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**In August...**

**Nonfarm Employment**

Connecticut ..... 1,698,900  
 Change over month ..... +0.19%  
 Change over year ..... +2.0%

United States ..... 142,288,000  
 Change over month ..... +0.12%  
 Change over year ..... +2.1%

**Unemployment Rate**

Connecticut ..... 5.3%  
 United States ..... 5.1%

**Consumer Price Index**

United States ..... 238.316  
 Change over year ..... +0.2%

## Introducing the Connecticut Town Economic Index (CTEI)

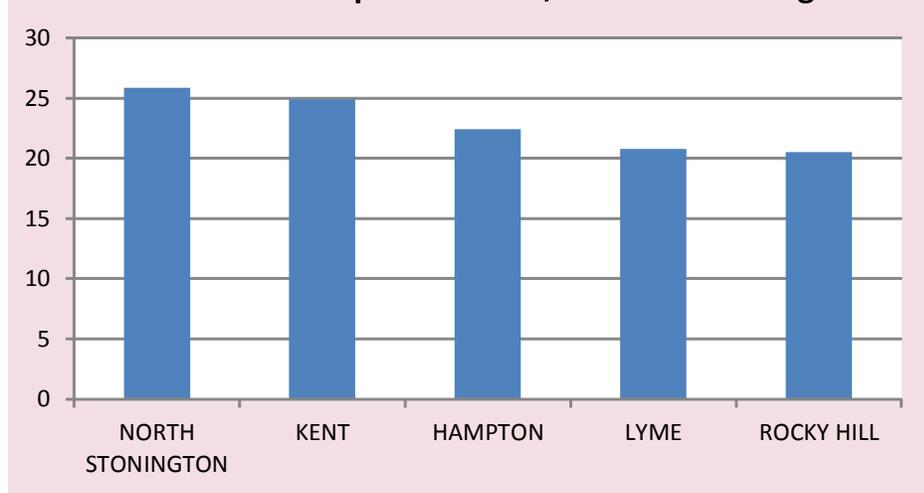
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**T**he Connecticut Department of Labor’s Office of Research developed the **Connecticut Town Economic Index (CTEI)**, an annual composite index of all 169 cities and towns in Connecticut. This index measures each town or city’s overall economic health, which can be ranked and compared to others to gain perspective of its performance each year. Four annual average town economic indicators were used as components, which are total covered business establishments, total covered employment, real covered wages, and the unemployment rate.

Establishments are the physical work units located in the town. Employment is the number of employees on payroll in the establishments that are

located in the town who are covered under the unemployment insurance law (nearly the universe count of all the employees in each town). Wages are the average of the aggregate wages earned divided by the total average employment. Establishments, employment and wages are proxy for each town’s business activities and its overall economic strength, while the unemployment rate measures the overall economic health of its residents. Each of the four components was given a 25 percent weight. CTEI’s base year is 2010, which equals 100. The wage component was adjusted to 2010 dollars and unemployment rate changes were inverted to reflect the right direction. By combining these four major economic indicators, the index

**Chart 1. CTEI Top Five Towns, 2010-2014 % Chg**



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gives a broad measure of business and resident economic health of each town, and can be compared with among them.

**CTEI: 2013 to 2014**

Reflecting an ongoing economic recovery, business and labor conditions of nearly all cities and towns in Connecticut continued to improve over the year (Table 1). The biggest percentage increase occurred in Canaan (+16.7%), Cornwall (+15.9%), and Hampton (+13.3%). Just five towns out of 169 experienced a decrease in 2014, which are Scotland (-4.9%), Sterling (-1.7%), Warren (-1.0%), Chaplin (-0.5%), and Franklin (-0.4%).

Of the five largest cities in the State with a 2010 Census population of 100,000 or more, New Haven had the fastest overall economic recovery in 2014 (+6.6%). Waterbury experienced the slowest growth (+3.9%), and was below the statewide growth rate of 5.2%. All in all, almost half of the cities and towns had index growth rates above the statewide rate (See table on page 3).

**CTEI: 2010 to 2014**

When compared with 2010, when the employment recovery began in Connecticut, almost all

cities and towns showed positive economic growth as well. North Stonington (+25.8%), Kent (+24.9%), Hampton (+22.4%), Lyme (20.8%), and Rocky Hill (20.5%) topped the list (Chart 1). Only Colebrook (-7.9%), Warren (-2.8%), Union (-2.4%), Norfolk (-1.2%), and New London (-1.0%) have yet to show signs of overall economic recovery when new business formations, jobs, real wages, and unemployment rates are all factored in.

Among the largest cities, as Chart 2 shows, Stamford had performed the best between 2010 and 2014 (+13.2%). Both Stamford and New Haven grew above the statewide economic recovery rate of 10.7%. Overall, nearly 60% of all cities and towns in Connecticut recovered faster than that over the five year period.

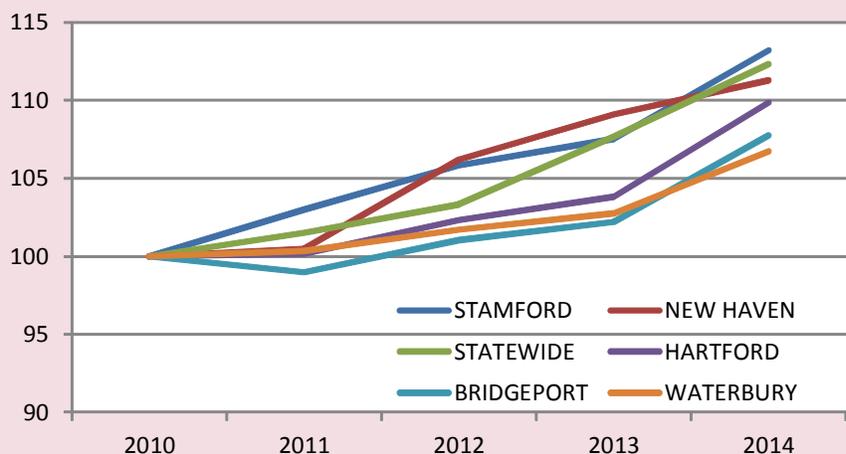
**The Components of CTEI:**

**Establishments**

The total number of business establishments in Connecticut rose by 0.8% to 114,608 over the year. Stamford continued to have the largest number of businesses, with 5,668 units in 2014, an increase of 1.6% over the year. Greenwich, Hartford,

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**Chart 2. CTEI of Largest Cities, 2010-2014**



