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In July...

Nonfarm Employment

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Connecticut..... | 1,696,000 |
| Change over month | +0.24% |
| Change over year | +1.8% |

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| United States | 142,071,000 |
| Change over month | +0.15% |
| Change over year | +2.1% |

Unemployment Rate

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Connecticut..... | 5.4% |
| United States | 5.3% |

Consumer Price Index

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| United States | 238.654 |
| Change over year | +0.2% |

Connecticut Job Vacancy Survey

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In 2014, the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Office of Research, in partnership with the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, conducted a survey of Connecticut employers designed to estimate hiring demand and job vacancy characteristics by industry and occupation.

Survey Sample

Information was gathered through the survey of a stratified sample of 10,300 firms in five Labor Market Areas. Firms excluded from the sampling process include Government entities and businesses with no employees. The sample was stratified by industry “supersector,” Labor Market Area and firm employment size.

What Can You Find Out?

The Connecticut Job Vacancy Survey provides measures of:

- Number of job vacancies in the late July, early August period by Industry and Labor Market Area
- Breakdown of job vacancies by Standard Occupations and Occupation Groups
- Short-term labor market data that job seekers, employers, employment and training services and economic planners can use.

Definitions

For the purpose of this study, a job vacancy is a position that is currently open-for-hire and being actively recruited at the time of the survey. This study excludes job vacancies reserved for contract consultants, employees of contractors and others not considered employees of surveyed firms.

Sample Design and Survey Instrument

Information on job vacancies for the third quarter 2014 *Connecticut Job Vacancy Survey* came from a survey of 10,300 Connecticut private sector establishments. Surveyed employers were randomly selected from Connecticut’s Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). These establishments were selected from the universe of establishments that were doing business in Connecticut during the fourth quarter of 2013. Establishments were selected based on a sampling procedure that stratified by Labor Market Area, firm size and by twelve private sector industry “supersectors.”

Twelve major industry “supersectors,” defined by the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), are represented in the survey sample. These sectors are described in Table 1.

Employers were asked to supply information on current job

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Division of Economic and Community Development

Table 1

| NAICS INDUSTRY | INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION |
|---|--|
| Agriculture & Natural Resources & Mining | Firms engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitats. |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | Firms engaged in wholesale & retail merchandising, warehousing, transportation of people and freight, and the provision utility services including: electric power, natural gas, steam supply, water supply, and sewage removal. |
| Construction | Firms engaged in the construction of buildings and other structures, heavy construction, additions, alterations, reconstruction, installations, and maintenance and repairs. |
| Manufacturing | Firms engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. |
| Transportation and Warehousing | Firms engaged in the transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, scenic and sightseeing transportation, and support activities related to modes of transportation. |
| Information | Firms engaged in the production, processing and distribution of information and cultural products. |
| Finance and Insurance | Firms engaged in financial transactions, insurance products and real estate transactions. |
| Real Estate | Firms engaged in renting, leasing, or otherwise allowing for the use of tangible or intangible assets, and establishments providing related service. |
| Professional & Business Services | Firms specializing in performing professional, scientific, technical, and business activities for others. |
| Educational & Health Care Services | Firms providing instruction and training on a wide variety of subjects. Firms providing healthcare and social assistance to individuals. |
| Leisure & Hospitality Services | Firms engaged in providing services to meet the varied cultural, entertainment, and recreational interests of their patrons. Firms providing customers with lodging and/or preparation of meals, snacks and beverages for immediate consumption. |
| Other Services | Firms engaged in providing services not specifically provided for elsewhere in the classification system. |

Table 2

| MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP | SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS |
|--|---|
| Management | Educational Administrators, Marketing Managers, and Medical and Health Service Managers |
| Business and Financial Operations | Accountants, Financial Analysts, and Human Resource Specialists |
| Computer and Mathematical | Actuaries, Computer Programmers, and Computer Support Specialists |
| Architecture and Engineering | Architects, Chemical Engineers, and Drafters |
| Life, Physical and Social Science | Anthropologists, Chemists, and Geographers |
| Community and Social Service | Clergy, Health Educators, and Marriage and Family Therapists |
| Legal | Court Reporters, Lawyers, and Paralegals |
| Education, Training and Library | Librarians, Post-secondary Teachers, and Special Education Teachers |
| Art, Design, Entertainment Sports and Media | Coaches, Producers and Directors, and Radio Operators |
| Healthcare Practitioners and Technical | Dentists, Physicians, and Registered Nurses |
| Healthcare Support | Dental Assistants, Home Health Aides, and Pharmacy Aides |
| Protective Service | Animal Control Workers, Detectives, and Police Officers |
| Food Preparation and Serving Related | Cooks, Food Preparation Workers, and Waiters and Waitresses |
| Building, Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance | Housekeeping Cleaners, Janitors, and Pest Control Workers |
| Personal Care and Service | Child Care Workers, Hairdressers and Hairstylists, and Personal and Home Care Aides |
| Sales and Related | Cashiers, Insurance Sales Agents, and Retail Salespersons |
| Office and Administrative Support | Customer Service Representatives, Tellers, and Secretaries |
| Farming, Fishing and Forestry | Agricultural Inspectors, Animal Breeders, and Farmers |
| Construction and Extraction | Construction Laborers, Carpenters, and Electricians |
| Installation, Maintenance and Repair | Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics, Motorcycle Mechanics, and Millwrights |
| Production | Butchers and Meat Cutters, Foundry Mold and Coremakers, and Machinists |
| Transportation and Material Moving | Airline Pilots, Bus Drivers, and Truck Drivers |

