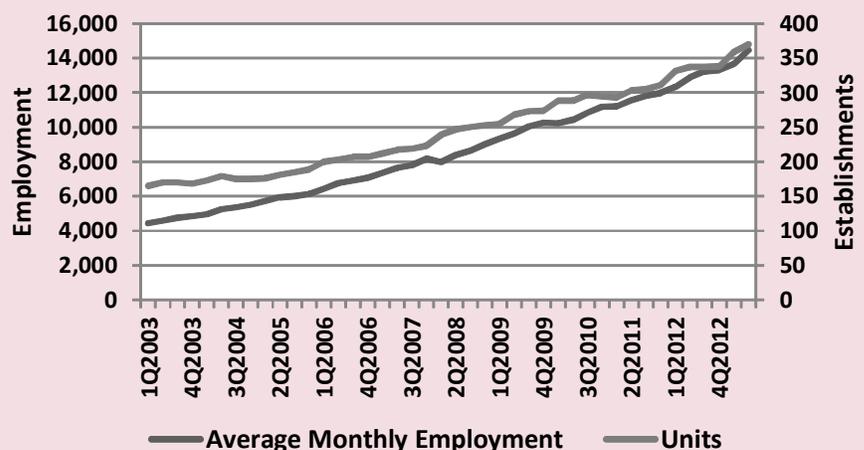
Nationally, the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division has adopted regulations for domestic service in private homes under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1935. Home health aides and personal care assistants, also known as direct care workers, must be paid the minimum wage and overtime (over 40 hours per week) with certain exceptions. When the work is performed in Connecticut, the Connecticut minimum wage would apply. In 2014, the minimum wage in Connecticut is \$8.70, increasing to \$9.15 in January 2015, \$9.60 in January 2016 and \$10.10 in January 2017. Exceptions are those direct care workers defined as providing companionship services under the FLSA (which Connecticut has used since 1977 for domestic service) or live-in domestics who would be exempt from overtime but not minimum wage.

On January 1, 2015, third party employers of companions must pay the minimum wage and overtime.<sup>11</sup>

### Home Health Aide

The Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) gives the following description of a Home Health Aide: *Provide routine individualized healthcare such as changing bandages and dressing wounds, and applying topical medications to the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities at the patient's home or in*

## Connecticut's Non-Medical Home Care Industry



Personal Care Aide				
Labor Market Area	Average Annual	Average Hourly	Entry Level (hourly)	Mid-Range (hourly)
Statewide	\$25,069	\$12.05	\$9.64	\$9.94 - \$13.63
Bridgeport-Stamford	\$26,355	\$12.67	\$10.12	\$10.43 - \$13.85
Danbury	\$22,711	\$10.92	\$9.08	\$9.37 - \$12.21
Hartford	\$23,794	\$11.44	\$8.93	\$9.32 - \$12.86
New Haven	\$24,685	\$11.87	\$10.00	\$10.21 - \$13.42
New London-Norwich	\$27,721	\$13.33	\$10.32	\$11.14 - \$15.45
Waterbury	\$24,240	\$11.65	\$8.85	\$9.20 - \$13.45
Torrington	\$28,926	\$13.91	\$12.76	\$12.64 - \$14.86
Danielson	\$23,440	\$11.26	\$9.70	\$9.88 - \$11.78

a care facility. Monitor or report changes in health status. May also provide personal care such as bathing, dressing, and grooming of patient.

### Employment

The primary sector that employs this occupation in Connecticut is Education and Health Services, comprising 98.8% of home health aides.<sup>12</sup> Within this sector is an industry titled Home Health Care Services (NAICS code 621610). This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services in the home, along with a range of the following: personal care services; homemaker and companion services; physical therapy; medical social services; medications; medical equipment and supplies; counseling; 24-hour home care; occupation and vocational therapy; dietary and nutritional services; speech therapy; audiology; and high-tech care, such as intravenous therapy.<sup>13</sup>

Over the past decade, Connecticut employment for this industry has also been on the rise, although at a slower pace than Services for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities. In 2003 quarter 1, the average monthly employment was 12,378. By 2013 quarter 1, the figure has increased to 13,985 workers, a 13% rise. The number of business units in this industry has experienced a gradual rise. There were 177 businesses reported in this industry in 2003 quarter 1. As of 2013 quarter 1, there are now 218 business units in Connecticut reported under this industry.<sup>14</sup>

### What You Need to Know If You Want to Be a Home Health Aide

The projected growth rate of 38.7% for this occupation is encouraging for jobseekers interested

in this line of work. Important skills to hold for this job are: service orientation, active listening, social perceptiveness, critical thinking, speaking, monitoring, complex problem solving, coordination, and judgment and decision making. The educational requirements are typically a high school diploma.<sup>15</sup> The State of Connecticut requires all home health aides to complete a nurse aide training program of no less than seventy-five hours and a competency evaluation program. There are currently 118 approved programs offered throughout the state. The following is what the training program covers in both lecture and clinical settings:

1. Communication skills;
2. Observation, reporting and documentation of patients status and the care or services furnished;
3. Reading and recording temperature, pulse and respiration;
4. Basic infection control procedures;
5. Basic elements of body function and changes in body function that must be reported to an aide's supervisor;
6. Maintenance of a clean, safe and healthy environment;

7. Recognizing emergencies and knowledge of emergency procedures;

8. The physical, emotional, and developmental needs of and ways to work with the populations served by the home health care agency, including the need for respect for the patient, his or her privacy and his or her property;

9. Appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming that include: bath (bed, sponge, tub or shower), shampoo (sink, tub or bed), nail and skin care, oral hygiene, toileting and elimination;

10. Safe transfer techniques and ambulation;

11. Normal range of motion and positioning;

12. Adequate nutrition and fluid intake; and

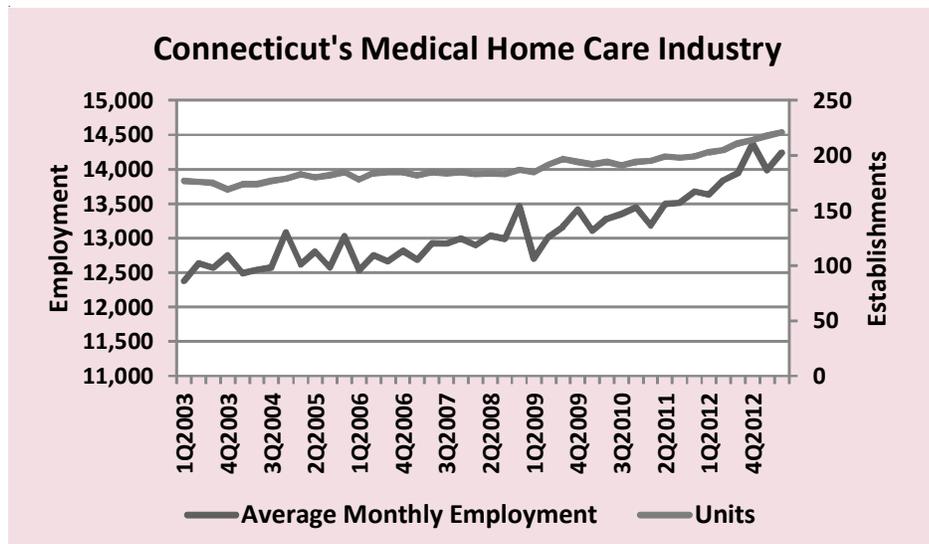
13. Any other task that the home health care agency may choose to have the homemaker-home health aide perform.

Once the training program is complete, the trainee must complete the competency evaluation. Under the supervision of a registered nurse (whom must possess a minimum of two years nursing experience, with at least one in home health care), the above skills are tested through performance of the tasks and by written or oral examination.<sup>16</sup>

Depending on the employer, some previous experience may be necessary. Reliable transportation is also highly important in this field.

### Wages

Though slightly higher than a personal care aide, the average wage



of a home health aide in Connecticut is still well below the statewide mean wage for all occupations of \$26.16 per hour. The average hourly rate statewide for home health aides is \$14.09, making the average annual salary \$29,300. The labor market area with the highest average wage is Danielson at \$16.90 and the New Haven labor market area has the lowest earnings at \$12.89 per hour.<sup>17</sup>

### Regulation

In Connecticut, the Department of Public Health oversees home health care agencies. There are currently 104 licensed home health care agencies registered with the Department- a requirement in order to do business in the state. The Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut details extensive regulations that all of the agencies must abide by. They cover everything from services performed to personnel specifications. As far as the employees are concerned, the

agencies are required to keep records that at a minimum include:

1. Educational preparation and work experience;
2. Current licensure, registration or certification;
3. Written performance evaluations;
4. Signed contract or letter of appointment specifying conditions of employment; and
5. Record of health examinations.<sup>18</sup>

At the national and state level, home health aides are covered under the same regulations as personal care aides.