## CONNECTICUT TOWN ECONOMIC INDEX (2010=100), 2011-2014\*

Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014	Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014	Town/City	2011	2012	2013	2014
Andover	96.2	93.3	93.7	102.4	Griswold	99.1	96.0	98.7	103.7	Prospect	103.0	106.7	111.2	116.5
Ansonia	99.8	99.6	97.9	103.1	Groton	101.2	103.7	105.6	112.4	Putnam	99.6	100.5	103.1	109.9
Ashford	102.2	105.8	109.5	118.4	Guilford	100.9	107.5	108.9	114.7	Redding	101.2	103.4	105.6	114.6
Avon	102.7	103.6	103.9	107.2	Haddam	103.0	104.0	108.7	116.5	Ridgefield	99.9	102.6	104.9	110.6
Barkhamsted	102.8	104.7	104.2	113.7	Hamden	99.5	101.7	105.0	109.4	Rocky Hill	101.4	104.0	108.0	120.5
Beacon Falls	101.8	102.6	107.7	112.9	Hampton	96.0	103.1	108.0	122.4	Roxbury	105.3	103.5	101.5	112.7
Bethlehem	100.8	104.5	107.9	113.1	Hartford	100.2	102.3	103.8	109.9	Salem	100.9	94.9	97.2	104.0
Berlin	103.9	107.2	110.4	114.9	Hartland	101.3	101.6	105.8	109.1	Salisbury	100.5	103.7	104.7	112.1
Bethany	104.2	106.8	108.4	115.5	Harwinton	103.1	103.1	104.3	109.1	Scotland	110.4	106.5	105.9	100.7
Bethel	103.4	103.0	108.4	109.8	Hebron	103.4	104.7	107.9	111.9	Seymour	101.2	103.7	106.8	111.4
Bloomfield	102.2	104.2	106.9	112.2	Kent	106.9	112.0	116.3	124.9	Sharon	99.7	102.2	102.2	107.8
Bolton	99.4	104.3	106.9	113.0	Killingly	101.2	101.2	104.7	112.9	Shelton	98.7	103.1	106.7	110.8
Bozrah	99.8	97.3	102.1	108.8	Killingworth	101.0	100.3	99.0	105.5	Sherman	99.9	102.3	106.8	113.2
Branford	100.5	101.7	106.1	112.6	Lebanon	101.2	101.5	107.3	113.8	Simsbury	102.3	104.2	105.6	110.4
Bridgeport	99.0	101.1	102.2	107.8	Ledyard	98.5	97.4	99.8	103.7	Somers	103.0	101.1	104.8	107.8
Bridgewater	95.2	96.8	97.2	101.1	Lisbon	101.4	102.7	104.5	105.9	South Windsor	102.8	105.9	108.2	112.2
Bristol	102.6	107.4	110.2	116.8	Litchfield	101.6	102.6	106.1	110.4	Southbury	101.3	103.3	103.0	107.3
Brookfield	101.8	103.6	107.1	113.3	Lyme	107.3	114.5	117.2	120.8	Southington	101.1	103.1	106.2	113.0
Brooklyn	101.3	102.4	106.1	111.0	Madison	100.5	102.4	105.8	113.3	Sprague	95.7	92.3	97.4	102.2
Burlington	99.6	101.5	108.8	116.0	Manchester	101.0	101.2	104.4	109.1	Stafford	100.2	99.7	102.5	108.4
Canaan	93.3	93.7	99.0	115.5	Mansfield	98.8	99.5	101.7	109.4	Stamford	103.0	105.8	107.5	113.2
Canterbury	100.8	103.0	107.3	113.9	Marlborough	103.9	108.2	111.0	115.9	Sterling	101.2	101.8	104.5	102.7
Canton	105.0	110.7	115.4	119.6	Meriden	100.8	102.8	103.7	108.0	Stonington	102.2	103.8	104.6	105.7
Chaplin	102.1	105.5	108.5	107.9	Middlebury	101.2	104.1	110.5	113.8	Stratford	100.0	101.5	103.0	108.1
Cheshire	100.3	104.3	108.3	113.9	Middlefield	103.6	107.8	109.6	116.2	Suffield	99.4	100.2	103.9	109.9
Chester	103.2	107.5	109.6	115.0	Middletown	100.4	102.2	103.7	108.9	Thomaston	103.5	104.6	108.3	114.4
Clinton	100.7	103.1	104.8	109.7	Milford	102.2	105.8	109.7	114.9	Thompson	103.7	107.8	109.0	120.4
Colchester	100.3	104.4	107.7	116.9	Monroe	101.3	105.3	109.2	113.7	Tolland	104.4	106.4	102.9	108.5
Colebrook	96.2	89.0	92.1	92.1	Montville	99.7	99.8	101.3	107.9	Torrington	101.5	104.1	107.3	112.8
Columbia	99.5	102.5	104.2	107.8	Morris	100.6	108.8	114.2	116.4	Trumbull	101.7	101.4	102.6	104.3
Cornwall	105.4	103.9	99.5	115.3	Naugatuck	101.6	104.3	106.6	111.7	Union	90.3	93.4	94.1	97.6
Coventry	102.1	102.1	106.4	110.9	New Britain	101.1	102.4	104.5	110.5	Vernon	101.6	100.0	103.6	109.0
Cromwell	101.5	105.7	111.2	116.9	New Canaan	103.0	103.2	104.8	111.8	Voluntown	100.6	102.0	102.0	109.3
Danbury	102.0	104.9	108.8	115.3	New Fairfield	100.5	101.4	103.3	111.3	Wallingford	101.3	105.0	109.1	114.3
Darien	101.4	101.5	103.2	111.1	New Hartford	102.1	104.3	105.1	109.1	Warren	100.9	99.1	98.2	97.2
Deep River	99.6	103.5	104.7	111.9	New Haven	99.9	102.0	104.6	111.5	Washington	99.6	101.6	103.9	107.6
Derby	98.5	102.0	104.4	108.9	New London	95.7	92.0	93.7	99.0	Waterbury	100.4	101.7	102.7	106.7
Durham	100.5	106.2	109.1	111.3	New Milford	99.0	100.1	101.7	107.9	Waterford	98.9	98.4	101.2	109.0
East Granby	102.9	105.5	106.6	110.8	Newington	100.4	103.5	108.3	117.8	Watertown	101.3	103.0	105.5	110.4
East Haddam	100.5	100.6	103.6	107.9	Newtown	101.0	103.1	110.2	117.5	West Hartford	101.4	103.9	107.9	114.0
East Hampton	101.5	101.5	106.2	114.0	Norfolk	95.6	93.6	91.7	98.8	West Haven	99.8	101.1	103.9	110.1
East Hartford	101.6	102.6	106.1	111.0	North Branford	100.1	105.0	109.6	113.8	Westbrook	101.5	105.8	109.5	114.9
East Haven	100.6	102.8	105.2	111.2	North Canaan	100.1	102.3	106.6	111.1	Weston	98.6	101.0	102.4	109.6
East Lyme	99.9	100.0	101.2	106.7	North Haven	99.1	100.2	102.5	107.3	Westport	102.1	100.2	98.2	103.5
East Windsor	100.2	104.9	105.4	112.7	North Stonington	118.5	119.1	120.0	125.8	Wethersfield	101.5	102.8	105.5	110.0
Eastford	103.4	110.5	113.0	118.2	Norwalk	101.5	103.3	107.7	112.3	Willington	103.3	104.3	110.0	114.9
Easton	99.2	103.0	102.7	110.0	Norwich	99.3	101.1	103.0	107.8	Wilton	98.8	97.4	103.9	112.8
Ellington	103.4	108.2	111.4	118.5	Old Lyme	102.5	101.9	103.5	109.7	Winchester	101.1	105.5	108.3	114.6
Enfield	101.3	103.9	106.5	114.4	Old Saybrook	100.1	101.7	105.9	113.6	Windham	100.4	102.7	103.8	108.5
Essex	99.8	102.4	105.9	112.2	Orange	101.7	108.3	112.7	117.1	Windsor	100.8	102.1	104.3	110.3
Fairfield	101.8	103.3	108.0	113.8	Oxford	103.4	110.1	111.3	117.3	Windsor Locks	101.6	102.1	104.1	110.1
Farmington	101.4	104.2	107.7	112.3	Plainfield	100.4	102.1	106.8	110.8	Wolcott	101.7	103.4	109.4	117.7
Franklin	102.5	106.0	104.7	104.3	Plainville	103.4	106.7	108.9	115.3	Woodbridge	102.7	107.4	108.3	113.2
Glastonbury	103.1	106.3	109.1	112.9	Plymouth	100.0	103.3	108.3	113.4	Woodbury	102.1	104.3	104.3	110.6
Goshen	103.6	103.2	109.3	112.1	Pomfret	104.5	104.2	108.3	113.9	Woodstock	101.4	103.4	106.3	114.2
Granby	100.3	102.0	106.7	111.5	Portland	103.3	106.2	109.3	113.6					
Greenwich	98.9	99.8	100.4	107.1	Preston	100.1	100.6	103.1	105.9	CONNECTICUT	100.9	102.8	105.2	110.7

\* 2010 = 100 for all 169 cities and towns

Source: Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Research

# OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: Information Security Analysts

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**I**nformation security analysts plan, implement, upgrade, or monitor security measures for the protection of computer networks and information. They may ensure appropriate security controls are in place that will safeguard digital files and vital electronic infrastructure. Additionally, information security analysts may respond to computer security breaches and viruses.<sup>1</sup>

To become an information security analyst, a bachelor's degree in computer science, programming, or a related field is typically required. Employers sometimes prefer applicants who have a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) in information systems. An MBA program in information systems generally requires two years of study beyond the undergraduate level and includes both business and computer-related courses.<sup>2</sup>

As of May 2014, 780 of the nation's 80,180 information security analysts work in Connecticut. Connecticut has

a below average concentration of the occupation with a location quotient of 0.79. A location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. The states with the largest employment level of information security analysts are: Virginia (10,270), California (7,700), Texas (6,170), New York (4,760), and Florida (3,790). The highest concentration of jobs and location quotients for this occupation can be found in Virginia, Arkansas, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Arizona.<sup>1</sup>

The annual mean wage in 2014 for information security analysts in Connecticut was \$91,920. This is slightly higher than the national annual mean wage of \$88,890 for the occupation. The top paying states for this occupation are: New York (\$111,970), New Jersey (\$107,390), California (\$106,200), District of Columbia (\$105,440), and Virginia (\$104,700).<sup>1</sup>

As cyberattacks continue to grow in frequency and sophistication, businesses have shown an increase in demand for information security analysts. In fact, the occupation is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations at 37% according to the 2012 to 2022 outlook. Computer occupations in general are expected to grow 18% and all occupations have an expected growth rate of 11%. In Connecticut, the occupation is expected to have a lower, though still above average, growth rate at 19%.<sup>3</sup>

The top employing industries for information security analysts in Connecticut are financial activities with 47% and professional and business services with 45%. The remaining analysts can be found in the manufacturing, trade, transportation & utilities, and education & health services industries.<sup>4</sup> Nationally, the largest employing industries for the occupation are professional, scientific and technical services (39%), finance and insurance (19%), and information (10%).<sup>5</sup>

As the reliance on computers grows, so will the need for the information security analyst occupation. It is crucial for industries ranging from healthcare to government to protect their vital information from hackers. ■

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes151122.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/information-security-analysts.htm#tab-4>

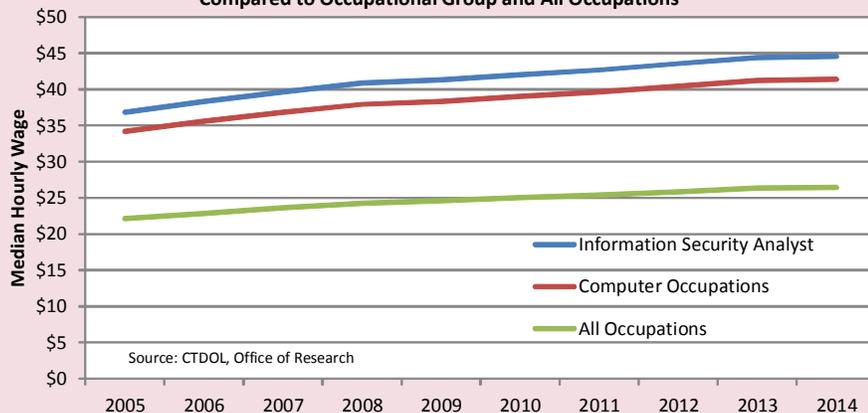
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## Information Security Analysts Wage in Connecticut

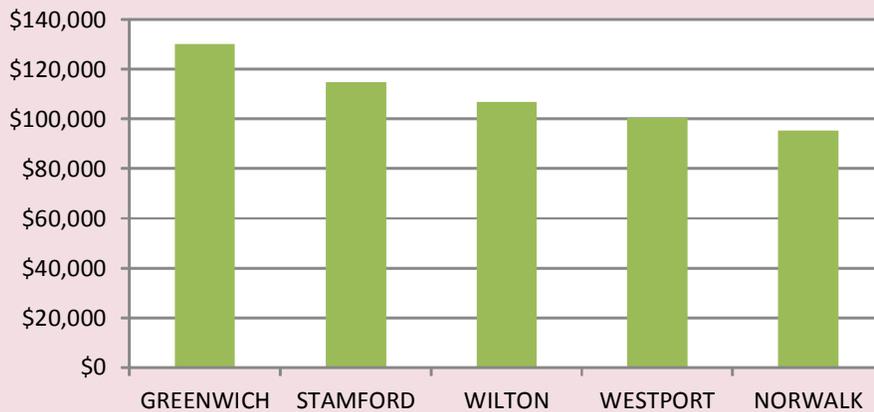
Compared to Occupational Group and All Occupations



Information Security Analysts	Employment		Percent Change	Projected Annual Job Openings <sup>1</sup>
	2012	2022		
United States	75,100	102,500	37%	3,920
Connecticut	730	870	19%	30

<sup>1</sup> Projected Annual Job Openings refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

**Chart 3. Top Five Towns with the Highest Annual Average Wage, 2014**



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Norwalk, and New Haven rounded out the top five. From 2010 to 2014, Connecticut's number of businesses rose 3.0%.

### Employment

Last year's average statewide employment rose 0.8% from 2013 and 3.6% from 2010. Hartford employment was the largest of all 169 cities and towns at 112,107 in 2014, a 0.6% decline over the year and a 2.9% increase since 2010. Over half of the cities and towns in the State experienced job recovery over the year, and

eight out of ten have added jobs since the employment recovery began in 2010.

### Wages

Nearly all cities and towns posted wage gains both over the year and from 2010. The statewide annual average wage was \$63,909 per worker, a 2.6% increase over 2013 and a 7.5% increase over 2010. The highest average wage was earned in Greenwich at \$130,268 (Chart 3), a 4.6% increase from 2013 and a -5.5% decline from 2010.

### Unemployment Rate

Hartford posted the highest unemployment rate of 12.2% in the State last year, a drop from 15.6% in 2010. The residents of Waterbury (10.7%), Bridgeport (10.2%) and New London (9.7%) also experienced high unemployment rates in 2014. Overall, the statewide rate fell from 9.1% in 2010 to 6.6% in 2014. For a further analysis and the complete table of unemployment rates by all cities and towns for 2010 through 2014, see "Annual Town Unemployment Rates, 2010-2014" in the July 2015 issue of the Connecticut Economic Digest.