| Size | Sample | Received | Response Rate |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Small (1 to 49 employees) | 9,388 | 3,957 | 42.1% |
| Medium (50 to 249 employees) | 450 | 174 | 38.6% |
| Large (250 or more employees) | 495 | 205 | 41.4% |
| Total | 10,333 | 4,336 | 42.0% |
| Industry | Sample | Received | Response Rate |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 925 | 328 | 35.5% |
| Unclassified | 37 | 8 | 21.6% |
| Construction | 772 | 356 | 46.1% |
| Educational & Health Services | 1,255 | 611 | 48.7% |
| Finance and Insurance | 1,005 | 373 | 37.1% |
| Information | 187 | 61 | 32.6% |
| Manufacturing | 509 | 290 | 57.0% |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 43 | 20 | 46.5% |
| Other Services | 1,347 | 545 | 40.5% |
| Professional and Technical Services | 1,945 | 834 | 42.9% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 2,308 | 910 | 39.4% |
| Total | 10,333 | 4,336 | 42.0% |

vacancies including rates of pay, education and experience requirements, and benefits. Firms without job vacancies were also asked to return the survey reporting that information.

Employers provided numerous specific open-for-hire job titles. Analysts reviewed these job titles and matched them to appropriate Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) titles. The 2010 SOC structure used in this study is a set of six-digit occupational codes that is currently being used by a number of different agencies, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of the Census, to classify occupations.

The 2010 SOC is a four-tiered structure with 840 detailed occupations that can be summarized into 461 broad occupations, 97 minor occupational groups, and 23 major occupational groups. For the purpose of this study, occupational information is presented at both the major occupational group and detailed

occupational levels. Major occupational groups included are in Table 2.

Survey Response Rates

The overall survey response rate for this round is 42.0% percent. Table 3 provides survey response rates by firm size and industry.

Summary of Findings

The results of the first Connecticut Job Vacancy survey indicate that there were 40,736 job vacancies under recruitment during the study period. Table 4 shows vacancy estimates by the major SOC group along with a standard error of the estimate and the resulting statistical confidence interval. The wider the confidence interval around the estimate, the less precise the estimate. Confidence intervals that include zero are considered not statistically different from zero.

While Management occupations led the list of statewide occupational vacancies, it should be noted that this type of occupation

appears commonly across all industry sectors. Other major groups with high numbers of vacancies include Food Preparation, Healthcare Practitioners, Business & Financial Operations, Computer & Mathematical, Transportation & Material Moving, Office & Administrative Support and Architecture & Engineering positions. The associated confidence interval bounds indicate the statistical precision of the vacancy estimate.

There were 399 occupations reported in the survey. The top twenty occupations ranked by number of vacancies are reported in Table 5. There is a mix of high paying professional/ technology positions, as well as occupations that tend to have high turnover – low paying and requiring little preparation and training.

Comparisons to Other Measures of Job Vacancies

An important component of this survey is to compare its results to other measures of job vacancies to determine accuracy and cost efficiency of these

| Major SOC Group | Total Estimated Vacancies | Std. Err | 95% Conf. Int. Lower Bound | 95% Conf. Int. Upper Bound |
|---|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Management | 4,152 | 181.49 | 3,796.09 | 4,507.74 |
| Food Preparation and Serving Related | 3,827 | 503.66 | 2,839.10 | 4,814.06 |
| Healthcare Practitioners and Technology | 3,815 | 201.12 | 3,420.98 | 4,209.63 |
| Business and Financial Operation | 3,523 | 122.26 | 3,282.97 | 3,762.39 |
| Computer and Mathematical | 3,402 | 77.37 | 3,250.75 | 3,554.13 |
| Transportation and Material Moving | 3,270 | 693.33 | 1,910.72 | 4,629.42 |
| Office and Administrative Support | 3,163 | 185.96 | 2,798.03 | 3,527.23 |
| Sales and Related | 2,441 | 218.63 | 2,012.12 | 2,869.42 |
| Architecture and Engineering | 2,434 | 497.71 | 1,458.60 | 3,410.25 |
| Installation, Maintenance, and Repair | 1,521 | 169.08 | 1,189.99 | 1,852.97 |
| Life, Physical, and Social Science | 1,189 | 412.93 | 379.12 | 1,998.30 |
| Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports | 1,165 | 306.15 | 564.87 | 1,765.37 |
| Personal Care and Service | 1,118 | 255.02 | 617.58 | 1,617.58 |
| Healthcare Support | 1,006 | 108.68 | 792.74 | 1,218.90 |
| Construction and Extraction | 919 | 122.52 | 679.20 | 1,159.64 |
| Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance | 876 | 122.38 | 635.92 | 1,115.80 |
| Community and Social Service | 774 | 65.53 | 645.90 | 902.84 |
| Production Occupations | 699 | 62.38 | 576.25 | 820.83 |
| Education, Training, and Library | 635 | 51.63 | 534.02 | 736.47 |
| Protective Service | 565 | 198.23 | 176.16 | 953.46 |
| Legal Occupations | 190 | 32.00 | 127.74 | 253.23 |
| Farming, Fishing, and Forestry | 52 | . | . | . |