### Conclusion

The home care industry is on the rise in Connecticut. The Personal Care Aide and Home Health Aide occupations lead the long-term projections in both net change and percent change. The increasing demand for home services will create many job openings over the next ten

years. The challenge ahead will be to maintain a supply of workers for this field that pays lower than average and is highly regulated. ■

<sup>1</sup> Connecticut Department of Labor, Occupational Projections

<sup>2</sup> Connecticut Department of Labor, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

<sup>3</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census

<sup>4</sup> National Center for O\*NET Development

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<sup>10</sup> State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

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Hartford	\$30,110	\$14.47	\$10.81	\$12.03 - \$17.02
New Haven	\$26,820	\$12.89	\$10.59	\$11.17 - \$14.27
New London-Norwich	\$26,861	\$12.91	\$8.89	\$9.30 - \$14.48
Waterbury	\$32,579	\$15.67	\$11.50	\$12.10 - \$16.86
Torrington	\$32,488	\$15.62	\$12.87	\$12.94 - \$18.29
Danielson	\$35,160	\$16.90	\$13.29	\$14.68 - \$19.54

## GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2Q	2Q	CHANGE		1Q
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
<b>General Drift Indicator (1986=100)*</b>					
<b>Leading</b>	109.7	106.9	2.8	2.6	111.5
<b>Coincident</b>	109.7	109.3	0.4	0.4	109.6
<b>Farmington Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**</b>	127.6	127.0	0.6	0.5	127.5
<b>Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (July 1992=100)***</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>AUG</b>			<b>JUL</b>
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>			<b>2014</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	156.84	152.42	4.42	2.9	156.59
<b>United States</b>	157.71	153.10	4.61	3.0	157.36

Sources: \*The Connecticut Economy, University of Connecticut \*\*Farmington Bank \*\*\*Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

The Connecticut Economy's **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 four leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, Hartford help-wanted advertising, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 1986 = 100.

The **Farmington 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

	AUG		CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>					
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	1,665.3	1,659.7	5.6	0.3	1,668.9
<b>Natural Res &amp; Mining</b>	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
<b>Construction</b>	57.0	54.0	3.0	5.6	56.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	164.1	163.5	0.6	0.4	162.7
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	303.8	299.4	4.4	1.5	303.0
<b>Information</b>	31.4	32.1	-0.7	-2.2	31.5
<b>Financial Activities</b>	130.7	131.0	-0.3	-0.2	130.6
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	205.6	207.0	-1.4	-0.7	207.1
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	325.2	322.4	2.8	0.9	326.3
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	150.4	147.3	3.1	2.1	151.4
<b>Other Services</b>	63.5	62.0	1.5	2.4	62.7
<b>Government*</b>	233.0	240.4	-7.4	-3.1	237.0

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

Initial claims for  
unemployment insurance  
decreased from a year  
ago.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

	AUG		CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
<b>Unemployment Rate, resident (%)</b>	6.6	7.8	-1.2	---	6.6
<b>Labor Force, resident (000s)</b>	1,870.4	1,856.8	13.6	0.7	1,872.1
<b>Employed (000s)</b>	1,747.0	1,711.3	35.7	2.1	1,749.3
<b>Unemployed (000s)</b>	123.5	145.5	-22.0	-15.1	122.8
<b>Average Weekly Initial Claims</b>	4,052	4,585	-532	-11.6	4,311
<b>Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)</b>	3.12	3.26	-0.14	---	2.93
	<b>2Q2014</b>	<b>2Q2013</b>			<b>1Q2014</b>
<b>U-6 Rate (%)</b>	13.2	14.6	-1.4	---	13.6

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

The production worker  
weekly earnings rose  
over the year.

## MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	AUG		CHANGE		JUL	JUN
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014	2014
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>						
<b>Production Worker Avg Weekly Hours</b>	40.2	41.8	-1.6	-3.8	40.6	--
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings</b>	22.41	21.23	1.18	5.6	21.87	--
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings</b>	900.88	887.41	13.47	1.5	887.92	--
<b>CT Mfg. Production Index (2005=100)</b>	97.7	98.5	-0.8	-0.8	91.8	93.2
<b>Production Worker Hours (000s)</b>	4,020	4,091	-71	-1.7	3,995	--
<b>Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*</b>	314	325	-11.1	-3.4	289	295

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Department of Energy  
\*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for first  
quarter 2015 is  
forecasted to increase 3.2  
percent from a year  
earlier.

## INCOME

	1Q*		CHANGE		4Q*
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2014
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
<i>(Annualized; \$ Millions)</i>					
<b>Personal Income</b>	\$228,698	\$221,513	7,185	3.2	\$226,552
<b>UI Covered Wages</b>	\$104,604	\$102,217	2,387	2.3	\$104,256

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
\*Forecasted by Connecticut Department of Labor

## BUSINESS ACTIVITY

*New auto registrations fell over the year.*

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
<b>New Housing Permits*</b>	AUG 2014	419	-53.5	3,766	4,222	-10.8
<b>Electricity Sales (mil kWh)</b>	JUL 2014	2,754	-10.5	17,591	17,507	0.5
<b>Construction Contracts</b>						
<b>Index (1980=100)</b>	AUG 2014	246.6	-48.0	---	---	---
<b>New Auto Registrations</b>	AUG 2014	19,028	-8.5	127,376	131,722	-3.3
<b>Air Cargo Tons (000s)</b>	AUG 2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Exports (Bil. \$)</b>	2Q 2014	3.97	-7.6	8.09	8.50	-4.8
<b>S&amp;P 500: Monthly Close</b>	AUG 2014	2,003.37	22.7	---	---	---

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; Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports

\* 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
<b>STARTS</b>						
<b>Secretary of the State</b>	AUG 2014	2,097	13.8	18,057	17,683	2.1
<b>Department of Labor</b>	4Q2013	1,483	-5.0	7,492	7,997	-6.3
<b>TERMINATIONS</b>						
<b>Secretary of the State</b>	AUG 2014	736	-57.2	6,239	9,162	-31.9
<b>Department of Labor</b>	4Q2013	2,067	-27.0	6,831	8,041	-15.0

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

## STATE REVENUES

*Total all revenues were down from a year ago.*

	YEAR TO DATE					
	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	% CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES*</b>	658.9	688.6	-4.3	11,163.1	11,660.7	-4.3
<b>Corporate Tax</b>	34.3	18.1	89.5	460.2	515.0	-10.6
<b>Personal Income Tax</b>	284.1	329.0	-13.7	6,141.1	6,284.0	-2.3
<b>Real Estate Conv. Tax</b>	13.2	11.4	16.0	119.4	105.3	13.4
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax</b>	217.9	217.7	0.1	2,631.0	2,603.4	1.1
<b>Indian Gaming Payments**</b>	26.1	26.9	-3.0	186.4	198.2	-5.9

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

*Indian gaming slots fell over the year.*

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
<b>Info Center Visitors</b>	AUG 2014	51,308	9.1	221,339	182,892	21.0
<b>Major Attraction Visitors</b>	AUG 2014	274,679	2.7	1,195,126	1,224,561	-2.4
<b>Air Passenger Count</b>	AUG 2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Indian Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)*</b>	AUG 2014	1,239.4	-3.7	8,902.3	9,435.4	-5.6
<b>Travel and Tourism Index**</b>	2Q 2014	---	-0.9	---	---	---

Sources: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports; Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism; Division of Special Revenue

\*See page 23 for explanation

\*\*The Connecticut Economy, University of Connecticut

Compensation cost for the nation rose 2.0 percent over the year.

**EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX**

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	JUN	MAR	3-Mo	JUN	JUN	12-Mo
	2014	2014	% Chg	2014	2013	% Chg
<i>Private Industry Workers</i> <i>(Dec. 2005 = 100)</i>						
<b>UNITED STATES TOTAL</b>	120.9	119.9	0.8	121.0	118.6	2.0
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>	120.2	119.3	0.8	120.3	118.1	1.9
<b>Benefit Costs</b>	122.5	121.2	1.1	122.7	119.8	2.4
<b>NORTHEAST TOTAL</b>	---	---	---	121.8	119.4	2.0
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>	---	---	---	120.6	118.4	1.9

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

U.S. inflation rate increased 1.7 percent over the year.

**CONSUMER NEWS**

	MO/QTR	LEVEL	% CHANGE	
			Y/Y	P/P*
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>				
<b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>				
<b>CPI-U (1982-84=100)</b>				
<b>U.S. City Average</b>	AUG 2014	237.852	1.7	-0.2
<b>Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)</b>	AUG 2014	0.420	-1.7	0.2
<b>Northeast Region</b>	AUG 2014	253.185	1.3	-0.3
<b>NY-Northern NJ-Long Island</b>	AUG 2014	261.075	1.3	-0.2
<b>Boston-Brockton-Nashua**</b>	JUL 2014	255.296	1.7	0.0
<b>CPI-W (1982-84=100)</b>				
<b>U.S. City Average</b>	AUG 2014	234.030	1.6	-0.2

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; The Conference Board  
 \*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 4.12 percent over the month.