### Conclusion

All in all, CTEI shows that most cities and towns have been recovering steadily from 2010. Although few towns are still showing no immediate signs of economic recovery, this may all change by the end of 2015. CTEI is planned to be published annually in the Digest so that each town's economic trend can be tracked and analyzed and to gain perspective with respect to each other. ■

## GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2Q	2Q	CHANGE		1Q
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>					
<b>General Drift Indicator (1996=100)*</b>					
<b>Leading</b>	113.1	113.0	0.1	0.1	113.0
<b>Coincident</b>	114.9	112.9	2.0	1.8	115.0
<b>Farmington Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)**</b>	131.2	128.4	2.8	2.2	131.2
<b>Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (July 1992=100)***</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Aug</b>			<b>Jul</b>
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>			<b>2015</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	168.66	161.86	6.80	4.2	168.07
<b>United States</b>	175.11	169.28	5.83	3.4	174.66

Sources: \*Dr. Steven P. Lanza, University of Connecticut \*\*Farmington Bank \*\*\*Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

**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 three leading (housing permits, manufacturing average weekly hours, and initial unemployment claims) economic variables, and are indexed so 1996 = 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	Aug	CHANGE		Jul
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	1,698.9	1,665.7	33.2	2.0	1,695.7
<b>Natural Res &amp; Mining</b>	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-16.7	0.5
<b>Construction</b>	58.1	56.4	1.7	3.0	58.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	161.7	159.2	2.5	1.6	161.2
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	307.6	300.5	7.1	2.4	306.6
<b>Information</b>	31.7	32.0	-0.3	-0.9	31.7
<b>Financial Activities</b>	130.4	128.6	1.8	1.4	131.1
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	217.0	211.8	5.2	2.5	217.1
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	332.9	325.9	7.0	2.1	330.4
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	154.8	149.5	5.3	3.5	155.8
<b>Other Services</b>	63.9	63.0	0.9	1.4	63.7
<b>Government*</b>	240.3	238.2	2.1	0.9	239.0

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

Labor force participation  
rate increased from a  
year ago.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

	Aug	Aug	CHANGE		Jul
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<b>Labor Force, resident (000s)</b>	1,903.1	1,886.8	16.3	0.9	1,910.8
<b>Employed (000s)</b>	1,803.0	1,766.7	36.3	2.1	1,807.1
<b>Unemployed (000s)</b>	100.2	120.0	-19.8	-16.5	103.7
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.3	6.4	-1.1	---	5.4
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate (%)</b>	66.0	65.8	0.2	---	66.3
<b>Employment to Population Ratio (%)</b>	62.6	61.6	1.0	---	62.7
<b>Average Weekly Initial Claims</b>	4,086	4,183	-98	-2.3	3,799
<b>Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%)</b>	2.73	3.12	-0.40	---	2.58
	<b>2Q2015</b>	<b>2Q2014</b>			<b>1Q2015</b>
<b>U-6 Rate (%)</b>	12.1	13.2	-1.1	---	12.5

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

The production worker  
weekly earnings rose  
over the year.

## MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

	Aug	Aug	CHANGE		Jul	Jun
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015	2015
<b>Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours</b>	39.7	40.0	-0.3	-0.7	39.4	--
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings</b>	25.29	22.50	2.79	12.4	25.22	--
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings</b>	1,004.01	900.00	104.01	11.6	993.67	--
<b>CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100)</b>	130.1	130.2	-0.1	-0.1	127.4	128.5
<b>Production Worker Hours (000s)</b>	3,942	3,869	73	1.9	3,897	--
<b>Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)*</b>	314	330	-16.2	-4.9	307	311
<b>CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100)</b>	118.3	117.0	1.3	1.1	119.2	123.6

Sources: Connecticut Department of Labor; U.S. Department of Energy

\*Latest two months are forecasted.

Personal income for first  
quarter 2016 is  
forecasted to increase 2.5  
percent from a year  
earlier.

## INCOME

	1Q*		CHANGE		4Q*
	2016	2015	NO.	%	2015
<b>Personal Income</b>	\$235,233	\$229,450	5,783	2.5	\$233,774
<b>UI Covered Wages**</b>	\$111,714	\$108,350	3,363	3.1	\$110,863

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

\*Forecasted by Connecticut Department of Labor

\*\*1Q 2015 is estimated

## BUSINESS ACTIVITY

S&P 500 monthly close fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
<b>New Housing Permits*</b>	Aug 2015	304	-27.4	3,517	3,766	-6.6
<b>Electricity Sales (mil kWh)</b>	Jul 2015	2,757	0.1	17,385	17,365	0.1
<b>Construction Contracts</b>						
<b>Index (1980=100)</b>	Aug 2015	223.7	-11.2	---	---	---
<b>New Auto Registrations</b>	Aug 2015	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Exports (Bil. \$)</b>	2Q 2015	4.10	3.3	8.03	8.09	-0.7
<b>S&amp;P 500: Monthly Close</b>	Aug 2015	1,972.18	-1.6	---	---	---

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; Wisetrade.org

\* 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>	Jul 2015	2,427	5.8	15,007	15,960	-6.0
<b>Department of Labor</b>	4Q 2014	1,545	-7.6	7,631	8,231	-7.3
<b>TERMINATIONS</b>						
<b>Secretary of the State</b>	Jul 2015	931	12.7	6,868	5,503	24.8
<b>Department of Labor</b>	4Q 2014	2,071	-28.7	6,765	8,246	-18.0

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

## STATE REVENUES

Gaming payments were down from a year ago.

	YEAR TO DATE					
	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	% CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	% CHG
<i>(Millions of dollars)</i>						
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES*</b>	776.5	658.9	17.9	11,790.0	11,163.1	5.6
<b>Corporate Tax</b>	14.9	34.3	-56.5	564.7	460.2	22.7
<b>Personal Income Tax</b>	295.3	284.1	3.9	6,510.0	6,141.2	6.0
<b>Real Estate Conv. Tax</b>	11.3	13.2	-14.4	120.2	119.4	0.7
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax</b>	351.6	217.9	61.4	2,846.2	2,631.0	8.2
<b>Gaming Payments**</b>	24.2	26.1	-7.2	179.5	186.4	-3.7

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

Gaming slots fell over the year.

	MONTH	LEVEL	Y/Y %	YEAR TO DATE		%
			CHG	CURRENT	PRIOR	CHG
<b>Info Center Visitors</b>	Aug 2015	38,331	-25.3	144,216	221,339	-34.8
<b>Major Attraction Visitors*</b>	Aug 2015	1,000,491	16.5	4,602,398	4,477,686	2.8
<b>Air Passenger Count</b>	Jul 2015	534,071	-1.0	3,457,061	3,411,365	1.3
<b>Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)**</b>	Aug 2015	1,170.3	-5.6	8,617.4	8,902.3	-3.2

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

\*Attraction participants expanded from 6 to 23 beginning with July 2015 data

\*\*See page 23 for explanation

Compensation cost for the nation rose 1.9 percent over the year.

**EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX**

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jun 2015	Mar 2015	3-Mo % Chg	Jun 2015	Jun 2014	12-Mo % Chg
<b>Private Industry Workers</b> <i>(Dec. 2005 = 100)</i>						
<b>UNITED STATES TOTAL</b>	123.2	123.2	0.0	123.3	121.0	1.9
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>	122.8	122.6	0.2	122.9	120.3	2.2
<b>Benefit Costs</b>	124.2	124.5	-0.2	124.4	122.7	1.4
<b>NORTHEAST TOTAL</b>	---	---	---	124.3	121.8	2.1
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>	---	---	---	123.2	120.6	2.2

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

U.S. inflation rate rose 0.2 percent over the year.

**CONSUMER NEWS**

<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>	MO/QTR	LEVEL	% CHANGE	
			Y/Y	P/P*
<b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>				
<b>CPI-U (1982-84=100)</b>				
<b>U.S. City Average</b>	Aug 2015	238.316	0.2	-0.1
<b>Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00)</b>	Aug 2015	0.420	-0.2	0.1
<b>Northeast Region</b>	Aug 2015	252.903	-0.1	-0.2
<b>NY-Northern NJ-Long Island</b>	Aug 2015	261.347	0.1	0.1
<b>Boston-Brockton-Nashua**</b>	Jul 2015	256.999	0.7	0.1
<b>CPI-W (1982-84=100)</b>				
<b>U.S. City Average</b>	Aug 2015	233.366	-0.3	-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 3.91 percent over the month.

**INTEREST RATES**

<i>(Percent)</i>	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2014
<b>Prime</b>	3.25	3.25	3.25
<b>Federal Funds</b>	0.14	0.13	0.09
<b>3 Month Treasury Bill</b>	0.07	0.03	0.03
<b>6 Month Treasury Bill</b>	0.22	0.12	0.05
<b>1 Year Treasury Note</b>	0.38	0.30	0.11
<b>3 Year Treasury Note</b>	1.03	1.03	0.93
<b>5 Year Treasury Note</b>	1.54	1.63	1.63
<b>7 Year Treasury Note</b>	1.91	2.04	2.08
<b>10 Year Treasury Note</b>	2.17	2.32	2.42
<b>20 Year Treasury Note</b>	2.55	2.77	2.94
<b>Conventional Mortgage</b>	3.91	4.05	4.12

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
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<b>Connecticut</b>	1,698.9	1,665.7	33.2	2.0	1,695.7
<b>Maine</b>	611.8	605.3	6.5	1.1	609.5
<b>Massachusetts</b>	3,502.4	3,412.2	90.2	2.6	3,495.2
<b>New Hampshire</b>	653.7	642.6	11.1	1.7	657.6
<b>New Jersey</b>	4,002.7	3,967.1	35.6	0.9	3,989.1
<b>New York</b>	9,249.2	9,118.7	130.5	1.4	9,262.9
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	5,855.7	5,798.4	57.3	1.0	5,858.6
<b>Rhode Island</b>	485.0	479.4	5.6	1.2	485.8
<b>Vermont</b>	314.7	310.4	4.3	1.4	314.5
<b>United States</b>	142,288.0	139,369.0	2,919.0	2.1	142,115.0

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

## LABOR FORCE

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted: 000s)</i>	Aug	Aug	CHANGE		Jul
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<b>Connecticut</b>	1,903.1	1,886.8	16.3	0.9	1,910.8
<b>Maine</b>	689.3	697.5	-8.2	-1.2	692.1
<b>Massachusetts</b>	3,591.5	3,567.1	24.4	0.7	3,614.6
<b>New Hampshire</b>	747.4	740.4	7.0	0.9	748.8
<b>New Jersey</b>	4,527.3	4,524.3	3.0	0.1	4,539.3
<b>New York</b>	9,628.8	9,543.4	85.4	0.9	9,666.2
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	6,415.5	6,358.0	57.5	0.9	6,427.0
<b>Rhode Island</b>	560.2	553.3	6.9	1.2	559.8
<b>Vermont</b>	348.7	348.9	-0.2	-0.1	349.4
<b>United States</b>	157,065.0	156,018.0	1,047.0	0.7	157,106.0