| SOC Title | Total Estimated Vacancies | Std. Error | 95% Conf. Int. Lower Bound* | 95% Conf. Int. Upper Bound* |
|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registered Nurses | 1,763 | 174.03 | 1,422.19 | 2,104.59 |
| Software Developers, Applications | 894 | 28.47 | 838.41 | 950.05 |
| Cashiers | 868 | 171.51 | 531.75 | 1,204.30 |
| Management Analysts | 848 | 41.45 | 766.45 | 928.99 |
| Customer Service Representatives | 807 | 125.27 | 561.23 | 1,052.46 |
| Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 774 | 226.40 | 329.70 | 1,217.48 |
| Nursing Assistants | 747 | 95.80 | 558.92 | 934.59 |
| Bus Drivers, School or Special Client | 714 | 481.41 | -230.33 | 1,657.40 |
| Cooks, Restaurant | 662 | 248.00 | 176.23 | 1,148.68 |
| Agricultural and Food Science Technicians | 642 | 256.62 | 138.42 | 1,144.70 |
| Retail Salespersons | 550 | 95.93 | 362.16 | 738.33 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 538 | 142.02 | 259.06 | 815.96 |
| Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs | 507 | 164.99 | 183.43 | 830.40 |
| Personal Care Aides | 507 | 196.65 | 121.11 | 892.24 |
| Accountants and Auditors | 497 | 70.05 | 360.09 | 634.78 |
| Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 458 | 73.60 | 313.46 | 602.06 |
| Computer Occupations, All Other | 433 | 34.71 | 364.86 | 500.96 |
| Food Preparation Workers | 431 | 117.28 | 201.48 | 661.37 |
| Mechanical Drafters | 427 | 256.26 | -75.33 | 929.52 |
| Driver/Sales Workers | 425 | 371.98 | -304.18 | 1,154.42 |

*Vacancy estimates that have Confidence Bounds that include 0 are not statistically different from 0. I.e., these estimates are not statistically significant.

| Major SOC Group (as aggregated by HWOL) | % of Vacancies in Vacancy Survey | % of Vacancies in HWOL 8/14 |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Management & Business/Financial | 18.9 | 17.8 |
| Professional & Related | 31.1 | 38.0 |
| Services | 20.5 | 9.8 |
| Sales & Office | 13.8 | 21.3 |
| Construction & Maintenance | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Production & Transportation | 9.8 | 7.3 |
| TOTAL | 40,736 | 72,200 |

respective measures. Specifically, we compare results to counts obtained in the Conference Board Help Wanted Online (HWOL) Data Series internet scraped Job Ad reports. A properly conducted sample based survey should provide accurate counts of job openings within the confidence interval of the sample design. Firms were asked to count as vacancies only those positions that were actively under recruitment.

On the other hand, electronic job board scraping services should provide an accurate count of short-term job vacancies if all ads actually represent a job opening, ads are comprehensively collected and properly coded to industry and occupation and the duplicates

are effectively removed. Moreover, to be properly representative of the labor market, electronic job boards should contain the same proportional representation of industries as to the actual market.

As compared to the Connecticut Vacancy Survey, HWOL shows 177% more vacancies in the labor market. However, the Vacancy Survey estimate of total openings (40,736) is supported by the U.S. DOL Job Openings and Labor Turnover (JOLTS) survey for that time period. The JOLTS survey does not produce state level vacancy estimates, but by imputing Connecticut's share of the Northeast region's job vacancies it produced a value

much closer to the Connecticut Vacancy survey estimate. It appears that the HWOL estimates include some duplication and/or counts of job ads that are not true openings as defined in our study.

In addition, the distribution of vacancies across occupational groups differs considerably between the two programs. HWOL appears to overestimate the proportion of vacancies in the Professional and Sales & Office categories and significantly underestimate vacancies in Service fields.

For more information about the Job Vacancy Survey statistics or to obtain the complete listing of vacancies, contact the Office of Research at (860) 263-6255, or email us at dol.lmi@ct.gov. ■

GENERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | 1Q 2015 | 1Q 2014 | CHANGE NO. % | | 4Q 2014 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------|
| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| General Drift Indicator (1996=100)* | | | | | |
| Leading | 112.8 | 114.4 | -1.6 | -1.4 | 111.2 |
| Coincident | 114.7 | 112.6 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 114.1 |
| Farmington Bank Business Barometer (1992=100)** | 131.2 | 128.4 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 130.0 |
| Philadelphia Fed's Coincident Index (July 1992=100)*** | Jul 2015 | Jul 2014 | | | Jun 2015 |
| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 168.87 | 161.48 | 7.39 | 4.6 | 167.84 |
| United States | 174.59 | 168.70 | 5.89 | 3.5 | 174.17 |

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

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 1,696.0 | 1,665.4 | 30.6 | 1.8 | 1,691.9 |
| Natural Res & Mining | 0.5 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -16.7 | 0.6 |
| Construction | 58.3 | 56.3 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 60.5 |
| Manufacturing | 161.2 | 159.2 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 160.6 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 306.7 | 300.7 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 306.9 |
| Information | 31.7 | 31.9 | -0.2 | -0.6 | 32.0 |
| Financial Activities | 131.3 | 128.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 130.2 |
| Professional and Business Services | 217.1 | 211.8 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 214.4 |
| Education and Health Services | 330.6 | 325.4 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 329.0 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 155.8 | 149.6 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 156.1 |
| Other Services | 63.8 | 63.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 63.7 |
| Government* | 239.0 | 238.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 237.9 |

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

Initial claims for
unemployment insurance
decreased from a year
ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| Labor Force, resident (000s) | 1,910.9 | 1,884.3 | 26.6 | 1.4 | 1,918.1 |
| Employed (000s) | 1,807.2 | 1,763.5 | 43.7 | 2.5 | 1,809.2 |
| Unemployed (000s) | 103.7 | 120.9 | -17.2 | -14.2 | 108.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.4 | 6.4 | -1.0 | --- | 5.7 |
| Average Weekly Initial Claims | 3,799 | 4,218 | -419 | -9.9 | 4,244 |
| Avg. Insured Unemp. Rate (%) | 2.58 | 2.94 | -0.36 | --- | 2.37 |
| | 2Q2015 | 2Q2014 | | | 1Q2015 |
| U-6 Rate (%) | 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