**INTEREST RATES**

	AUG	JUL	AUG
<i>(Percent)</i>	2014	2014	2013
<b>Prime</b>	3.25	3.25	3.25
<b>Federal Funds</b>	0.09	0.09	0.08
<b>3 Month Treasury Bill</b>	0.03	0.03	0.04
<b>6 Month Treasury Bill</b>	0.05	0.06	0.07
<b>1 Year Treasury Note</b>	0.11	0.11	0.13
<b>3 Year Treasury Note</b>	0.93	0.97	0.70
<b>5 Year Treasury Note</b>	1.63	1.70	1.52
<b>7 Year Treasury Note</b>	2.08	2.17	2.15
<b>10 Year Treasury Note</b>	2.42	2.54	2.74
<b>20 Year Treasury Note</b>	2.94	3.07	3.49
<b>Conventional Mortgage</b>	4.12	4.13	4.46

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>	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>Connecticut</b>	1,665.3	1,659.7	5.6	0.3	1,668.9
<b>Maine</b>	611.3	603.2	8.1	1.3	609.9
<b>Massachusetts</b>	3,415.2	3,360.9	54.3	1.6	3,420.5
<b>New Hampshire</b>	642.9	640.2	2.7	0.4	647.7
<b>New Jersey</b>	3,949.5	3,946.5	3.0	0.1	3,950.4
<b>New York</b>	9,043.0	8,933.2	109.8	1.2	9,039.9
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	5,792.7	5,745.7	47.0	0.8	5,792.6
<b>Rhode Island</b>	477.9	472.2	5.7	1.2	477.8
<b>Vermont</b>	306.7	305.4	1.3	0.4	306.8
<b>United States</b>	139,118.0	136,636.0	2,482.0	1.8	138,976.0

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

## LABOR FORCE

Three states posted increases in the labor force from last year.

<i>(Seasonally adjusted; 000s)</i>	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>Connecticut</b>	1,870.4	1,856.8	13.6	0.7	1,872.1
<b>Maine</b>	705.0	709.6	-4.6	-0.6	706.8
<b>Massachusetts</b>	3,517.0	3,486.0	31.0	0.9	3,511.2
<b>New Hampshire</b>	740.4	741.2	-0.8	-0.1	743.8
<b>New Jersey</b>	4,495.3	4,528.0	-32.7	-0.7	4,494.4
<b>New York</b>	9,554.4	9,635.4	-81.0	-0.8	9,598.7
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	6,343.6	6,449.2	-105.6	-1.6	6,372.1
<b>Rhode Island</b>	556.5	554.4	2.1	0.4	556.5
<b>Vermont</b>	350.2	350.9	-0.7	-0.2	351.0
<b>United States</b>	155,959.0	155,435.0	524.0	0.3	156,023.0

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

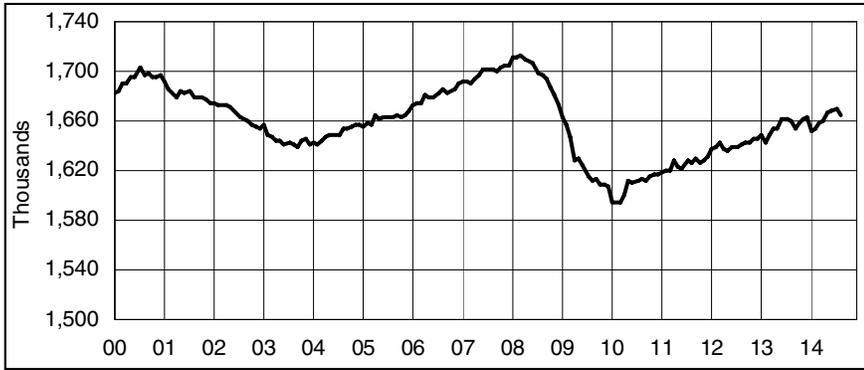
## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	AUG	AUG	CHANGE	JUL
	2014	2013		2014
<b>Connecticut</b>	6.6	7.8	-1.2	6.6
<b>Maine</b>	5.6	6.7	-1.1	5.5
<b>Massachusetts</b>	5.8	7.2	-1.4	5.6
<b>New Hampshire</b>	4.4	5.3	-0.9	4.4
<b>New Jersey</b>	6.6	8.1	-1.5	6.5
<b>New York</b>	6.4	7.7	-1.3	6.6
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	5.8	7.4	-1.6	5.7
<b>Rhode Island</b>	7.7	9.6	-1.9	7.7
<b>Vermont</b>	4.1	4.5	-0.4	3.7
<b>United States</b>	6.1	7.2	-1.1	6.2

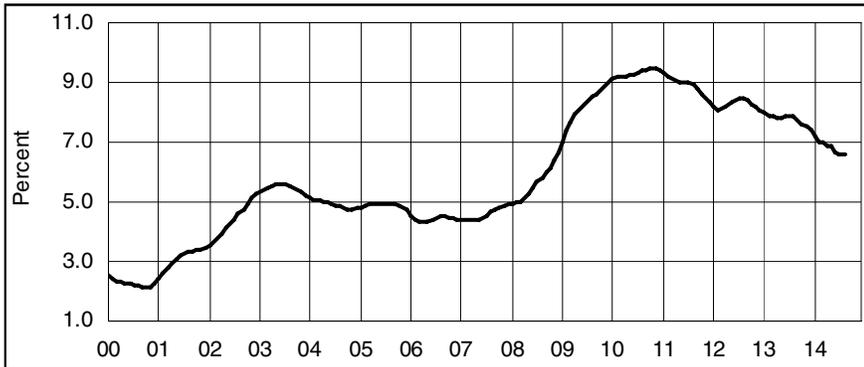
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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** *(Seasonally adjusted)*



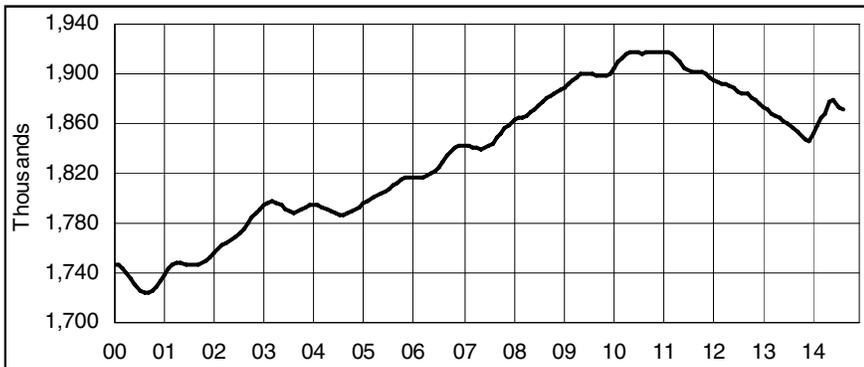
Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	1,637.2	1,649.2	1,652.6
Feb	1,639.9	1,643.1	1,654.0
Mar	1,643.0	1,649.5	1,658.0
Apr	1,636.9	1,653.3	1,659.7
May	1,636.5	1,653.0	1,665.7
Jun	1,639.5	1,662.1	1,667.9
Jul	1,639.1	1,661.1	1,668.9
Aug	1,640.9	1,659.7	1,665.3
Sep	1,641.8	1,653.1	
Oct	1,643.1	1,658.8	
Nov	1,645.6	1,661.4	
Dec	1,645.1	1,663.5	

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** *(Seasonally adjusted)*



Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	8.2	8.0	7.2
Feb	8.1	7.9	7.0
Mar	8.1	7.8	7.0
Apr	8.2	7.8	6.9
May	8.3	7.8	6.9
Jun	8.4	7.9	6.7
Jul	8.5	7.9	6.6
Aug	8.5	7.8	6.6
Sep	8.4	7.7	
Oct	8.3	7.6	
Nov	8.2	7.5	
Dec	8.1	7.4	

**LABOR FORCE** *(Seasonally adjusted)*



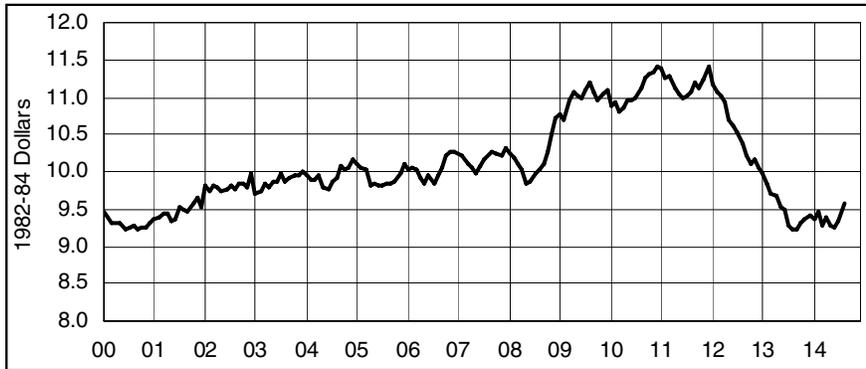
Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	1,895.3	1,873.3	1,852.2
Feb	1,893.6	1,870.5	1,857.9
Mar	1,892.6	1,868.1	1,864.8
Apr	1,891.3	1,866.3	1,868.6
May	1,889.7	1,864.5	1,877.6
Jun	1,888.0	1,862.3	1,878.5
Jul	1,886.4	1,859.7	1,872.1
Aug	1,884.8	1,856.8	1,870.4
Sep	1,883.3	1,853.7	
Oct	1,881.6	1,850.6	
Nov	1,879.2	1,847.9	
Dec	1,876.3	1,845.8	

**AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS** *(Seasonally adjusted)*



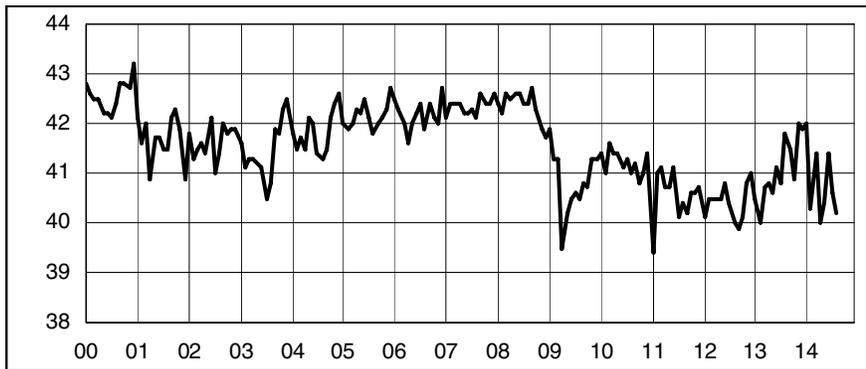
Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	4,953	4,884	4,442
Feb	4,547	4,669	3,775
Mar	4,979	4,452	4,089
Apr	4,789	4,823	4,412
May	4,958	4,672	4,150
Jun	5,312	4,602	4,556
Jul	4,787	5,220	4,311
Aug	4,959	4,585	4,052
Sep	4,878	4,598	
Oct	4,832	4,805	
Nov	7,601	4,786	
Dec	4,824	5,054	

## REAL AVG MANUFACTURING HOURLY EARNINGS *(Not seasonally adjusted)*



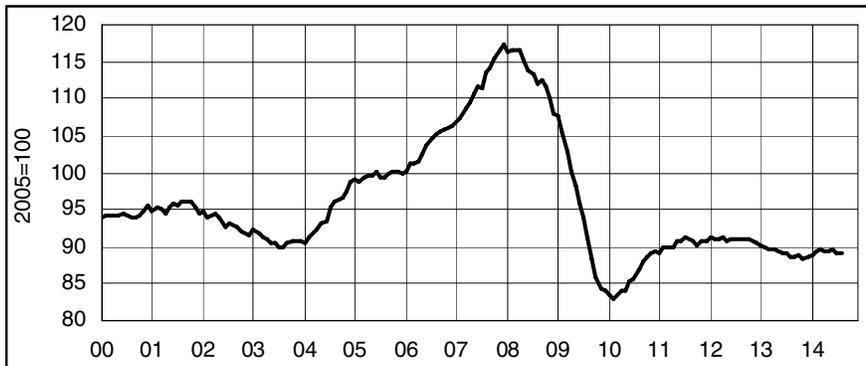
Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	\$11.17	\$9.97	\$9.35
Feb	\$11.07	\$9.83	\$9.46
Mar	\$11.00	\$9.72	\$9.29
Apr	\$10.94	\$9.67	\$9.38
May	\$10.70	\$9.52	\$9.28
Jun	\$10.61	\$9.49	\$9.25
Jul	\$10.53	\$9.28	\$9.33
Aug	\$10.37	\$9.22	\$9.58
Sep	\$10.22	\$9.24	
Oct	\$10.11	\$9.31	
Nov	\$10.16	\$9.35	
Dec	\$10.05	\$9.42	

## AVG MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS *(Not seasonally adjusted)*



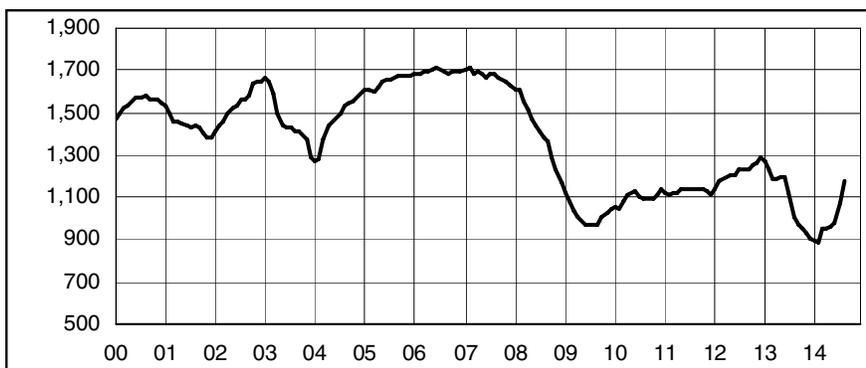
Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	40.1	40.5	42.0
Feb	40.5	40.0	40.3
Mar	40.5	40.7	41.4
Apr	40.5	40.8	40.0
May	40.5	40.6	40.4
Jun	40.8	41.1	41.4
Jul	40.4	40.8	40.6
Aug	40.0	41.8	40.2
Sep	39.9	41.5	
Oct	40.1	40.9	
Nov	40.8	42.0	
Dec	41.0	41.9	

## CT MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION INDEX *(NSA, 12 MMA)*



Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	91.3	90.3	88.8
Feb	91.1	90.0	89.5
Mar	91.0	89.7	89.7
Apr	91.4	89.8	89.5
May	90.9	89.5	89.5
Jun	91.0	89.2	89.7
Jul	90.9	89.2	89.3
Aug	91.1	88.7	89.2
Sep	90.9	88.7	
Oct	91.0	88.9	
Nov	90.6	88.4	
Dec	90.6	88.6	

## SECRETARY OF STATE'S NET BUSINESS STARTS *(NSA, 12 MMA)*



Month	2012	2013	2014
Jan	1,137	1,273	896
Feb	1,175	1,229	886
Mar	1,190	1,184	947
Apr	1,197	1,190	955
May	1,205	1,198	962
Jun	1,208	1,199	978
Jul	1,229	1,117	1,071
Aug	1,237	1,010	1,174
Sep	1,230	966	
Oct	1,249	951	
Nov	1,262	932	
Dec	1,285	900	

## CONNECTICUT

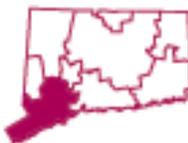
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	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>1,656,100</b>	<b>1,648,700</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1,667,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>1,438,600</b>	<b>1,424,800</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1,447,800</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>226,400</b>	<b>222,100</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>224,200</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>61,300</b>	<b>57,800</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>60,100</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>165,100</b>	<b>164,300</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>164,100</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b> .....	<b>126,500</b>	<b>127,700</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>125,500</b>
Fabricated Metal.....	30,600	30,200	400	1.3	30,400
Machinery.....	14,000	14,200	-200	-1.4	14,100
Computer and Electronic Product.....	12,200	12,700	-500	-3.9	12,200
Transportation Equipment.....	41,300	41,500	-200	-0.5	41,400
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	28,600	28,800	-200	-0.7	28,300
<b>Non-Durable Goods</b> .....	<b>38,600</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>38,600</b>
Chemical.....	11,400	11,300	100	0.9	11,500
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>1,429,700</b>	<b>1,426,600</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,443,100</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>300,000</b>	<b>295,400</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>300,900</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	65,600	63,400	2,200	3.5	65,400
Retail Trade.....	183,600	183,800	-200	-0.1	184,000
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	20,900	20,600	300	1.5	20,900
Building Material.....	15,800	15,400	400	2.6	16,300
Food and Beverage Stores.....	45,400	44,200	1,200	2.7	45,500
General Merchandise Stores.....	27,600	28,000	-400	-1.4	27,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	50,800	48,200	2,600	5.4	51,500
Utilities.....	7,500	7,600	-100	-1.3	7,600
Transportation and Warehousing.....	43,300	40,600	2,700	6.7	43,900
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>31,700</b>	<b>32,400</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>31,700</b>
Telecommunications.....	9,200	9,100	100	1.1	9,300
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>131,100</b>	<b>132,400</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>131,400</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	111,600	112,900	-1,300	-1.2	111,900
Credit Intermediation.....	26,500	26,800	-300	-1.1	26,600
Securities and Commodity Contracts.....	25,300	26,100	-800	-3.1	25,500
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	59,800	60,000	-200	-0.3	59,800
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	19,500	19,500	0	0.0	19,500
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b> ....	<b>208,100</b>	<b>208,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>209,800</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	91,300	90,400	900	1.0	92,400
Legal Services.....	13,300	13,100	200	1.5	13,300
Computer Systems Design.....	23,100	23,200	-100	-0.4	23,100
Management of Companies.....	28,900	29,600	-700	-2.4	29,000
Administrative and Support.....	87,900	88,100	-200	-0.2	88,400
Employment Services.....	26,100	28,500	-2,400	-8.4	26,100
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>318,800</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>322,900</b>
Educational Services.....	56,600	56,300	300	0.5	58,900
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	262,200	258,700	3,500	1.4	264,000
Hospitals.....	61,000	61,600	-600	-1.0	61,200
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	62,600	62,200	400	0.6	62,800
Social Assistance.....	50,500	50,100	400	0.8	51,600
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>158,500</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>163,200</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	30,000	30,900	-900	-2.9	32,500
Accommodation and Food Services.....	128,500	125,400	3,100	2.5	130,700
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	115,800	112,400	3,400	3.0	118,000
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>64,000</b>	<b>63,100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>63,700</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>217,500</b>	<b>223,900</b>	<b>-6,400</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>219,500</b>
Federal Government.....	17,400	17,400	0	0.0	17,300
State Government.....	60,800	63,400	-2,600	-4.1	61,200
Local Government**.....	139,300	143,100	-3,800	-2.7	141,000

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2013.