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

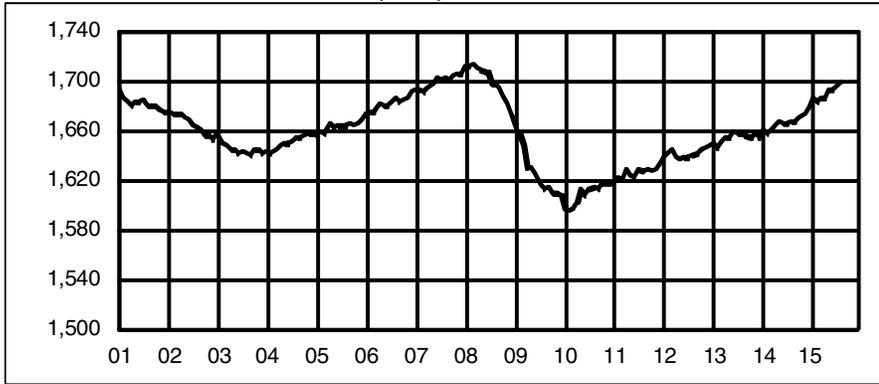
## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>	Aug	Aug	CHANGE	Jul
	2015	2014		2015
<b>Connecticut</b>	5.3	6.4	-1.1	5.4
<b>Maine</b>	4.5	5.6	-1.1	4.6
<b>Massachusetts</b>	4.7	5.6	-0.9	4.7
<b>New Hampshire</b>	3.6	4.2	-0.6	3.7
<b>New Jersey</b>	5.7	6.4	-0.7	5.9
<b>New York</b>	5.2	6.0	-0.8	5.4
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	5.4	5.4	0.0	5.4
<b>Rhode Island</b>	5.6	7.4	-1.8	5.8
<b>Vermont</b>	3.6	4.1	-0.5	3.6
<b>United States</b>	5.1	6.1	-1.0	5.3

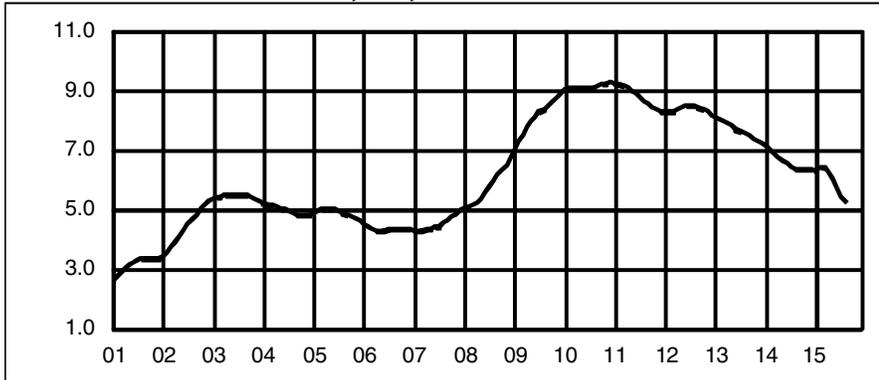
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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, SA, 000s**



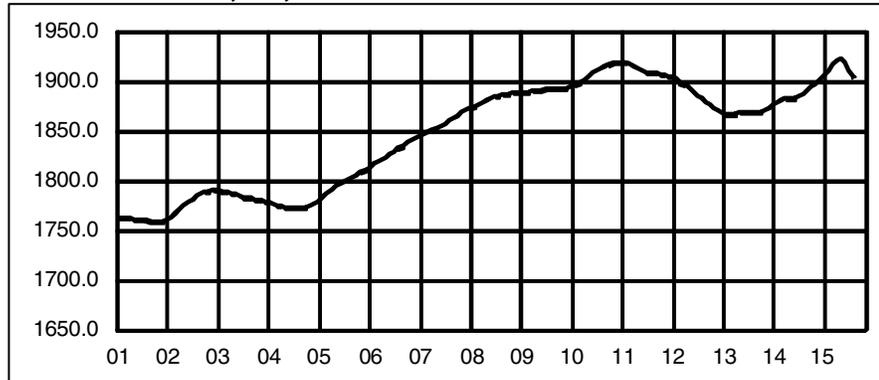
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	1,649.2	1,659.9	1,685.6
Feb	1,645.7	1,656.1	1,682.7
Mar	1,650.4	1,659.6	1,686.0
Apr	1,654.3	1,664.0	1,685.4
May	1,653.3	1,665.7	1,691.3
Jun	1,658.6	1,664.9	1,691.9
Jul	1,656.1	1,665.4	1,695.7
Aug	1,657.4	1,665.7	1,698.9
Sep	1,654.7	1,666.5	
Oct	1,654.1	1,670.0	
Nov	1,657.3	1,672.9	
Dec	1,653.0	1,678.1	

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SA, %**



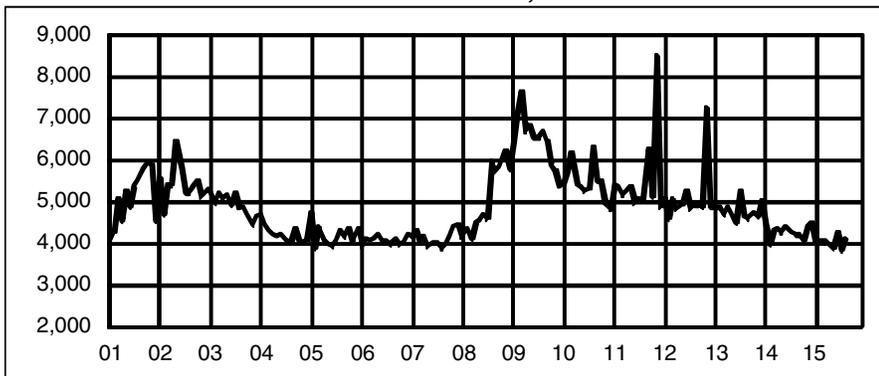
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	8.1	7.1	6.3
Feb	8.0	7.0	6.4
Mar	7.9	6.9	6.4
Apr	7.8	6.8	6.2
May	7.8	6.6	6.0
Jun	7.7	6.5	5.7
Jul	7.6	6.4	5.4
Aug	7.5	6.4	5.3
Sep	7.4	6.3	
Oct	7.4	6.3	
Nov	7.3	6.3	
Dec	7.2	6.3	

**LABOR FORCE, SA, 000s**



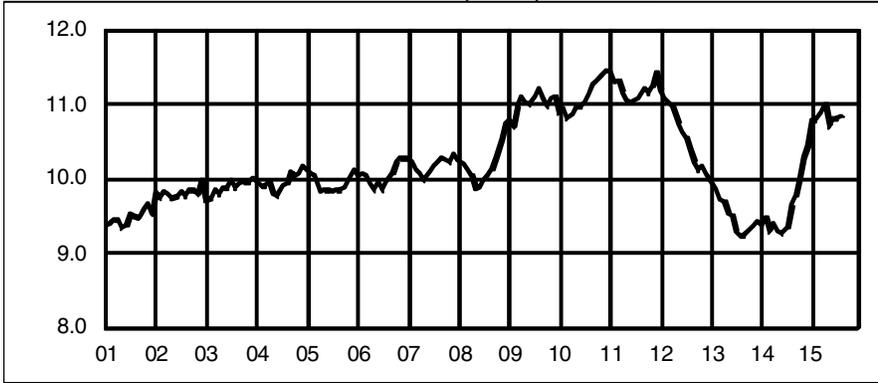
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	1,866.9	1,875.0	1,904.5
Feb	1,865.4	1,877.6	1,909.9
Mar	1,865.1	1,879.7	1,915.8
Apr	1,865.9	1,881.0	1,920.6
May	1,867.1	1,881.8	1,921.7
Jun	1,868.2	1,882.7	1,918.1
Jul	1,868.7	1,884.3	1,910.8
Aug	1,868.6	1,886.8	1,903.1
Sep	1,868.5	1,889.9	
Oct	1,868.9	1,893.3	
Nov	1,870.2	1,896.5	
Dec	1,872.3	1,899.4	

**AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS, SA**



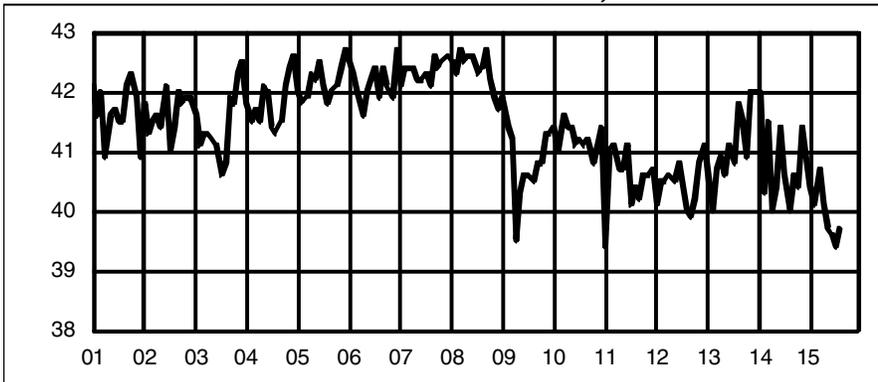
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	4,840	4,418	3,984
Feb	4,865	3,959	4,024
Mar	4,652	4,306	4,070
Apr	4,840	4,357	3,956
May	4,655	4,238	3,875
Jun	4,491	4,395	4,244
Jul	5,231	4,218	3,799
Aug	4,633	4,183	4,086
Sep	4,585	4,194	
Oct	4,728	4,063	
Nov	4,606	4,358	
Dec	5,013	4,481	

## REAL AVG MFG HOURLY EARNINGS, NSA, 1982-84\$



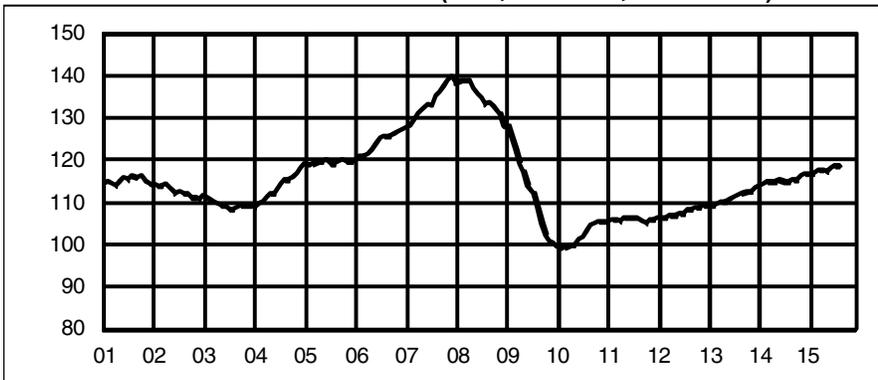
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	\$9.97	\$9.35	\$10.78
Feb	\$9.84	\$9.46	\$10.78
Mar	\$9.72	\$9.29	\$10.88
Apr	\$9.67	\$9.39	\$11.00
May	\$9.52	\$9.28	\$10.70
Jun	\$9.50	\$9.26	\$10.80
Jul	\$9.28	\$9.34	\$10.79
Aug	\$9.22	\$9.61	\$10.84
Sep	\$9.24	\$9.76	
Oct	\$9.32	\$10.01	
Nov	\$9.35	\$10.26	
Dec	\$9.41	\$10.44	