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun | May |
|--|--------|--------|--------|------|----------|-------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 | 2015 |
| Production Worker Avg Wkly Hours | 39.5 | 40.6 | -1.1 | -2.7 | 39.6 | -- |
| Prod. Worker Avg Hourly Earnings | 25.26 | 21.90 | 3.36 | 15.3 | 25.26 | -- |
| Prod. Worker Avg Weekly Earnings | 997.77 | 889.14 | 108.63 | 12.2 | 1,000.30 | -- |
| CT Mfg. Prod. Index, NSA (2009=100) | 123.6 | 118.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 128.5 | 106.5 |
| Production Worker Hours (000s) | 3,914 | 3,900 | 14 | 0.4 | 3,924 | -- |
| Industrial Electricity Sales (mil kWh)* | 294 | 289 | 4.7 | 1.6 | 311 | 239 |
| CT Mfg. Prod. Index, SA (2009=100) | 115.7 | 112.7 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 123.6 | 107.4 |

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* | 1Q | CHANGE | | 4Q* |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| Personal Income | \$235,233 | \$229,450 | 5,783 | 2.5 | \$233,774 |
| UI Covered Wages** | \$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

New auto registrations rose over the year.

| | MONTH | LEVEL | Y/Y % | YEAR TO DATE | | % |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------|--------------|---------|------|
| | | | CHG | CURRENT | PRIOR | CHG |
| New Housing Permits* | Jul 2015 | 696 | 112.8 | 3,218 | 3,337 | -3.6 |
| Electricity Sales (mil kWh) | Jun 2015 | 2,375 | 3.6 | 14,629 | 14,611 | 0.1 |
| Construction Contracts | | | | | | |
| Index (1980=100) | Jul 2015 | 606.0 | 123.4 | --- | --- | --- |
| New Auto Registrations | Jul 2015 | 21,116 | 33.7 | 115,995 | 108,348 | 7.1 |
| Exports (Bil. \$) | 2Q 2015 | 4.10 | 3.3 | 8.03 | 8.09 | -0.7 |
| S&P 500: Monthly Close | Jul 2015 | 2,103.84 | 9.0 | --- | --- | --- |

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 |
| STARTS | | | | | | |
| Secretary of the State | Jun 2015 | 2,657 | 10.3 | 12,580 | 13,666 | -7.9 |
| Department of Labor | 4Q 2014 | 1,545 | -7.6 | 7,631 | 8,231 | -7.3 |
| TERMINATIONS | | | | | | |
| Secretary of the State | Jun 2015 | 860 | 15.3 | 5,937 | 4,677 | 26.9 |
| Department of Labor | 4Q 2014 | 2,071 | -28.7 | 6,765 | 8,246 | -18.0 |

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

STATE REVENUES

Indian gaming payments were up from a year ago.

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Jul 2015 | Jul 2014 | % CHG | CURRENT | PRIOR | % CHG |
| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ALL REVENUES* | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Corporate Tax | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Personal Income Tax | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Real Estate Conv. Tax | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Sales & Use Tax | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Indian Gaming Payments** | 24.5 | 24.4 | 0.2 | 155.3 | 160.3 | -3.1 |

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 rose over the year.

| | MONTH | LEVEL | Y/Y % | YEAR TO DATE | | % |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| | | | CHG | CURRENT | PRIOR | CHG |
| Info Center Visitors | Jul 2015 | 33,009 | -35.2 | 105,699 | 170,031 | -37.8 |
| Major Attraction Visitors* | Jul 2015 | 992,329 | 15.2 | 3,601,907 | 3,618,886 | -0.5 |
| Air Passenger Count | Jun 2015 | 508,122 | 1.5 | 2,922,990 | 2,872,152 | 1.8 |
| Indian Gaming Slots (Mil.\$)** | Jul 2015 | 1,185.6 | 0.6 | 7,447.1 | 7,662.9 | -2.8 |

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

*Start of reporting VISION Index expanded panel

**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 | Mar | 3-Mo | Jun | Jun | 12-Mo |
| | 2015 | 2015 | % Chg | 2015 | 2014 | % Chg |
| Private Industry Workers (Dec. 2005 = 100) | | | | | | |
| UNITED STATES TOTAL | 123.2 | 123.2 | 0.0 | 123.3 | 121.0 | 1.9 |
| Wages and Salaries | 122.8 | 122.6 | 0.2 | 122.9 | 120.3 | 2.2 |
| Benefit Costs | 124.2 | 124.5 | -0.2 | 124.4 | 122.7 | 1.4 |
| NORTHEAST TOTAL | --- | --- | --- | 124.3 | 121.8 | 2.1 |
| Wages and Salaries | --- | --- | --- | 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

| (Not seasonally adjusted) | MO/QTR | LEVEL | % CHANGE | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|------|
| | | | Y/Y | P/P* |
| CONSUMER PRICES | | | | |
| CPI-U (1982-84=100) | | | | |
| U.S. City Average | Jul 2015 | 238.654 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Purchasing Power of \$ (1982-84=\$1.00) | Jul 2015 | 0.419 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Northeast Region | Jul 2015 | 253.405 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| NY-Northern NJ-Long Island | Jul 2015 | 261.199 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua** | Jul 2015 | 256.999 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| CPI-W (1982-84=100) | | | | |
| U.S. City Average | Jul 2015 | 233.806 | -0.3 | 0.0 |

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 rose to 4.05 percent over the month.