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

## BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>419,700</b>	<b>412,800</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>426,400</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>377,000</b>	<b>369,900</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>382,400</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>47,300</b>	<b>46,200</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>47,400</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>12,800</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>12,700</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>34,500</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>34,700</b>
Durable Goods.....	24,700	25,000	-300	-1.2	24,600
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>372,400</b>	<b>366,600</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>379,000</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>74,200</b>	<b>71,600</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>74,400</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	13,800	13,700	100	0.7	13,800
Retail Trade.....	49,600	48,200	1,400	2.9	49,700
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,800	9,700	1,100	11.3	10,900
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>12,100</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,100</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>41,500</b>	<b>42,300</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>41,400</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	34,600	35,900	-1,300	-3.6	34,400
Credit Intermediation.....	10,100	10,100	0	0.0	10,100
Securities and Commodity Contracts.....	17,100	18,300	-1,200	-6.6	17,300
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>71,500</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>72,200</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	29,700	29,800	-100	-0.3	29,900
Administrative and Support.....	28,600	25,900	2,700	10.4	28,900
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....	<b>68,700</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>70,400</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	58,400	58,700	-300	-0.5	59,500
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>43,400</b>	<b>42,700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>46,300</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	32,200	30,900	1,300	4.2	34,000
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>18,300</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>18,200</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>42,700</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>44,000</b>
Federal.....	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	2,500
State & Local.....	40,200	40,400	-200	-0.5	41,500

## DANBURY LMA



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>68,800</b>	<b>68,300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>69,400</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>61,300</b>	<b>61,100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>61,600</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>12,000</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>56,800</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>57,400</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>15,900</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>16,100</b>
Retail Trade.....	11,700	12,100	-400	-3.3	11,700
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>7,700</b>
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>7,100</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7,800</b>
Federal.....	600	600	0	0.0	600
State & Local.....	6,900	6,600	300	4.5	7,200

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

**HARTFORD LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	CHANGE		JUL 2014
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>546,500</b>	<b>542,600</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>549,200</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>471,100</b>	<b>465,900</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>472,100</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>77,100</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>76,200</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>21,200</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>20,400</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>55,900</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>55,800</b>
Durable Goods.....	46,300	47,000	-700	-1.5	46,100
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,600	9,500	100	1.1	9,700
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>469,400</b>	<b>466,500</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>473,000</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>88,700</b>	<b>87,300</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>88,100</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	18,200	18,100	100	0.6	18,200
Retail Trade.....	54,900	54,500	400	0.7	54,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	15,600	14,700	900	6.1	15,800
Transportation and Warehousing.....	12,900	11,900	1,000	8.4	13,100
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>11,100</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>11,100</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>59,200</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>59,400</b>
Depository Credit Institutions.....	6,100	6,400	-300	-4.7	6,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	39,000	39,800	-800	-2.0	39,000
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>65,200</b>	<b>-1,600</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>64,200</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	31,400	30,600	800	2.6	31,500
Management of Companies.....	7,500	7,800	-300	-3.8	7,500
Administrative and Support.....	24,700	26,800	-2,100	-7.8	25,200
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....	<b>100,200</b>	<b>98,400</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>100,300</b>
Educational Services.....	12,100	11,900	200	1.7	12,300
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	88,100	86,500	1,600	1.8	88,000
Ambulatory Health Care.....	28,300	27,900	400	1.4	28,100
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>49,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>51,000</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	39,400	38,000	1,400	3.7	40,300
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>22,200</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>21,800</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>75,400</b>	<b>76,700</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>77,100</b>
Federal.....	5,200	5,000	200	4.0	5,200
State & Local.....	70,200	71,700	-1,500	-2.1	71,900

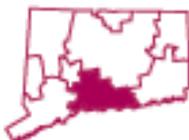
**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT***Seasonally Adjusted*

Labor Market Areas	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	CHANGE		JUL 2014
			NO.	%	
<b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA</b> .....	<b>418,800</b>	<b>412,200</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>420,100</b>
<b>DANBURY LMA</b> .....	<b>69,400</b>	<b>68,900</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>69,800</b>
<b>HARTFORD LMA</b> .....	<b>553,900</b>	<b>549,900</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>552,900</b>
<b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b> .....	<b>278,100</b>	<b>275,200</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>279,600</b>
<b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA</b> .....	<b>125,300</b>	<b>127,800</b>	<b>-2,500</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>125,200</b>
<b>WATERBURY LMA</b> .....	<b>64,700</b>	<b>64,300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>64,800</b>

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## NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>273,800</b>	<b>269,900</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>277,400</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>245,300</b>	<b>241,100</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>247,800</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>35,800</b>	<b>35,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>35,800</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>10,200</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>10,100</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>25,600</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>25,700</b>
Durable Goods.....	18,900	19,100	-200	-1.0	18,800
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>238,000</b>	<b>234,200</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>241,600</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>50,500</b>	<b>50,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>50,900</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	11,200	11,200	0	0.0	11,200
Retail Trade.....	29,300	29,400	-100	-0.3	29,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,000	9,700	300	3.1	10,100
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>12,400</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12,400</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	8,800	8,800	0	0.0	8,800
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>28,500</b>
Administrative and Support.....	14,300	14,400	-100	-0.7	14,300
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>76,500</b>	<b>74,800</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>77,900</b>
Educational Services.....	25,900	25,900	0	0.0	26,700
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	50,600	48,900	1,700	3.5	51,200
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>27,400</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>27,700</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	21,900	20,700	1,200	5.8	22,400
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,500</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>28,500</b>	<b>28,800</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>29,600</b>
Federal.....	4,800	4,800	0	0.0	4,800
State & Local.....	23,700	24,000	-300	-1.3	24,800

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\*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. \*\*Value less than 50

## HELP WANTED ONLINE

### CT Online Labor Demand Rose 2,200 in August

The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) data reported that there were 72,900 advertisements for Connecticut-based jobs in August 2014, a 3.1 percent increase over the month and a 8.3 percent increase over the year. There were 3.89 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Connecticut's labor force, higher than a year ago and a month ago. Hartford's labor demand rate of 4.77 was also higher than both a year ago and a month ago. Nationally, it was 3.34 percent. Among the New England states, Massachusetts had the highest vacancy rate, while Rhode Island had the lowest vacancy rate in August.

	AUG	AUG	JUL
(Seasonally adjusted)	2014	2013	2014
<b>CT Vacancies (000s)</b>	72.9	67.3	70.7
<b>Hartford Vac. (000s)</b>	28.1	25.7	27.4
<b>Labor Demand Rate *</b>			
<b>Connecticut</b>	3.89	3.62	3.78
<b>Hartford</b>	4.77	4.38	4.65
<b>United States</b>	3.34	3.18	3.23
<b>Maine</b>	3.99	3.14	3.91
<b>Massachusetts</b>	4.48	4.26	4.25
<b>New Hampshire</b>	4.20	3.57	3.96
<b>Rhode Island</b>	3.79	3.44	3.62
<b>Vermont</b>	3.90	3.32	3.77

\* A percent of advertised vacancies per 100 persons in labor force  
Source: The Conference Board

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. Background information and technical notes and discussion of revisions to the series are available at: [www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm](http://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm).

**NORWICH - NEW  
LONDON LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	CHANGE		JUL 2014
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>127,300</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>127,600</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>96,000</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>96,400</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>18,800</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>18,700</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .....	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>14,900</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>14,900</b>
Durable Goods.....	11,900	11,400	500	4.4	11,900
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,000	3,200	-200	-6.3	3,000
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>108,500</b>	<b>110,600</b>	<b>-2,100</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>108,900</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>22,400</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>22,400</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,600
Retail Trade.....	15,500	15,900	-400	-2.5	15,400
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	4,300	4,200	100	2.4	4,400
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>8,400</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>20,200</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	18,600	18,400	200	1.1	18,700
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>18,500</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>18,800</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	14,300	14,900	-600	-4.0	14,500
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.	12,000	12,500	-500	-4.0	12,200
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>3,600</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,600</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>31,300</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>31,200</b>
Federal.....	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,500
State & Local**.....	28,700	29,900	-1,200	-4.0	28,700

**WATERBURY LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	CHANGE		JUL 2014
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>63,800</b>	<b>63,400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>64,700</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>55,400</b>	<b>54,800</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>55,700</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>9,800</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>9,800</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .....	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>7,300</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>7,300</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>54,000</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>54,900</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>12,700</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12,800</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	2,200	2,100	100	4.8	2,200
Retail Trade.....	8,700	8,800	-100	-1.1	8,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	1,800	1,700	100	5.9	1,800
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>16,600</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>16,700</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	14,900	14,600	300	2.1	15,000
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>6,700</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2,600</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>8,400</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>9,000</b>
Federal.....	400	400	0	0.0	400
State & Local.....	8,000	8,200	-200	-2.4	8,600

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

## SMALLER LMAS\*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>					
ENFIELD LMA.....	43,800	43,300	500	1.2	43,700
TORRINGTON LMA.....	36,700	36,500	200	0.5	36,900
WILLIMANTIC - DANIELSON LMA.....	37,500	37,000	500	1.4	37,700

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

For further information on these nonfarm employment estimates contact Lincoln Dyer at (860) 263-6292.