## AVG MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS, NSA



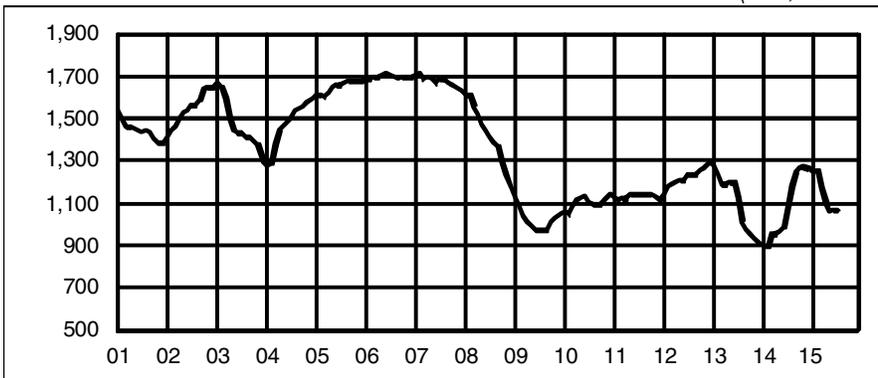
Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	40.5	42.0	40.4
Feb	40.0	40.3	40.1
Mar	40.7	41.5	40.7
Apr	40.9	40.0	40.1
May	40.6	40.4	39.7
Jun	41.1	41.4	39.6
Jul	40.8	40.6	39.4
Aug	41.8	40.0	39.7
Sep	41.5	40.6	
Oct	40.9	40.4	
Nov	42.0	41.4	
Dec	42.0	40.9	

## CT MFG PRODUCTION INDEX (NSA, 12 MMA, 2009=100)



Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	109.2	113.7	116.7
Feb	109.3	114.2	116.9
Mar	109.4	114.8	117.5
Apr	110.0	114.7	117.8
May	110.3	114.8	117.2
Jun	110.6	115.2	117.8
Jul	111.2	114.6	118.6
Aug	111.3	115.0	118.6
Sep	111.8	115.3	
Oct	112.5	115.4	
Nov	112.4	116.2	
Dec	113.1	116.5	

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



Month	2013	2014	2015
Jan	1,273	896	1,238
Feb	1,229	886	1,256
Mar	1,184	947	1,165
Apr	1,190	955	1,097
May	1,198	962	1,054
Jun	1,199	978	1,065
Jul	1,117	1,071	1,067
Aug	1,010	1,174	
Sep	966	1,242	
Oct	951	1,264	
Nov	932	1,266	
Dec	900	1,260	

## CONNECTICUT



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug	Aug	CHANGE		Jul
	2015	2014	NO.	%	2015
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>1,688,000</b>	<b>1,658,700</b>	<b>29,300</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1,697,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>1,463,300</b>	<b>1,434,400</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1,473,400</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>224,700</b>	<b>220,500</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>224,600</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>62,300</b>	<b>60,500</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>62,200</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>162,400</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>162,400</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b> .....	<b>126,300</b>	<b>124,400</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>126,500</b>
Fabricated Metal.....	29,300	29,800	-500	-1.7	29,300
Machinery.....	13,800	13,900	-100	-0.7	13,900
Computer and Electronic Product.....	12,300	12,500	-200	-1.6	12,300
Transportation Equipment.....	40,100	40,400	-300	-0.7	40,200
Aerospace Product and Parts.....	28,200	27,800	400	1.4	28,100
<b>Non-Durable Goods</b> .....	<b>36,100</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>35,900</b>
Chemical.....	9,600	10,200	-600	-5.9	9,600
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>1,463,300</b>	<b>1,438,200</b>	<b>25,100</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1,472,700</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>303,200</b>	<b>296,300</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>304,000</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	63,300	63,300	0	0.0	62,800
Retail Trade.....	189,500	184,100	5,400	2.9	190,200
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers.....	21,400	21,100	300	1.4	21,400
Building Material.....	15,700	15,400	300	1.9	16,200
Food and Beverage Stores.....	45,700	44,900	800	1.8	46,000
General Merchandise Stores.....	28,000	28,000	0	0.0	28,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	50,400	48,900	1,500	3.1	51,000
Utilities.....	7,400	7,300	100	1.4	7,400
Transportation and Warehousing.....	43,000	41,600	1,400	3.4	43,600
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>31,800</b>	<b>32,400</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>31,800</b>
Telecommunications.....	8,700	9,200	-500	-5.4	8,800
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>131,300</b>	<b>129,900</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>131,900</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	111,000	110,000	1,000	0.9	111,500
Credit Intermediation.....	26,500	26,400	100	0.4	26,600
Securities and Commodity Contracts.....	25,600	25,600	0	0.0	25,700
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	58,900	58,000	900	1.6	59,200
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.....	20,300	19,900	400	2.0	20,400
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b> ....	<b>218,700</b>	<b>213,900</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>220,000</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	95,800	95,400	400	0.4	96,300
Legal Services.....	13,000	13,000	0	0.0	13,100
Computer Systems Design.....	26,500	25,800	700	2.7	26,500
Management of Companies.....	29,700	31,000	-1,300	-4.2	29,800
Administrative and Support.....	93,200	87,500	5,700	6.5	93,900
Employment Services.....	30,000	28,100	1,900	6.8	30,000
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>325,000</b>	<b>319,200</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>326,200</b>
Educational Services.....	57,200	57,200	0	0.0	58,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	267,800	262,000	5,800	2.2	267,600
Hospitals.....	59,800	59,400	400	0.7	59,600
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities.....	64,300	63,000	1,300	2.1	64,500
Social Assistance.....	54,900	52,600	2,300	4.4	54,900
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>163,600</b>	<b>158,100</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>170,200</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation.....	31,900	31,300	600	1.9	36,400
Accommodation and Food Services.....	131,700	126,800	4,900	3.9	133,800
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	118,600	113,800	4,800	4.2	120,300
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>65,000</b>	<b>64,100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>64,700</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>224,700</b>	<b>224,300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>223,900</b>
Federal Government.....	17,300	17,500	-200	-1.1	17,500
State Government.....	63,800	64,300	-500	-0.8	63,800
Local Government**.....	143,600	142,500	1,100	0.8	142,600

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

## BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>414,600</b>	<b>407,300</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>420,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>372,200</b>	<b>365,200</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>377,400</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,100</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>45,100</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>12,900</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12,800</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>32,100</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>32,300</b>
Durable Goods.....	23,700	23,900	-200	-0.8	23,700
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>369,600</b>	<b>362,200</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>375,200</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>74,500</b>	<b>70,400</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>75,100</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	13,500	13,500	0	0.0	13,500
Retail Trade.....	50,700	47,500	3,200	6.7	51,200
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,300	9,400	900	9.6	10,400
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>11,500</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,500</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>40,700</b>	<b>41,000</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>40,600</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	33,600	34,600	-1,000	-2.9	33,500
Credit Intermediation.....	9,800	10,000	-200	-2.0	9,800
Securities and Commodity Contracts.....	17,100	17,700	-600	-3.4	17,200
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>67,200</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>68,500</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	28,500	29,000	-500	-1.7	28,600
Administrative and Support.....	26,500	25,600	900	3.5	26,800
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....	<b>69,700</b>	<b>69,300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>70,300</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	59,100	58,900	200	0.3	59,200
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>45,400</b>	<b>43,400</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>48,800</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	33,600	31,500	2,100	6.7	35,500
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>17,300</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>42,400</b>	<b>42,100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>42,900</b>
Federal.....	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.0	2,400
State & Local.....	40,000	39,600	400	1.0	40,500

## DANBURY LMA



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>77,600</b>	<b>77,700</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>78,100</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>68,600</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>68,800</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>13,000</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>64,600</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>65,100</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> ....	<b>17,400</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>17,700</b>
Retail Trade.....	12,900	12,800	100	0.8	13,100
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9,500</b>
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>9,000</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>9,300</b>
Federal.....	700	700	0	0.0	700
State & Local.....	8,300	8,200	100	1.2	8,600

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

**HARTFORD LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>566,600</b>	<b>557,000</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>572,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>486,000</b>	<b>477,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>490,000</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>75,600</b>	<b>75,900</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>75,800</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> ....	<b>20,600</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,700</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>55,000</b>	<b>55,300</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>55,100</b>
Durable Goods.....	45,600	45,800	-200	-0.4	45,700
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,400	9,500	-100	-1.1	9,400
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>491,000</b>	<b>481,100</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>496,700</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>90,400</b>	<b>89,500</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>91,100</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	17,400	18,300	-900	-4.9	17,400
Retail Trade.....	56,700	56,000	700	1.3	57,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	16,300	15,200	1,100	7.2	16,600
Transportation and Warehousing.....	13,800	12,700	1,100	8.7	14,100
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>11,500</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>11,500</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>58,100</b>	<b>57,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>58,700</b>
Depository Credit Institutions.....	6,200	6,200	0	0.0	6,100
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities....	37,300	37,600	-300	-0.8	37,700
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>71,900</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>72,500</b>
Professional, Scientific.....	34,000	33,900	100	0.3	34,200
Management of Companies.....	7,900	8,400	-500	-6.0	7,900
Administrative and Support.....	30,000	27,600	2,400	8.7	30,400
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> ....	<b>106,500</b>	<b>103,300</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>106,300</b>
Educational Services.....	12,800	12,400	400	3.2	12,600
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	93,700	90,900	2,800	3.1	93,700
Ambulatory Health Care.....	31,800	30,500	1,300	4.3	31,600
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>50,200</b>	<b>48,300</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>52,200</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	39,900	39,400	500	1.3	40,400
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>21,800</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>21,900</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>80,600</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>82,500</b>
Federal.....	5,300	5,300	0	0.0	5,400
State & Local.....	75,300	74,700	600	0.8	77,100

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**

Labor Market Areas	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA</b> .....	<b>413,600</b>	<b>406,200</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>413,500</b>
<b>DANBURY LMA**</b> .....	<b>78,400</b>	<b>78,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>78,200</b>
<b>HARTFORD LMA</b> .....	<b>575,300</b>	<b>564,600</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>578,800</b>
<b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b> .....	<b>282,800</b>	<b>279,100</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>281,200</b>
<b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA</b> .....	<b>127,000</b>	<b>128,300</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>127,300</b>
<b>WATERBURY LMA**</b> .....	<b>68,900</b>	<b>67,200</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>69,000</b>
<b>ENFIELD LMA**</b> .....	<b>45,900</b>	<b>45,200</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>45,900</b>
<b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**</b> .....	<b>34,000</b>	<b>33,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>34,200</b>
<b>DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**</b> .....	<b>27,300</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>27,100</b>