INTEREST RATES

| (Percent) | Jul 2015 | Jun 2015 | Jul 2014 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Prime | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| Federal Funds | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.09 |
| 3 Month Treasury Bill | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| 6 Month Treasury Bill | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.06 |
| 1 Year Treasury Note | 0.30 | 0.28 | 0.11 |
| 3 Year Treasury Note | 1.03 | 1.07 | 0.97 |
| 5 Year Treasury Note | 1.63 | 1.68 | 1.70 |
| 7 Year Treasury Note | 2.04 | 2.10 | 2.17 |
| 10 Year Treasury Note | 2.32 | 2.36 | 2.54 |
| 20 Year Treasury Note | 2.77 | 2.85 | 3.07 |
| Conventional Mortgage | 4.05 | 3.98 | 4.13 |

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> | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| Connecticut | 1,696.0 | 1,665.4 | 30.6 | 1.8 | 1,691.9 |
| Maine | 609.7 | 605.3 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 610.0 |
| Massachusetts | 3,492.1 | 3,422.8 | 69.3 | 2.0 | 3,484.9 |
| New Hampshire | 657.3 | 649.7 | 7.6 | 1.2 | 653.9 |
| New Jersey | 3,986.0 | 3,966.5 | 19.5 | 0.5 | 3,999.6 |
| New York | 9,268.3 | 9,104.9 | 163.4 | 1.8 | 9,249.3 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,856.1 | 5,789.6 | 66.5 | 1.1 | 5,848.1 |
| Rhode Island | 486.2 | 480.0 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 482.9 |
| Vermont | 314.8 | 310.0 | 4.8 | 1.5 | 315.0 |
| United States | 142,071.0 | 139,156.0 | 2,915.0 | 2.1 | 141,856.0 |

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

LABOR FORCE

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

| <i>(Seasonally adjusted: 000s)</i> | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|-----------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| Connecticut | 1,910.9 | 1,884.3 | 26.6 | 1.4 | 1,918.1 |
| Maine | 692.2 | 698.7 | -6.5 | -0.9 | 692.9 |
| Massachusetts | 3,614.4 | 3,561.2 | 53.2 | 1.5 | 3,634.8 |
| New Hampshire | 748.8 | 740.5 | 8.3 | 1.1 | 748.9 |
| New Jersey | 4,538.6 | 4,517.9 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 4,553.4 |
| New York | 9,667.4 | 9,548.9 | 118.5 | 1.2 | 9,710.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,426.4 | 6,362.5 | 63.9 | 1.0 | 6,425.0 |
| Rhode Island | 559.8 | 554.4 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 558.5 |
| Vermont | 349.4 | 348.9 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 349.0 |
| United States | 157,106.0 | 156,048.0 | 1,058.0 | 0.7 | 157,037.0 |

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

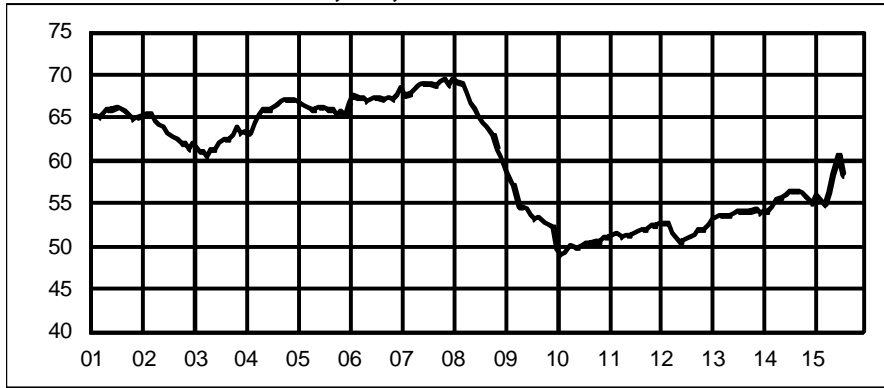
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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

| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | Jun |
|------------------------------|------|------|--------|------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 |
| Connecticut | 5.4 | 6.4 | -1.0 | 5.7 |
| Maine | 4.6 | 5.7 | -1.1 | 4.7 |
| Massachusetts | 4.7 | 5.7 | -1.0 | 4.7 |
| New Hampshire | 3.7 | 4.3 | -0.6 | 3.8 |
| New Jersey | 5.9 | 6.5 | -0.6 | 6.1 |
| New York | 5.4 | 6.1 | -0.7 | 5.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 5.4 | 5.5 | -0.1 | 5.4 |
| Rhode Island | 5.8 | 7.6 | -1.8 | 5.9 |
| Vermont | 3.6 | 4.1 | -0.5 | 3.6 |
| United States | 5.3 | 6.2 | -0.9 | 5.3 |