## SPRINGFIELD, MA-CT NECTA\*\*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	AUG	AUG	CHANGE		JUL
	2014	2013	NO.	%	2014
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....</b>	<b>296,000</b>	<b>291,600</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>297,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE.....</b>	<b>250,300</b>	<b>246,900</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>251,500</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>42,100</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>42,500</b>
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING....	11,300	11,000	300	2.7	11,100
MANUFACTURING.....	31,500	31,100	400	1.3	31,400
Durable Goods.....	21,400	21,100	300	1.4	21,300
Non-Durable Goods.....	10,100	10,000	100	1.0	10,100
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....</b>	<b>253,200</b>	<b>249,500</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>254,800</b>
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES....	58,300	56,900	1,400	2.5	58,700
Wholesale Trade.....	11,300	11,200	100	0.9	11,300
Retail Trade.....	34,900	34,100	800	2.3	35,300
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	12,100	11,600	500	4.3	12,100
INFORMATION.....	4,000	4,000	0	0.0	4,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	14,900	14,900	0	0.0	14,900
Finance and Insurance.....	11,900	11,800	100	0.8	11,900
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	7,600	7,500	100	1.3	7,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	25,000	24,900	100	0.4	25,100
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	66,300	65,700	600	0.9	66,700
Educational Services.....	9,200	9,700	-500	-5.2	9,200
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	57,100	56,000	1,100	2.0	57,500
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	29,400	28,900	500	1.7	29,800
OTHER SERVICES.....	9,600	9,500	100	1.1	9,800
GOVERNMENT .....	45,700	44,700	1,000	2.2	45,800
Federal.....	5,900	5,800	100	1.7	5,900
State & Local.....	39,800	38,900	900	2.3	39,900

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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	AUG 2014	AUG 2013	CHANGE		JUL 2014
				NO.	%	
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Civilian Labor Force	1,889,700	1,876,100	13,600	0.7	1,900,400
	Employed	1,759,600	1,728,000	31,600	1.8	1,771,100
	Unemployed	130,100	148,100	-18,000	-12.2	129,300
	Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.9	-1.0	---	6.8
<b>BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	488,300	482,000	6,300	1.3	493,500
	Employed	457,100	446,500	10,600	2.4	462,300
	Unemployed	31,200	35,500	-4,300	-12.1	31,200
	Unemployment Rate	6.4	7.4	-1.0	---	6.3
<b>DANBURY LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	93,200	92,600	600	0.6	93,900
	Employed	88,100	86,700	1,400	1.6	88,800
	Unemployed	5,100	5,900	-800	-13.6	5,100
	Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.4	-0.9	---	5.4
<b>ENFIELD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	50,300	49,500	800	1.6	50,200
	Employed	47,100	46,100	1,000	2.2	47,200
	Unemployed	3,200	3,400	-200	-5.9	3,000
	Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.9	-0.6	---	6.0
<b>HARTFORD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	593,200	589,800	3,400	0.6	594,500
	Employed	551,600	542,500	9,100	1.7	553,000
	Unemployed	41,600	47,300	-5,700	-12.1	41,500
	Unemployment Rate	7.0	8.0	-1.0	---	7.0
<b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	315,800	312,700	3,100	1.0	318,500
	Employed	293,000	286,800	6,200	2.2	295,800
	Unemployed	22,800	26,000	-3,200	-12.3	22,600
	Unemployment Rate	7.2	8.3	-1.1	---	7.1
<b>NORWICH - NEW LONDON LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	146,500	148,500	-2,000	-1.3	146,800
	Employed	136,400	136,800	-400	-0.3	136,700
	Unemployed	10,100	11,700	-1,600	-13.7	10,200
	Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.9	-1.0	---	6.9
<b>TORRINGTON LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,700	100	0.2	54,900
	Employed	51,400	50,900	500	1.0	51,500
	Unemployed	3,400	3,800	-400	-10.5	3,400
	Unemployment Rate	6.1	7.0	-0.9	---	6.1
<b>WATERBURY LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	101,000	100,700	300	0.3	101,900
	Employed	91,900	90,300	1,600	1.8	92,900
	Unemployed	9,200	10,500	-1,300	-12.4	9,000
	Unemployment Rate	9.1	10.4	-1.3	---	8.9
<b>WILLIMANTIC-DANIELSON LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	58,300	57,500	800	1.4	58,200
	Employed	54,000	52,500	1,500	2.9	53,900
	Unemployed	4,300	5,000	-700	-14.0	4,200
	Unemployment Rate	7.4	8.6	-1.2	---	7.3
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	Civilian Labor Force	156,434,000	155,971,000	463,000	0.3	157,573,000
	Employed	146,647,000	144,509,000	2,138,000	1.5	147,265,000
	Unemployed	9,787,000	11,462,000	-1,675,000	-14.6	10,307,000
	Unemployment Rate	6.3	7.3	-1.0	---	6.5

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	AUG		CHG	JUL	AUG		CHG	JUL	AUG		CHG	JUL
	2014	2013	Y/Y	2014	2014	2013	Y/Y	2014	2014	2013	Y/Y	2014
<b>PRODUCTION WORKER</b>												
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	\$900.88	\$887.41	\$13.47	\$887.92	40.2	41.8	-1.6	40.6	\$22.41	\$21.23	\$1.18	\$21.87
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b>	920.09	913.75	6.34	902.72	39.9	42.5	-2.6	40.3	23.06	21.50	1.56	22.40
<b>NON-DUR. GOODS</b>	840.09	806.75	33.34	842.87	41.0	39.8	1.2	41.5	20.49	20.27	0.22	20.31
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	1,168.50	1,066.80	101.70	1,154.03	38.0	40.0	-2.0	37.8	30.75	26.67	4.08	30.53
<b>ALL EMPLOYEES</b>												
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	944.37	933.74	10.63	940.57	33.8	33.6	0.2	33.7	27.94	27.79	0.15	27.91
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,193.15	1,205.37	-12.22	1,200.01	39.3	40.3	-1.0	39.5	30.36	29.91	0.45	30.38
Construction	1,197.57	1,178.48	19.09	1,180.28	38.2	39.8	-1.6	38.0	31.35	29.61	1.74	31.06
Manufacturing	1,177.27	1,209.17	-31.90	1,196.39	39.4	40.4	-1.0	39.8	29.88	29.93	-0.05	30.06
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	898.72	884.52	14.20	894.67	32.8	32.4	0.4	32.7	27.40	27.30	0.10	27.36
Trade, Transp., Utilities	791.91	810.10	-18.18	799.98	33.4	33.6	-0.2	33.5	23.71	24.11	-0.40	23.88
Financial Activities	1,633.54	1,594.25	39.29	1,639.62	37.7	36.7	1.0	37.4	43.33	43.44	-0.11	43.84
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,114.42	1,039.68	74.74	1,116.96	35.3	34.2	1.1	35.8	31.57	30.40	1.17	31.20
Education & Health Ser.	802.33	780.94	21.39	787.51	31.7	31.2	0.5	31.4	25.31	25.03	0.28	25.08
Leisure & Hospitality	405.55	395.03	10.51	393.47	26.3	26.8	-0.5	25.7	15.42	14.74	0.68	15.31
Other Services	671.75	666.65	5.10	676.19	30.3	31.7	-1.4	30.5	22.17	21.03	1.14	22.17
<b>LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE</b>												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,040.36	1,048.40	-8.03	1,022.11	33.8	34.9	-1.1	33.8	30.78	30.04	0.74	30.24
Danbury	936.33	925.29	11.04	925.13	34.5	32.8	1.7	33.9	27.14	28.21	-1.07	27.29
Hartford	995.63	969.80	25.83	992.42	34.8	34.5	0.3	34.7	28.61	28.11	0.50	28.60
New Haven	901.06	902.42	-1.36	919.43	34.3	33.9	0.4	34.5	26.27	26.62	-0.35	26.65
Norwich-New London	834.90	899.08	-64.18	847.35	34.6	33.8	0.8	34.6	24.13	26.60	-2.47	24.49
Waterbury	728.78	758.60	-29.82	717.73	31.7	32.6	-0.9	31.8	22.99	23.27	-0.28	22.57

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## BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

- In August 2014, Memry Corp., a manufacturer in Bethel, announced it would expand and create 76 jobs over the next four years. TOMZ, a medical and aerospace device manufacturer in Berlin, is expanding and will create 30 jobs over the next ten years. Dave and Buster's, an arcade and restaurant, will open a new location in Manchester this September, bringing 200 jobs to the area. C. Cowles & Co., a manufacturer, will create 59 jobs in North Haven as it moves some operations from Massachusetts. Walmart created 80 jobs in Manchester as it recently expanded its current store.
- In August 2014, Smiths Detection, a defense contractor in Danbury, announced it will cut 130 jobs in February 2015 as it moves its headquarters to Maryland.

*Business & Employment Changes Announced in the News Media* 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. This publication is available in both HTML and PDF formats at the Connecticut Department of Labor Web site, <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/busemp.htm>.