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\*\* Unofficial seasonally adjusted estimates produced by the Connecticut Department of Labor

## NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>277,400</b>	<b>273,600</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>279,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>247,100</b>	<b>244,200</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>248,300</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>33,700</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>-1,900</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>33,700</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .....	<b>9,700</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>9,700</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>24,000</b>
Durable Goods.....	19,100	19,200	-100	-0.5	19,100
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>243,700</b>	<b>238,000</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>245,600</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>51,500</b>	<b>51,100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>51,800</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	11,100	11,200	-100	-0.9	11,100
Retail Trade.....	29,900	29,900	0	0.0	30,100
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	10,500	10,000	500	5.0	10,600
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>12,800</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12,800</b>
Finance and Insurance.....	9,000	9,000	0	0.0	9,000
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>31,700</b>
Administrative and Support.....	15,200	14,200	1,000	7.0	15,300
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>77,400</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>77,600</b>
Educational Services.....	27,400	26,200	1,200	4.6	27,800
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	50,000	49,300	700	1.4	49,800
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>25,700</b>	<b>24,400</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>25,800</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	22,300	20,500	1,800	8.8	21,900
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>10,800</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,900</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>30,300</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>31,000</b>
Federal.....	4,700	4,800	-100	-2.1	4,700
State & Local.....	25,600	24,600	1,000	4.1	26,300

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

## HELP WANTED ONLINE

### CT Online Labor Demand Fell 3,400 in August

The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) data reported that there were 78,200 advertisements for Connecticut-based jobs in August 2015, a 4.2 percent decrease over the month and a 6.3 percent increase over the year. There were 4.09 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Connecticut's labor force, while nationally it was 3.45 percent. Among the New England states, Massachusetts had the highest labor demand rate (4.66), while Vermont had the lowest rate (3.39) in August.

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	Jul 2015
<i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i>			
<b>CT Vacancies (000s)</b>	78.2	73.6	81.6
<b>Hartford Vac. (000s)</b>	30.2	28.5	31.1
<b>Labor Demand Rate *</b>			
<b>Connecticut</b>	4.09	3.90	4.27
<b>United States</b>	3.45	3.37	3.43
<b>Maine</b>	3.68	4.10	3.77
<b>Massachusetts</b>	4.66	4.43	4.66
<b>New Hampshire</b>	3.49	4.21	3.63
<b>Rhode Island</b>	3.76	3.86	3.95
<b>Vermont</b>	3.39	3.88	3.30

\* 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-  
WESTERLY, CT-RI LMA**

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>128,200</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>-1,800</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>128,800</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>98,200</b>	<b>98,300</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>98,600</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>19,200</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19,200</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .....	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>15,100</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>15,100</b>
Durable Goods.....	11,800	11,500	300	2.6	11,800
Non-Durable Goods.....	3,300	3,500	-200	-5.7	3,300
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>109,000</b>	<b>110,800</b>	<b>-1,800</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>109,600</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>23,300</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>23,500</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	2,500
Retail Trade.....	16,700	16,000	700	4.4	16,800
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	4,100	4,300	-200	-4.7	4,200
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>8,900</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>20,700</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>20,800</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	18,600	18,700	-100	-0.5	18,800
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>18,100</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>18,300</b>
Accommodation and Food Services.....	14,900	15,200	-300	-2.0	15,100
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places....	12,300	12,700	-400	-3.1	12,400
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>30,000</b>	<b>31,700</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>30,200</b>
Federal.....	2,600	2,600	0	0.0	2,600
State & Local**.....	27,400	29,100	-1,700	-5.8	27,600

**WATERBURY LMA**

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b> .....	<b>67,900</b>	<b>66,300</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>68,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	<b>58,700</b>	<b>57,200</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>58,900</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>10,200</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>10,300</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. &amp; MINING</b> .....	<b>2,900</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	<b>7,300</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>7,300</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES</b> .....	<b>57,700</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>58,200</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES</b> .....	<b>13,600</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>13,500</b>
Wholesale Trade.....	2,300	2,200	100	4.5	2,200
Retail Trade.....	9,500	9,100	400	4.4	9,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities....	1,800	1,700	100	5.9	1,800
<b>INFORMATION</b> .....	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,100</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5,600</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES</b> .....	<b>17,400</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>17,500</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	15,500	15,200	300	2.0	15,500
<b>LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY</b> .....	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6,600</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b> .....	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,600</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	<b>9,200</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>9,600</b>
Federal.....	400	400	0	0.0	400
State & Local.....	8,800	8,700	100	1.1	9,200

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

## SMALLER LMAS\*



*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>					
ENFIELD LMA.....	45,700	45,000	700	1.6	45,600
TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA.....	34,600	34,400	200	0.6	35,000
DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA.....	27,400	27,600	-200	-0.7	27,100

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 2015	Aug 2014	CHANGE		Jul 2015
			NO.	%	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.....</b>	<b>323,600</b>	<b>319,200</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>323,800</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE.....</b>	<b>266,600</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>267,100</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>41,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>41,100</b>
CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING.....	12,200	11,600	600	5.2	12,100
MANUFACTURING.....	29,000	29,500	-500	-1.7	29,000
Durable Goods.....	19,800	20,000	-200	-1.0	19,800
Non-Durable Goods.....	9,200	9,500	-300	-3.2	9,200
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES.....</b>	<b>282,400</b>	<b>278,100</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>282,700</b>
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES.....	58,600	58,100	500	0.9	58,800
Wholesale Trade.....	11,500	11,400	100	0.9	11,500
Retail Trade.....	34,700	35,000	-300	-0.9	34,900
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.....	12,400	11,700	700	6.0	12,400
INFORMATION.....	3,800	3,700	100	2.7	3,800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.....	16,500	16,500	0	0.0	16,500
Finance and Insurance.....	13,200	13,100	100	0.8	13,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.....	8,700	8,700	0	0.0	8,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES.....	28,400	26,200	2,200	8.4	28,000
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.....	74,500	72,600	1,900	2.6	74,400
Educational Services.....	12,700	12,900	-200	-1.6	13,000
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	61,800	59,700	2,100	3.5	61,400
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY.....	30,400	30,900	-500	-1.6	31,200
OTHER SERVICES.....	13,200	12,900	300	2.3	13,300
GOVERNMENT.....	57,000	57,200	-200	-0.3	56,700
Federal.....	5,900	6,000	-100	-1.7	5,900
State & Local.....	51,100	51,200	-100	-0.2	50,800

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

**\*\* New England City and Town Area**

# LMA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

		EMPLOYMENT		CHANGE		Jul
<i>(Not seasonally adjusted)</i>		Aug	Aug	NO.	%	2015
STATUS		2015	2014			
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Civilian Labor Force	1,913,300	1,904,300	9,000	0.5	1,941,100
	Employed	1,807,700	1,777,300	30,400	1.7	1,832,000
	Unemployed	105,600	127,000	-21,400	-16.9	109,200
	Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.7	-1.2	---	5.6
<b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	472,700	469,200	3,500	0.7	481,800
	Employed	447,500	439,200	8,300	1.9	455,700
	Unemployed	25,200	30,100	-4,900	-16.3	26,000
	Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.4	-1.1	---	5.4
<b>DANBURY LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	107,700	107,300	400	0.4	109,400
	Employed	102,800	101,600	1,200	1.2	104,400
	Unemployed	4,900	5,700	-800	-14.0	5,000
	Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.3	-0.8	---	4.6
<b>DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	44,200	43,200	1,000	2.3	44,500
	Employed	41,700	40,200	1,500	3.7	41,900
	Unemployed	2,500	3,000	-500	-16.7	2,600
	Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.9	-1.2	---	5.9
<b>ENFIELD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	49,900	49,600	300	0.6	50,200
	Employed	47,300	46,500	800	1.7	47,500
	Unemployed	2,600	3,100	-500	-16.1	2,600
	Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.2	-1.0	---	5.3
<b>HARTFORD LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	622,800	618,900	3,900	0.6	631,700
	Employed	588,100	577,100	11,000	1.9	595,700
	Unemployed	34,700	41,900	-7,200	-17.2	36,000
	Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.8	-1.2	---	5.7
<b>NEW HAVEN LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	325,700	324,700	1,000	0.3	329,700
	Employed	307,300	302,200	5,100	1.7	310,700
	Unemployed	18,400	22,500	-4,100	-18.2	19,000
	Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.9	-1.2	---	5.8
<b>NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	144,100	146,500	-2,400	-1.6	145,500
	Employed	135,800	136,400	-600	-0.4	136,900
	Unemployed	8,300	10,100	-1,800	-17.8	8,600
	Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.9	-1.2	---	5.9
<b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,700	200	0.4	49,600
	Employed	46,500	45,800	700	1.5	47,200
	Unemployed	2,400	2,900	-500	-17.2	2,400
	Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.9	-1.1	---	4.9
<b>WATERBURY LMA</b>	Civilian Labor Force	113,500	112,800	700	0.6	115,100
	Employed	105,800	103,500	2,300	2.2	107,200
	Unemployed	7,700	9,300	-1,600	-17.2	7,900
	Unemployment Rate	6.8	8.2	-1.4	---	6.9
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	Civilian Labor Force	157,390,000	156,434,000	956,000	0.6	158,527,000
	Employed	149,228,000	146,647,000	2,581,000	1.8	149,722,000
	Unemployed	8,162,000	9,787,000	-1,625,000	-16.6	8,805,000
	Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.3	-1.1	---	5.6