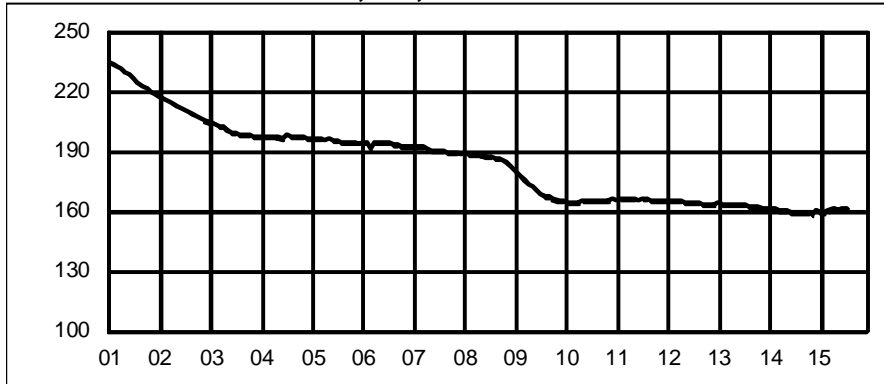
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CONSTRUCTION EMP., SA, 000s



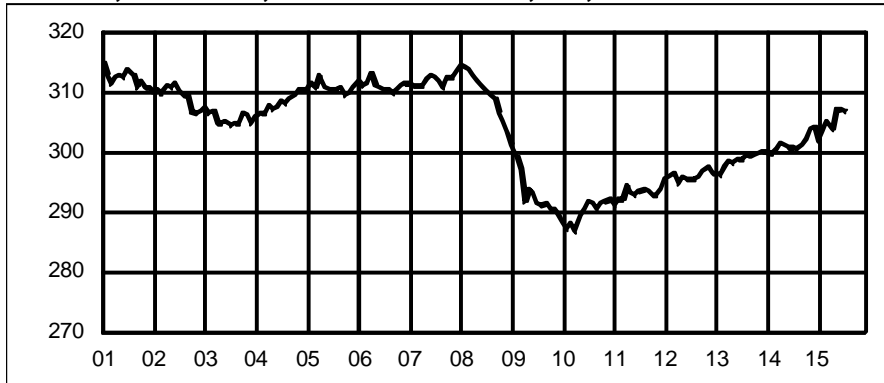
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|------|------|------|
| Jan | 53.1 | 53.9 | 55.8 |
| Feb | 53.4 | 54.1 | 55.5 |
| Mar | 53.5 | 54.4 | 54.7 |
| Apr | 53.6 | 55.5 | 56.0 |
| May | 53.6 | 55.7 | 58.3 |
| Jun | 53.8 | 55.9 | 60.5 |
| Jul | 53.9 | 56.3 | 58.3 |
| Aug | 53.9 | 56.4 | |
| Sep | 54.1 | 56.4 | |
| Oct | 53.9 | 56.2 | |
| Nov | 54.2 | 55.7 | |
| Dec | 53.8 | 54.9 | |

MANUFACTURING EMP., SA, 000s



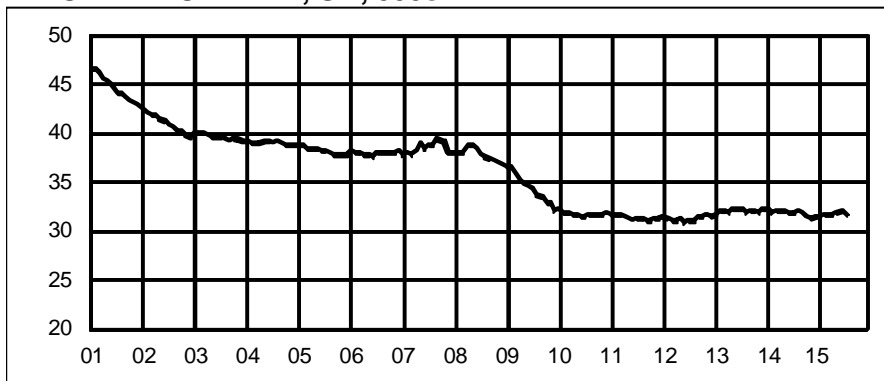
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 163.6 | 160.9 | 159.0 |
| Feb | 163.5 | 160.8 | 159.3 |
| Mar | 163.3 | 160.3 | 159.7 |
| Apr | 163.3 | 160.2 | 160.9 |
| May | 163.0 | 159.6 | 159.8 |
| Jun | 163.0 | 159.4 | 160.6 |
| Jul | 162.9 | 159.2 | 161.2 |
| Aug | 162.2 | 159.2 | |
| Sep | 161.8 | 158.9 | |
| Oct | 161.8 | 158.8 | |
| Nov | 161.5 | 158.5 | |
| Dec | 161.2 | 159.7 | |

TRADE, TRANSP., & UTILITIES EMP., SA, 000s



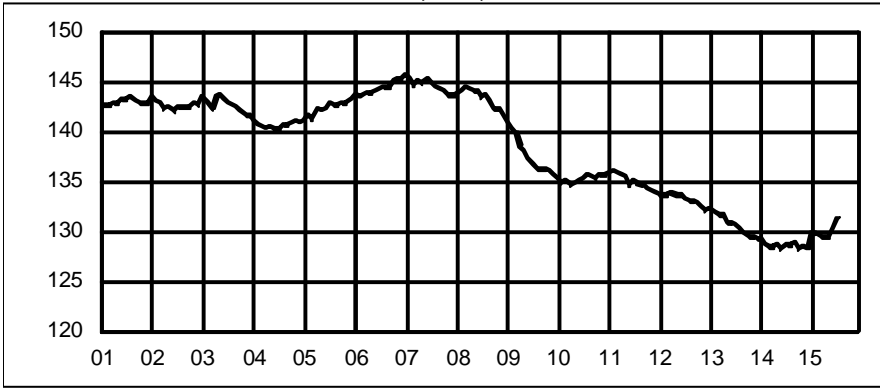
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 296.5 | 300.0 | 301.8 |
| Feb | 296.1 | 299.6 | 303.3 |
| Mar | 297.2 | 300.3 | 304.9 |
| Apr | 298.5 | 301.3 | 303.6 |
| May | 298.1 | 301.1 | 306.9 |
| Jun | 298.7 | 300.8 | 306.9 |
| Jul | 298.6 | 300.7 | 306.7 |
| Aug | 299.4 | 300.5 | |
| Sep | 299.0 | 300.9 | |
| Oct | 299.4 | 302.0 | |
| Nov | 299.7 | 303.7 | |
| Dec | 299.9 | 304.1 | |