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**AUGUST 2014**

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
<b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD</b>					<b>HARTFORD cont...</b>				
	<b>488,313</b>	<b>457,066</b>	<b>31,247</b>	<b>6.4</b>	Canton	5,822	5,557	265	4.6
Ansonia	10,375	9,473	902	8.7	Colchester	9,093	8,581	512	5.6
Bridgeport	67,429	60,374	7,055	10.5	Columbia	3,088	2,923	165	5.3
Darien	9,488	9,080	408	4.3	Coventry	7,114	6,661	453	6.4
Derby	7,128	6,569	559	7.8	Cromwell	8,090	7,638	452	5.6
Easton	3,833	3,647	186	4.9	East Granby	2,926	2,804	122	4.2
Fairfield	29,766	28,102	1,664	5.6	East Haddam	5,284	4,999	285	5.4
Greenwich	30,240	28,921	1,319	4.4	East Hampton	7,116	6,721	395	5.6
Milford	30,679	28,830	1,849	6.0	East Hartford	26,736	24,184	2,552	9.5
Monroe	10,832	10,190	642	5.9	Ellington	9,457	8,959	498	5.3
New Canaan	9,004	8,590	414	4.6	Farmington	13,023	12,351	672	5.2
Newtown	14,975	14,155	820	5.5	Glastonbury	18,783	17,937	846	4.5
Norwalk	50,325	47,525	2,800	5.6	Granby	6,311	5,994	317	5.0
Oxford	7,561	7,171	390	5.2	Haddam	5,164	4,913	251	4.9
Redding	4,895	4,686	209	4.3	Hartford	50,146	43,156	6,990	13.9
Ridgefield	12,212	11,634	578	4.7	Hartland	1,201	1,155	46	3.8
Seymour	9,500	8,833	667	7.0	Harwinton	3,108	2,962	146	4.7
Shelton	23,257	21,760	1,497	6.4	Hebron	5,635	5,372	263	4.7
Southbury	9,204	8,681	523	5.7	Lebanon	4,259	4,020	239	5.6
Stamford	69,910	65,829	4,081	5.8	Manchester	33,293	31,028	2,265	6.8
Stratford	27,729	25,512	2,217	8.0	Mansfield	13,442	12,635	807	6.0
Trumbull	18,650	17,635	1,015	5.4	Marlborough	3,648	3,458	190	5.2
Weston	4,954	4,748	206	4.2	Middlefield	2,449	2,296	153	6.2
Westport	12,948	12,320	628	4.9	Middletown	26,331	24,504	1,827	6.9
Wilton	8,691	8,273	418	4.8	New Britain	35,681	32,166	3,515	9.9
Woodbridge	4,726	4,527	199	4.2	New Hartford	3,834	3,627	207	5.4
					Newington	16,872	15,985	887	5.3
<b>DANBURY</b>	<b>93,211</b>	<b>88,111</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5.5</b>	Plainville	10,241	9,594	647	6.3
Bethel	11,123	10,544	579	5.2	Plymouth	6,817	6,267	550	8.1
Bridgewater	938	888	50	5.3	Portland	5,290	4,950	340	6.4
Brookfield	9,316	8,785	531	5.7	Rocky Hill	11,132	10,515	617	5.5
Danbury	46,471	43,880	2,591	5.6	Simsbury	11,926	11,341	585	4.9
New Fairfield	7,543	7,146	397	5.3	Southington	24,595	23,197	1,398	5.7
New Milford	15,918	15,056	862	5.4	South Windsor	14,508	13,767	741	5.1
Sherman	1,901	1,812	89	4.7	Stafford	6,866	6,411	455	6.6
					Thomaston	4,510	4,217	293	6.5
<b>ENFIELD</b>	<b>50,299</b>	<b>47,137</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>6.3</b>	Tolland	8,388	8,022	366	4.4
East Windsor	6,698	6,254	444	6.6	Union	533	504	29	5.4
Enfield	23,675	22,116	1,559	6.6	Vernon	16,888	15,806	1,082	6.4
Somers	4,959	4,650	309	6.2	West Hartford	30,123	28,346	1,777	5.9
Suffield	7,829	7,436	393	5.0	Wethersfield	13,582	12,697	885	6.5
Windsor Locks	7,136	6,681	455	6.4	Willington	3,764	3,546	218	5.8
					Windsor	16,332	15,167	1,165	7.1
<b>HARTFORD</b>	<b>593,199</b>	<b>551,568</b>	<b>41,631</b>	<b>7.0</b>					
Andover	2,001	1,896	105	5.2					
Ashford	2,532	2,365	167	6.6					
Avon	9,609	9,155	454	4.7					
Barkhamsted	2,230	2,106	124	5.6					
Berlin	11,406	10,739	667	5.8					
Bloomfield	10,091	9,229	862	8.5					
Bolton	2,900	2,754	146	5.0					
Bristol	33,581	31,209	2,372	7.1					
Burlington	5,448	5,182	266	4.9					

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 referred to as the 'Hartford LMA'. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified 17 towns in the northwest part of the State as a separate area for reporting labor force data. For the convenience of our data users, these towns are included in the Torrington LMA. For the same purpose, five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the 'Enfield LMA'. Similarly the towns of Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock (part of the Worcester, MA area), plus four towns estimated separately are included in the Willimantic-Danielson 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)

**AUGUST 2014**

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
<b>NEW HAVEN</b>	<b>315,760</b>	<b>292,973</b>	<b>22,787</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>TORRINGTON</b>	<b>54,770</b>	<b>51,408</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Bethany	3,113	2,944	169	5.4	Bethlehem	2,047	1,931	116	5.7
Branford	16,647	15,658	989	5.9	Canaan	672	644	28	4.2
Cheshire	14,723	13,888	835	5.7	Colebrook	801	767	34	4.2
Chester	2,503	2,377	126	5.0	Cornwall	795	755	40	5.0
Clinton	7,679	7,234	445	5.8	Goshen	1,533	1,456	77	5.0
Deep River	2,538	2,375	163	6.4	Kent	1,599	1,531	68	4.3
Durham	4,260	4,035	225	5.3	Litchfield	4,283	4,043	240	5.6
East Haven	16,418	15,168	1,250	7.6	Morris	1,311	1,233	78	5.9
Essex	3,670	3,502	168	4.6	Norfolk	971	920	51	5.3
Guilford	12,928	12,278	650	5.0	North Canaan	1,694	1,598	96	5.7
Hamden	32,464	30,132	2,332	7.2	Roxbury	1,325	1,276	49	3.7
Killingworth	3,604	3,432	172	4.8	Salisbury	1,838	1,748	90	4.9
Madison	9,731	9,267	464	4.8	Sharon	1,436	1,366	70	4.9
Meriden	32,424	29,638	2,786	8.6	Torrington	19,919	18,461	1,458	7.3
New Haven	58,647	52,878	5,769	9.8	Warren	784	749	35	4.5
North Branford	8,239	7,818	421	5.1	Washington	1,898	1,790	108	5.7
North Haven	13,137	12,328	809	6.2	Winchester	6,201	5,786	415	6.7
Old Saybrook	5,323	5,009	314	5.9	Woodbury	5,663	5,353	310	5.5
Orange	7,273	6,890	383	5.3					
Wallingford	25,453	23,865	1,588	6.2	<b>WATERBURY</b>	<b>101,018</b>	<b>91,853</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>9.1</b>
West Haven	31,159	28,647	2,512	8.1	Beacon Falls	3,437	3,181	256	7.4
Westbrook	3,826	3,610	216	5.6	Middlebury	3,967	3,759	208	5.2
					Naugatuck	16,809	15,393	1,416	8.4
<b>*NORWICH-NEW LONDON</b>	<b>134,839</b>	<b>125,486</b>	<b>9,353</b>	<b>6.9</b>	Prospect	5,353	5,012	341	6.4
Bozrah	1,518	1,414	104	6.9	Waterbury	50,479	44,876	5,603	11.1
Canterbury	3,055	2,845	210	6.9	Watertown	11,991	11,220	771	6.4
East Lyme	9,384	8,794	590	6.3	Wolcott	8,983	8,412	571	6.4
Franklin	1,178	1,106	72	6.1					
Griswold	7,192	6,699	493	6.9	<b>WILLIMANTIC-DANIELSON</b>	<b>58,264</b>	<b>53,953</b>	<b>4,311</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Groton	18,369	17,039	1,330	7.2	Brooklyn	4,137	3,805	332	8.0
Ledyard	8,097	7,621	476	5.9	Chaplin	1,339	1,234	105	7.8
Lisbon	2,539	2,365	174	6.9	Eastford	950	910	40	4.2
Lyme	1,241	1,187	54	4.4	Hampton	1,093	1,008	85	7.8
Montville	10,410	9,706	704	6.8	Killingly	9,370	8,631	739	7.9
New London	13,888	12,654	1,234	8.9	Plainfield	8,441	7,725	716	8.5
No. Stonington	3,177	2,978	199	6.3	Pomfret	2,305	2,187	118	5.1
Norwich	21,912	20,148	1,764	8.1	Putnam	5,334	5,021	313	5.9
Old Lyme	4,076	3,864	212	5.2	Scotland	979	945	34	3.5
Preston	2,663	2,478	185	6.9	Sterling	2,173	2,007	166	7.6
Salem	2,516	2,388	128	5.1	Thompson	5,409	5,113	296	5.5
Sprague	1,716	1,579	137	8.0	Windham	12,192	11,042	1,150	9.4
Stonington	10,089	9,561	528	5.2	Woodstock	4,541	4,325	216	4.8
Voluntown	1,514	1,424	90	5.9					
Waterford	10,307	9,637	670	6.5					

\*Connecticut portion only. For whole NECTA, including Rhode Island town, see below.