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(Not seasonally adjusted)	AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS				AVG WEEKLY HOURS				AVG HOURLY EARNINGS			
	Aug		CHG Y/Y	Jul 2015	Aug		CHG Y/Y	Jul 2015	Aug		CHG Y/Y	Jul 2015
	2015	2014			2015	2014			2015	2014		
<b>PRODUCTION WORKER</b>												
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	\$1,004.01	\$900.00	\$104.01	\$993.67	39.7	40.0	-0.3	39.4	\$25.29	\$22.50	\$2.79	\$25.22
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b>	1,044.25	917.39	126.86	1,023.25	39.6	39.8	-0.2	39.1	26.37	23.05	3.32	26.17
<b>NON-DUR. GOODS</b>	875.60	842.45	33.15	898.29	40.0	40.6	-0.6	40.5	21.89	20.75	1.14	22.18
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	1,215.32	1,167.74	47.58	1,191.68	39.6	38.0	1.6	39.2	30.69	30.73	-0.04	30.40
<b>ALL EMPLOYEES</b>												
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	991.24	945.72	45.51	961.59	33.9	33.8	0.1	33.4	29.24	27.98	1.26	28.79
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,210.76	1,192.76	18.01	1,196.85	39.4	39.3	0.1	39.1	30.73	30.35	0.38	30.61
Construction	1,250.87	1,190.24	60.62	1,235.12	39.9	38.1	1.8	39.6	31.35	31.24	0.11	31.19
Manufacturing	1,212.73	1,186.02	26.71	1,181.78	39.4	39.6	-0.2	38.9	30.78	29.95	0.83	30.38
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	951.47	901.02	50.45	920.16	32.9	32.8	0.1	32.4	28.92	27.47	1.45	28.40
Trade, Transp., Utilities	809.62	791.94	17.68	800.36	33.4	33.5	-0.1	33.1	24.24	23.64	0.60	24.18
Financial Activities	1,766.18	1,636.36	129.81	1,680.11	38.8	37.8	1.0	37.9	45.52	43.29	2.23	44.33
Prof. & Business Serv.	1,236.56	1,124.66	111.90	1,175.36	35.3	35.4	-0.1	34.6	35.03	31.77	3.26	33.97
Education & Health Ser.	829.98	802.33	27.65	817.97	31.8	31.7	0.1	31.4	26.10	25.31	0.79	26.05
Leisure & Hospitality	419.76	404.00	15.76	411.06	26.4	26.2	0.2	26.0	15.90	15.42	0.48	15.81
Other Services	626.29	675.58	-49.29	624.31	29.5	30.5	-1.0	29.8	21.23	22.15	-0.92	20.95
<b>LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE</b>												
Bridgeport-Stamford	1,197.85	1,050.84	147.01	1,109.86	34.6	33.8	0.8	33.5	34.62	31.09	3.53	33.13
Danbury	919.42	883.40	36.02	922.67	34.8	33.5	1.3	34.7	26.42	26.37	0.05	26.59
Hartford	1,001.73	984.84	16.89	990.76	34.4	34.8	-0.4	34.0	29.12	28.30	0.82	29.14
New Haven	928.44	909.19	19.24	910.09	33.7	34.4	-0.7	33.3	27.55	26.43	1.12	27.33
Norwich-New London	755.02	831.41	-76.40	752.43	32.6	34.7	-2.1	32.8	23.16	23.96	-0.80	22.94
Waterbury	787.12	725.93	61.19	766.57	33.1	31.7	1.4	33.3	23.78	22.90	0.88	23.02

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## BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

- In August 2015, Axel Plastics announced it will open a new facility in Monroe next year with 40 to 80 workers. The Fresh Market, a grocery store, will open in September in Guilford, hiring 90 employees. Another grocery store, Aldi, will be expanding in locations statewide this year by adding 80 workers. Chick-fil-A announced it will open a new location in North Haven next summer and will hire 80 to 100 employees. Over the next four years, Polamer Precision, an aerospace manufacturer in New Britain, will expand by 200 positions.
- In August 2015, AxisPoint Health announced it will close its facility in Wallingford in September, affecting 45 workers. Higher One of New Haven will reduce its staff by 29 employees from September to March. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, more commonly known as A&P, will close stores statewide and lay off 444 workers over the next year as it files for bankruptcy. RBS Securities of Stamford will cut 50 employees in October. The University of Connecticut is eliminating 50 workers in September from the health center in Farmington and the university in Mansfield. Borgeson Universal Steering Components in Torrington announced it is moving its company to South Carolina, affecting 43 jobs.

*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 2015**

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
<b>BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD</b>					<b>HARTFORD cont...</b>				
	<b>472,686</b>	<b>447,530</b>	<b>25,156</b>	<b>5.3</b>	Canton	5,669	5,456	213	3.8
Ansonia	9,703	8,959	744	7.7	Chaplin	1,264	1,188	76	6.0
Bridgeport	72,686	66,499	6,187	8.5	Colchester	9,428	9,037	391	4.1
Darien	8,574	8,232	342	4.0	Columbia	3,295	3,141	154	4.7
Derby	7,083	6,594	489	6.9	Coventry	7,768	7,415	353	4.5
Easton	3,947	3,801	146	3.7	Cromwell	7,980	7,631	349	4.4
Fairfield	29,422	28,096	1,326	4.5	East Granby	3,044	2,937	107	3.5
Greenwich	29,124	28,003	1,121	3.8	East Haddam	5,065	4,815	250	4.9
Milford	30,467	28,987	1,480	4.9	East Hampton	7,629	7,312	317	4.2
Monroe	10,437	9,926	511	4.9	East Hartford	27,840	25,726	2,114	7.6
New Canaan	8,491	8,152	339	4.0	Ellington	9,187	8,773	414	4.5
Norwalk	51,004	48,681	2,323	4.6	Farmington	14,008	13,474	534	3.8
Oxford	7,298	6,962	336	4.6	Glastonbury	18,881	18,185	696	3.7
Redding	4,601	4,416	185	4.0	Granby	6,721	6,454	267	4.0
Ridgefield	12,008	11,573	435	3.6	Haddam	5,129	4,933	196	3.8
Seymour	9,227	8,709	518	5.6	Hartford	54,895	49,008	5,887	10.7
Shelton	22,452	21,272	1,180	5.3	Hartland	1,143	1,097	46	4.0
Southbury	9,025	8,597	428	4.7	Harwinton	3,253	3,130	123	3.8
Stamford	69,857	66,629	3,228	4.6	Hebron	5,560	5,364	196	3.5
Stratford	28,094	26,266	1,828	6.5	Lebanon	4,225	4,029	196	4.6
Trumbull	18,505	17,686	819	4.4	Manchester	32,935	31,138	1,797	5.5
Weston	4,437	4,259	178	4.0	Mansfield	12,532	11,923	609	4.9
Westport	12,584	12,086	498	4.0	Marlborough	3,563	3,422	141	4.0
Wilton	8,664	8,333	331	3.8	Middletown	26,463	24,972	1,491	5.6
Woodbridge	4,996	4,812	184	3.7	New Britain	37,047	34,072	2,975	8.0
					New Hartford	4,017	3,856	161	4.0
<b>DANBURY</b>	<b>107,673</b>	<b>102,814</b>	<b>4,859</b>	<b>4.5</b>	Newington	17,341	16,583	758	4.4
Bethel	10,738	10,256	482	4.5	Plainville	10,439	9,933	506	4.8
Bridgewater	881	847	34	3.9	Plymouth	6,787	6,354	433	6.4
Brookfield	9,265	8,866	399	4.3	Portland	5,478	5,224	254	4.6
Danbury	47,104	44,938	2,166	4.6	Rocky Hill	11,385	10,913	472	4.1
New Fairfield	7,297	6,956	341	4.7	Scotland	964	923	41	4.3
New Milford	15,930	15,200	730	4.6	Simsbury	12,851	12,403	448	3.5
Newtown	14,481	13,846	635	4.4	Southington	24,220	23,159	1,061	4.4
Sherman	1,977	1,905	72	3.6	South Windsor	14,042	13,432	610	4.3
					Stafford	6,954	6,536	418	6.0
<b>ENFIELD</b>	<b>49,940</b>	<b>47,342</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>5.2</b>	Thomaston	4,848	4,610	238	4.9
East Windsor	6,479	6,135	344	5.3	Tolland	8,586	8,284	302	3.5
Enfield	23,254	21,961	1,293	5.6	Union	470	451	19	4.0
Somers	5,219	4,984	235	4.5	Vernon	17,174	16,263	911	5.3
Suffield	7,593	7,273	320	4.2	West Hartford	34,238	32,867	1,371	4.0
Windsor Locks	7,395	6,989	406	5.5	Wethersfield	14,080	13,404	676	4.8
					Willington	3,696	3,539	157	4.2
<b>HARTFORD</b>	<b>622,819</b>	<b>588,117</b>	<b>34,702</b>	<b>5.6</b>	Windham	13,018	12,135	883	6.8
Andover	1,939	1,852	87	4.5	Windsor	16,667	15,742	925	5.5
Ashford	2,588	2,475	113	4.4					
Avon	9,301	8,969	332	3.6					
Barkhamsted	2,333	2,243	90	3.9					
Berlin	11,743	11,232	511	4.4					
Bloomfield	11,445	10,723	722	6.3					
Bolton	3,156	3,037	119	3.8					
Bristol	33,010	31,032	1,978	6.0					
Burlington	5,525	5,311	214	3.9					

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 the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast 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 2015

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
<b>NEW HAVEN</b>	<b>325,723</b>	<b>307,313</b>	<b>18,410</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST</b>	<b>48,865</b>	<b>46,514</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Bethany	3,113	2,982	131	4.2	Canaan	763	744	19	2.5
Branford	15,866	15,079	787	5.0	Colebrook	844	812	32	3.8
Cheshire	15,527	14,953	574	3.7	Cornwall	798	774	24	3.0
Chester	2,344	2,263	81	3.5	Goshen	1,773	1,705	68	3.8
Clinton	7,399	7,063	336	4.5	Kent	1,581	1,525	56	3.5
Deep River	2,882	2,767	115	4.0	Litchfield	4,920	4,732	188	3.8
Durham	4,351	4,191	160	3.7	Morris	1,519	1,462	57	3.8
East Haven	15,879	14,878	1,001	6.3	Norfolk	935	893	42	4.5
Essex	3,321	3,178	143	4.3	North Canaan	1,735	1,667	68	3.9
Guilford	12,811	12,330	481	3.8	Roxbury	1,372	1,332	40	2.9
Hamden	35,331	33,526	1,805	5.1	Salisbury	1,880	1,819	61	3.2
Killingworth	3,823	3,683	140	3.7	Sharon	1,529	1,477	52	3.4
Madison	9,011	8,653	358	4.0	Torrington	19,976	18,800	1,176	5.9
Meriden	32,425	30,170	2,255	7.0	Warren	830	791	39	4.7
Middlefield	2,502	2,396	106	4.2	Washington	2,122	2,040	82	3.9
New Haven	65,112	60,184	4,928	7.6	Winchester	6,288	5,941	347	5.5
North Branford	8,176	7,814	362	4.4	<b>WATERBURY</b>	<b>113,541</b>	<b>105,795</b>	<b>7,746</b>	<b>6.8</b>
North Haven	13,344	12,707	637	4.8	Beacon Falls	3,457	3,282	175	5.1
Old Saybrook	5,091	4,853	238	4.7	Bethlehem	2,051	1,974	77	3.8
Orange	7,201	6,899	302	4.2	Middlebury	3,838	3,678	160	4.2
Wallingford	26,385	25,112	1,273	4.8	Naugatuck	17,599	16,493	1,106	6.3
West Haven	30,244	28,208	2,036	6.7	Prospect	5,593	5,330	263	4.7
Westbrook	3,585	3,424	161	4.5	Waterbury	52,000	47,343	4,657	9.0
<b>*NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART</b>	<b>127,852</b>	<b>120,586</b>	<b>7,266</b>	<b>5.7</b>	Watertown	13,385	12,765	620	4.6
Bozrah	1,477	1,399	78	5.3	Wolcott	9,945	9,490	455	4.6
Canterbury	2,878	2,729	149	5.2	Woodbury	5,673	5,440	233	4.1
East Lyme	8,644	8,204	440	5.1	<b>DANIELSON-NORTH EAST</b>	<b>44,178</b>	<b>41,658</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Franklin	1,115	1,060	55	4.9	Brooklyn	4,179	3,943	236	5.6
Griswold	6,412	5,992	420	6.6	Eastford	967	934	33	3.4
Groton	18,734	17,794	940	5.0	Hampton	1,056	1,002	54	5.1
Ledyard	8,019	7,645	374	4.7	Killingly	9,847	9,208	639	6.5
Lisbon	2,375	2,233	142	6.0	Plainfield	8,888	8,296	592	6.7
Lyme	1,237	1,186	51	4.1	Pomfret	2,553	2,453	100	3.9
Montville	9,572	9,019	553	5.8	Putnam	4,956	4,661	295	6.0
New London	12,270	11,281	989	8.1	Sterling	2,061	1,924	137	6.6
No. Stonington	2,944	2,804	140	4.8	Thompson	5,376	5,122	254	4.7
Norwich	20,664	19,246	1,418	6.9	Woodstock	4,295	4,115	180	4.2
Old Lyme	3,758	3,601	157	4.2					
Preston	2,475	2,346	129	5.2					
Salem	2,131	2,028	103	4.8					
Sprague	1,645	1,540	105	6.4					
Stonington	9,627	9,181	446	4.6					
Voluntown	1,551	1,475	76	4.9					
Waterford	10,324	9,823	501	4.9					

\*Connecticut portion only. For whole NECTA, including RI part, see below.

NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI				
	<b>144,073</b>	<b>135,793</b>	<b>8,280</b>	<b>5.7</b>
RI part (Hopkinton and Westerly)	16,221	15,207	1,014	6.3

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	<b>1,913,300</b>	<b>1,807,700</b>	<b>105,600</b>	<b>5.5</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>157,390,000</b>	<b>149,228,000</b>	<b>8,162,000</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	<b>1,903,100</b>	<b>1,803,000</b>	<b>100,200</b>	<b>5.3</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>157,065,000</b>	<b>149,036,000</b>	<b>8,029,000</b>	<b>5.1</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 2015	YR TO DATE 2015	2014	TOWN	AUG 2015	YR TO DATE 2015	2014	TOWN	AUG 2015	YR TO DATE 2015	2014
Andover	0	0	2	Griswold	1	2	na	Preston	1	4	0
Ansonia	na	na	0	Groton	na	na	13	Prospect	5	23	na
Ashford	na	na	5	Guilford	na	na	10	Putnam	na	na	2
Avon	6	22	16	Haddam	2	10	9	Redding	0	4	na
Barkhamsted	na	na	na	Hamden	na	na	4	Ridgefield	3	22	30
Beacon Falls	na	na	na	Hampton	na	na	1	Rocky Hill	1	103	10
Berlin	1	15	16	Hartford	1	4	14	Roxbury	na	na	na
Bethany	na	na	na	Hartland	0	0	na	Salem	na	na	5
Bethel	8	44	62	Harwinton	na	na	2	Salisbury	na	na	na
Bethlehem	na	na	na	Hebron	1	9	na	Scotland	na	na	0
Bloomfield	0	14	na	Kent	0	0	1	Seymour	na	na	4
Bolton	1	4	6	Killingly	na	na	9	Sharon	na	na	4
Bozrah	na	na	2	Killingworth	0	3	na	Shelton	1	99	26
Branford	1	15	na	Lebanon	0	2	4	Sherman	0	5	na
Bridgeport	2	106	15	Ledyard	na	na	9	Simsbury	1	9	173
Bridgewater	0	0	na	Lisbon	na	na	2	Somers	1	9	8
Bristol	3	18	65	Litchfield	na	na	na	South Windsor	3	20	16
Brookfield	2	38	na	Lyme	1	3	4	Southbury	na	na	16
Brooklyn	2	8	10	Madison	na	na	10	Southington	10	54	49
Burlington	1	12	21	Manchester	1	8	14	Sprague	0	0	0
Canaan	na	na	0	Mansfield	2	8	9	Stafford	1	2	na
Canterbury	na	na	11	Marlborough	0	1	3	Stamford	1	321	261
Canton	0	7	7	Meriden	na	na	3	Sterling	na	na	na
Chaplin	na	na	0	Middlebury	na	na	na	Stonington	na	na	14
Cheshire	5	25	31	Middlefield	1	6	4	Stratford	0	19	38
Chester	0	0	na	Middletown	4	25	51	Suffield	1	21	15
Clinton	0	4	8	Milford	16	266	143	Thomaston	na	na	na
Colchester	3	22	22	Monroe	0	1	3	Thompson	na	na	na
Colebrook	na	na	1	Montville	na	na	7	Tolland	1	5	9
Columbia	0	11	2	Morris	na	na	0	Torrington	na	na	2
Cornwall	na	na	2	Naugatuck	na	na	15	Trumbull	1	5	2
Coventry	2	18	22	New Britain	8	64	na	Union	1	1	0
Cromwell	2	13	17	New Canaan	1	21	37	Vernon	0	43	9
Danbury	28	563	266	New Fairfield	0	1	na	Voluntown	1	4	1
Darien	5	53	na	New Hartford	na	na	4	Wallingford	2	14	19
Deep River	0	0	2	New Haven	1	236	302	Warren	na	na	2
Derby	na	na	na	New London	4	27	24	Washington	na	na	na
Durham	1	4	2	New Milford	na	na	10	Waterbury	2	78	42
East Granby	0	0	1	Newington	2	9	5	Waterford	na	na	8
East Haddam	1	3	6	Newtown	0	11	13	Watertown	na	na	22
East Hampton	2	24	14	Norfolk	na	na	2	West Hartford	7	80	42
East Hartford	0	2	na	North Branford	na	na	na	West Haven	na	na	na
East Haven	na	na	8	North Canaan	na	na	0	Westbrook	1	26	10
East Lyme	6	26	175	North Haven	na	na	12	Weston	1	10	na
East Windsor	2	5	8	North Stonington	na	na	5	Westport	10	58	117
Eastford	na	na	2	Norwalk	4	85	212	Wethersfield	0	2	na
Easton	0	1	2	Norwich	0	3	21	Willington	0	0	2
Ellington	9	75	71	Old Lyme	na	na	na	Wilton	2	14	na
Enfield	0	9	na	Old Saybrook	1	7	15	Winchester	na	na	19
Essex	0	3	2	Orange	na	na	na	Windham	1	7	10
Fairfield	10	71	72	Oxford	6	18	50	Windsor	1	10	na
Farmington	2	26	19	Plainfield	na	na	8	Windsor Locks	1	6	na
Franklin	na	na	2	Plainville	1	5	16	Wolcott	2	18	13
Glastonbury	3	28	17	Plymouth	na	na	5	Woodbridge	na	na	na
Goshen	na	na	8	Pomfret	na	na	2	Woodbury	0	3	2
Granby	1	5	7	Portland	0	4	4	Woodstock	na	na	6
Greenwich	11	69	71								

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 December 2005 when the ECI is 100.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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. The 2015 LAUS Redesign includes improved time-series models for the census divisions, states, select substate areas, and the balances of those states; an improved real-time benchmarking procedure to the national Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates; an improved smoothed seasonal adjustment procedure; and improved treatment of outliers. Non-modeled area estimation improvements include: updated Dynamic Residency Ratios (DRR); more accurate estimates for all-other employment; more accurate estimation of agricultural employment; and improved estimation of non-covered agricultural unemployment. Handbook estimation is now done at the city/town level instead of at the Labor Market Area (LMA) level in Connecticut, which better reflects local conditions. The Redesign also introduces estimation inputs from the American Community Survey (ACS) to replace inputs that were previously obtained from the decennial census long-form survey. 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-Stamford-Norwalk NECTA is referred to in Connecticut DOL publications as the Bridgeport-Stamford LMA, and the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford NECTA is the Hartford LMA. The northwest part of the state is now called Torrington-Northwest LMA. Five towns which are part of the Springfield, MA area are published as the Enfield LMA. The towns of Eastford and Hampton and other towns in the northeast are now called Danielson-Northeast 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. 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> ..... +0.1	<b>Business Activity</b>	<b>Tourism and Travel</b>
<b>Coincident General Drift Indicator</b> +1.8	New Housing Permits ..... -27.4	Info Center Visitors ..... -25.3
<b>Farmington Bank Bus. Barometer</b> +2.2	Electricity Sales ..... +0.1	Attraction Visitors ..... +16.5
<b>Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index</b> .... +4.2	Construction Contracts Index ..... -11.2	Air Passenger Count ..... -1.0
	New Auto Registrations ..... NA	Gaming Slots ..... -5.6
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b> ..... +2.0	Exports ..... +3.3	
	S&P 500: Monthly Close ..... -1.6	
Labor Force ..... +0.9	<b>Business Starts</b>	<b>Employment Cost Index (U.S.)</b>
Employed ..... +2.1	Secretary of the State ..... +5.8	Total ..... +1.9
Unemployed ..... -16.5	Dept. of Labor ..... -7.6	Wages & Salaries ..... +2.2
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> ..... -1.1*		Benefit Costs ..... +1.4
Labor Force Participation Rate ..... +0.2	<b>Business Terminations</b>	<b>Consumer Prices</b>
Employment to Population Ratio ..... +1.0	Secretary of the State ..... +12.7	U.S. City Average ..... +0.2
	Dept. of Labor ..... -28.7	Northeast Region ..... -0.1
<b>Average Weekly Initial Claims</b> ..... -2.3		NY-NJ-Long Island ..... +0.1
<b>Avg Insured Unempl. Rate</b> ..... -0.40*	<b>State Revenues</b> ..... +17.9	Boston-Brockton-Nashua ..... +0.7
<b>U-6 Rate</b> ..... -1.1*	Corporate Tax ..... -56.5	<b>Interest Rates</b>
<b>Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs, Mfg</b> ..... -0.7	Personal Income Tax ..... +3.9	Prime ..... 0.00*
<b>PW Avg Hourly Earnings, Mfg</b> .... +12.4	Real Estate Conveyance Tax ..... -14.4	Conventional Mortgage ..... -0.21*
<b>PW Avg Weekly Earnings, Mfg</b> .... +11.6	Sales & Use Tax ..... +61.4	
<b>CT Mfg. Production Index</b> ..... -0.1	Gaming Payments ..... -7.2	
Production Worker Hours ..... +1.9		
Industrial Electricity Sales ..... -4.9		
<b>Personal Income</b> ..... +2.5		
<b>UI Covered Wages</b> ..... +3.1		

\*Percentage point change; \*\*Less than 0.05 percent;  
NA = Not Available

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