<b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYED</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYED</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON</b>	<b>146,520</b>	<b>136,402</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Westerly, RI	11,681	10,916	765	6.5

Labor Force estimates are prepared following statistical procedures developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	<b>1,889,700</b>	<b>1,759,600</b>	<b>130,100</b>	<b>6.9</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>156,434,000</b>	<b>146,647,000</b>	<b>9,787,000</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	<b>1,870,400</b>	<b>1,747,000</b>	<b>123,500</b>	<b>6.6</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>155,959,000</b>	<b>146,368,000</b>	<b>9,591,000</b>	<b>6.1</b>

## 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	AUG 2014	YR TO DATE 2014	2013	TOWN	AUG 2014	YR TO DATE 2014	2013	TOWN	AUG 2014	YR TO DATE 2014	2013
Andover	0	2	5	Griswold	na	na	na	Preston	0	0	8
Ansonia	0	0	1	Groton	1	13	15	Prospect	na	na	na
Ashford	0	5	3	Guilford	2	10	28	Putnam	0	2	1
Avon	2	16	29	Haddam	2	9	3	Redding	na	na	na
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	1	4	2	Ridgefield	3	30	11
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	0	1	2	Rocky Hill	0	10	93
Berlin	1	16	71	Hartford	3	14	19	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	na	na	na	Salem	0	5	4
Bethel	8	62	33	Harwinton	0	2	1	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	na	na	na	Scotland	0	0	1
Bloomfield	na	na	na	Kent	0	1	1	Seymour	0	4	11
Bolton	0	6	8	Killingly	0	9	12	Sharon	0	4	1
Bozrah	0	2	2	Killingworth	na	na	na	Shelton	1	26	18
Branford	na	na	na	Lebanon	2	4	3	Sherman	na	na	na
Bridgeport	4	15	157	Ledyard	0	9	20	Simsbury	2	173	96
Bridgewater	na	na	na	Lisbon	0	2	3	Somers	1	8	7
Bristol	8	65	78	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	2	16	12
Brookfield	na	na	na	Lyme	1	4	2	Southbury	2	16	23
Brooklyn	0	10	6	Madison	3	10	13	Southington	8	49	72
Burlington	0	21	21	Manchester	0	14	14	Sprague	0	0	4
Canaan	0	0	0	Mansfield	1	9	8	Stafford	na	na	na
Canterbury	1	11	8	Marlborough	0	3	4	Stamford	12	261	229
Canton	1	7	9	Meriden	0	3	12	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	0	0	0	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	3	14	21
Cheshire	4	31	36	Middlefield	4	4	7	Stratford	3	38	129
Chester	na	na	na	Middletown	6	51	18	Suffield	4	15	19
Clinton	1	8	9	Milford	15	143	126	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	1	22	26	Monroe	1	3	3	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	0	1	1	Montville	1	7	7	Tolland	3	9	6
Columbia	1	2	6	Morris	0	0	0	Torrington	0	2	2
Cornwall	1	2	1	Naugatuck	1	15	15	Trumbull	0	2	6
Coventry	1	22	16	New Britain	na	na	na	Union	0	0	2
Cromwell	3	17	23	New Canaan	4	37	27	Vernon	2	9	30
Danbury	31	266	139	New Fairfield	na	na	na	Voluntown	0	1	1
Darien	na	na	na	New Hartford	1	4	6	Wallingford	2	19	23
Deep River	2	2	4	New Haven	1	302	32	Warren	0	2	0
Derby	na	na	na	New London	3	24	28	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	0	2	3	New Milford	3	10	15	Waterbury	0	42	26
East Granby	0	1	6	Newington	0	5	3	Waterford	1	8	10
East Haddam	1	6	12	Newtown	1	13	8	Watertown	3	22	18
East Hampton	1	14	10	Norfolk	1	2	0	West Hartford	6	42	44
East Hartford	na	na	na	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	0	8	14	North Canaan	0	0	0	Westbrook	1	10	8
East Lyme	2	175	29	North Haven	2	12	17	Weston	na	na	na
East Windsor	1	8	13	North Stonington	1	5	4	Westport	5	117	67
Eastford	0	2	4	Norwalk	138	212	65	Wethersfield	na	na	na
Easton	0	2	4	Norwich	0	21	5	Willington	0	2	2
Ellington	3	71	31	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	na	na	na
Enfield	na	na	na	Old Saybrook	2	15	15	Winchester	4	19	16
Essex	0	2	6	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	1	10	4
Fairfield	7	72	120	Oxford	2	50	15	Windsor	na	na	na
Farmington	6	19	34	Plainfield	1	8	11	Windsor Locks	na	na	na
Franklin	0	2	1	Plainville	2	16	8	Wolcott	2	13	13
Glastonbury	2	17	21	Plymouth	0	5	4	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	0	8	3	Pomfret	0	2	0	Woodbury	1	2	7
Granby	1	7	8	Portland	0	4	7	Woodstock	0	6	5
Greenwich	8	71	54								

For further information on the housing permit data, contact Kolie Sun of DECD at (860) 270-8167.

## **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 June 1989 when the ECI is 100.

## **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.

## **INDIAN 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.

## **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. Beginning with the publication of January 2005 data, an improved methodology is being used to develop labor force estimates, by which monthly state model-based employment and unemployment estimates are controlled to add to the national CPS levels. This will ensure that national economic events are reflected in the state estimates, and it will significantly reduce end-of-year revisions. (For more information, please see the Connecticut Economic Digest, December 2004 issue.) 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-Norwalk-Stamford Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is referred to in Connecticut Department of Labor publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford MSA is called the Hartford LMA. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified the 17 towns in the north-western part of the state as a separate area for reporting labor force data. For the convenience of our data users, data for these towns are included in the Torrington LMA. For the same purpose, data for the towns of East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Suffield and Windsor Locks, which are officially part of the Springfield MSA, are published as the Enfield LMA. Similarly, the towns of Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock - part of the Worcester MSA - are included in the Willimantic-Danielson LMA. Also, data for Westerly, Rhode Island are included in the Norwich-New London 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. Call (860) 263-6275 for a more comprehensive breakout of nonfarm employment estimates. 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 4-8 for reference months or quarters)

<b>Leading General Drift Indicator</b> ..... +2.6	<b>Business Activity</b>	<b>Tourism and Travel</b>
<b>Coincident General Drift Indicator</b> +0.4	New Housing Permits ..... -53.5	Info Center Visitors ..... +9.1
<b>Farmington Bank Bus. Barometer</b> +0.5	Electricity Sales ..... -10.5	Attraction Visitors ..... +2.7
<b>Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index</b> .... +2.9	Construction Contracts Index ..... -48.0	Air Passenger Count ..... NA
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b> ..... +0.3	New Auto Registrations ..... -8.5	Indian Gaming Slots ..... -3.7
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> ..... -1.2*	Air Cargo Tons ..... NA	Travel and Tourism Index ..... -6.6
Labor Force ..... +0.7	Exports ..... -7.6	
Employed ..... +2.1	S&P 500: Monthly Close ..... +22.7	
Unemployed ..... -15.1	<b>Business Starts</b>	
<b>Average Weekly Initial Claims</b> ..... -11.6	Secretary of the State ..... +13.8	
<b>Avg Insured Unempl. Rate</b> ..... -0.14*	Dept. of Labor ..... -5.0	
<b>U-6 Rate</b> ..... -1.4*	<b>Business Terminations</b>	
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs, Mfg</b> ..... -3.8	Secretary of the State ..... -57.2	
<b>PW Avg Hourly Earnings, Mfg</b> ..... +5.6	Dept. of Labor ..... -27.0	
<b>PW Avg Weekly Earnings, Mfg</b> ..... +1.5	<b>State Revenues</b> ..... -4.3	
<b>CT Mfg. Production Index</b> ..... -0.8	Corporate Tax ..... +89.5	
Production Worker Hours ..... -1.7	Personal Income Tax ..... -13.7	
Industrial Electricity Sales ..... -3.4	Real Estate Conveyance Tax ..... +16.0	
<b>Personal Income</b> ..... +3.2	Sales & Use Tax ..... +0.1	
<b>UI Covered Wages</b> ..... +2.3	Indian Gaming Payments ..... -3.0	
	<i>*Percentage point change; **Less than 0.05 percent;</i>	
	<i>NA = Not Available</i>	
	<b>Employment Cost Index (U.S.)</b>	
	Total ..... +2.0	
	Wages & Salaries ..... +1.9	
	Benefit Costs ..... +2.4	
	<b>Consumer Prices</b>	
	U.S. City Average ..... +1.7	
	Northeast Region ..... +1.3	
	NY-NJ-Long Island ..... +1.3	
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua ..... +1.7	
	<b>Interest Rates</b>	
	Prime ..... 0.00*	
	Conventional Mortgage ..... -0.34*	

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