INFORMATION EMP., SA, 000s



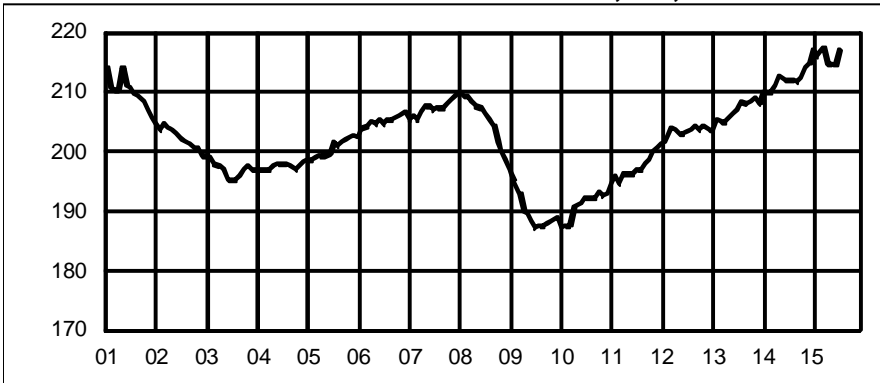
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|------|------|------|
| Jan | 31.7 | 32.2 | 31.4 |
| Feb | 32.1 | 31.9 | 31.6 |
| Mar | 32.1 | 32.1 | 31.7 |
| Apr | 31.8 | 32.1 | 31.7 |
| May | 32.2 | 32.0 | 31.9 |
| Jun | 32.2 | 31.9 | 32.0 |
| Jul | 32.2 | 31.9 | 31.7 |
| Aug | 31.9 | 32.0 | |
| Sep | 32.0 | 31.8 | |
| Oct | 32.0 | 31.5 | |
| Nov | 31.9 | 31.2 | |
| Dec | 32.3 | 31.4 | |

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES EMP., SA, 000s



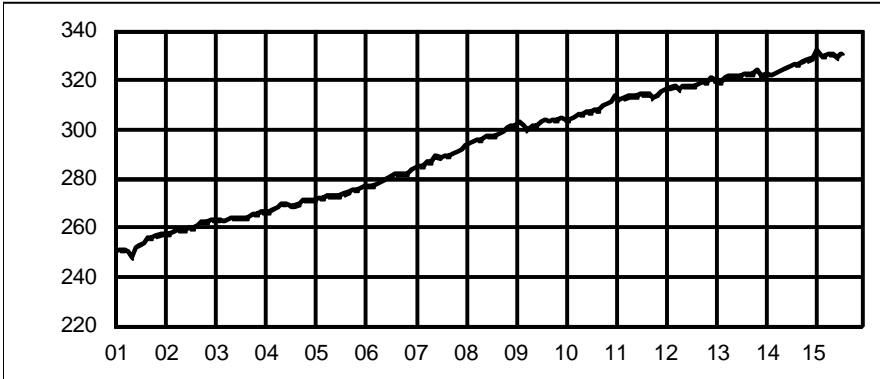
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 132.3 | 129.2 | 129.9 |
| Feb | 131.9 | 128.7 | 129.8 |
| Mar | 131.6 | 128.5 | 129.4 |
| Apr | 131.6 | 128.4 | 129.5 |
| May | 130.9 | 128.7 | 129.5 |
| Jun | 130.9 | 128.3 | 130.2 |
| Jul | 130.7 | 128.7 | 131.3 |
| Aug | 130.3 | 128.6 | |
| Sep | 129.9 | 128.8 | |
| Oct | 129.5 | 128.3 | |
| Nov | 129.4 | 128.4 | |
| Dec | 129.2 | 128.3 | |

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



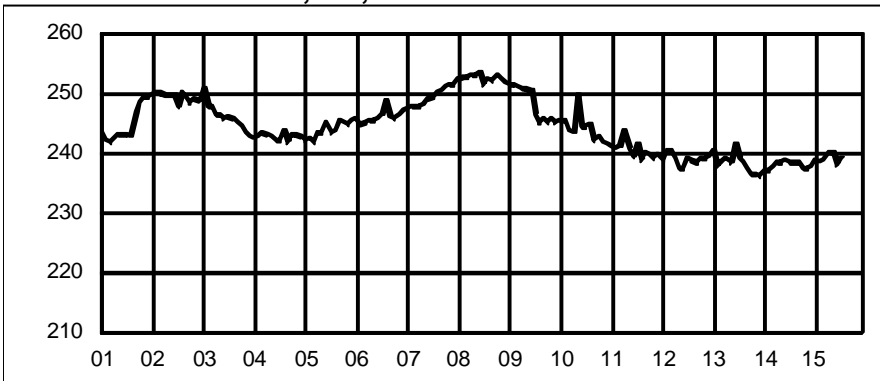
| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 203.4 | 209.8 | 216.9 |
| Feb | 205.3 | 209.8 | 216.1 |
| Mar | 205.0 | 209.9 | 217.3 |
| Apr | 205.0 | 211.1 | 214.6 |
| May | 205.7 | 212.5 | 214.5 |
| Jun | 206.3 | 212.0 | 214.4 |
| Jul | 206.8 | 211.8 | 217.1 |
| Aug | 208.4 | 211.8 | |
| Sep | 208.0 | 211.5 | |
| Oct | 208.4 | 212.3 | |
| Nov | 208.8 | 213.8 | |
| Dec | 208.0 | 214.7 | |

EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERV. EMP., SA, 000s



| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 319.7 | 322.3 | 331.5 |
| Feb | 318.8 | 321.1 | 329.6 |
| Mar | 320.6 | 322.4 | 329.6 |
| Apr | 321.3 | 323.3 | 330.1 |
| May | 321.2 | 324.0 | 330.1 |
| Jun | 321.7 | 324.4 | 329.0 |
| Jul | 321.4 | 325.4 | 330.6 |
| Aug | 322.0 | 325.9 | |
| Sep | 322.1 | 326.2 | |
| Oct | 322.0 | 327.1 | |
| Nov | 323.4 | 327.6 | |
| Dec | 321.4 | 328.7 | |

GOVERNMENT EMP., SA, 000s



| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan | 240.4 | 237.0 | 238.6 |
| Feb | 237.7 | 237.1 | 238.4 |
| Mar | 238.5 | 237.7 | 238.6 |
| Apr | 238.9 | 238.2 | 240.1 |
| May | 238.4 | 238.4 | 239.9 |
| Jun | 241.3 | 238.8 | 237.9 |
| Jul | 239.0 | 238.2 | 239.0 |
| Aug | 238.5 | 238.2 | |
| Sep | 237.5 | 238.4 | |
| Oct | 236.3 | 237.3 | |
| Nov | 236.4 | 237.4 | |
| Dec | 236.0 | 237.7 | |

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| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 1,697,600 | 1,662,100 | 35,500 | 2.1 | 1,714,200 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 1,473,700 | 1,439,000 | 34,700 | 2.4 | 1,473,500 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 224,300 | 220,400 | 3,900 | 1.8 | 224,900 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 61,900 | 60,200 | 1,700 | 2.8 | 63,000 |
| MANUFACTURING | 162,400 | 160,200 | 2,200 | 1.4 | 161,900 |
| Durable Goods | 126,600 | 124,600 | 2,000 | 1.6 | 126,000 |
| Fabricated Metal..... | 29,300 | 29,700 | -400 | -1.3 | 29,600 |
| Machinery..... | 13,900 | 14,100 | -200 | -1.4 | 13,900 |
| Computer and Electronic Product..... | 12,300 | 12,700 | -400 | -3.1 | 12,400 |
| Transportation Equipment..... | 40,200 | 40,300 | -100 | -0.2 | 40,200 |
| Aerospace Product and Parts..... | 28,100 | 27,800 | 300 | 1.1 | 28,200 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 35,800 | 35,600 | 200 | 0.6 | 35,900 |
| Chemical..... | 9,700 | 10,200 | -500 | -4.9 | 9,700 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 1,473,300 | 1,441,700 | 31,600 | 2.2 | 1,489,300 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 304,100 | 297,100 | 7,000 | 2.4 | 309,500 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 62,800 | 63,500 | -700 | -1.1 | 62,900 |
| Retail Trade..... | 190,000 | 184,400 | 5,600 | 3.0 | 192,100 |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers..... | 21,400 | 21,100 | 300 | 1.4 | 21,500 |
| Building Material..... | 16,200 | 16,000 | 200 | 1.3 | 16,600 |
| Food and Beverage Stores..... | 46,000 | 44,800 | 1,200 | 2.7 | 46,200 |
| General Merchandise Stores..... | 28,200 | 28,000 | 200 | 0.7 | 28,300 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 51,300 | 49,200 | 2,100 | 4.3 | 54,500 |
| Utilities..... | 7,300 | 7,300 | 0 | 0.0 | 7,400 |
| Transportation and Warehousing..... | 44,000 | 41,900 | 2,100 | 5.0 | 47,100 |
| INFORMATION | 31,800 | 32,100 | -300 | -0.9 | 32,100 |
| Telecommunications..... | 8,800 | 9,200 | -400 | -4.3 | 8,900 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 132,100 | 130,400 | 1,700 | 1.3 | 130,800 |
| Finance and Insurance..... | 111,700 | 110,500 | 1,200 | 1.1 | 110,600 |
| Credit Intermediation..... | 26,600 | 26,500 | 100 | 0.4 | 26,300 |
| Securities and Commodity Contracts..... | 25,800 | 25,700 | 100 | 0.4 | 25,400 |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.... | 59,300 | 58,300 | 1,000 | 1.7 | 58,900 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing..... | 20,400 | 19,900 | 500 | 2.5 | 20,200 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 220,000 | 214,000 | 6,000 | 2.8 | 218,900 |
| Professional, Scientific..... | 96,200 | 95,200 | 1,000 | 1.1 | 95,600 |
| Legal Services..... | 13,100 | 13,100 | 0 | 0.0 | 13,100 |
| Computer Systems Design..... | 26,500 | 25,700 | 800 | 3.1 | 26,400 |
| Management of Companies..... | 29,800 | 31,100 | -1,300 | -4.2 | 30,300 |
| Administrative and Support..... | 94,000 | 87,700 | 6,300 | 7.2 | 93,000 |
| Employment Services..... | 30,500 | 28,100 | 2,400 | 8.5 | 30,300 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 326,400 | 320,300 | 6,100 | 1.9 | 326,700 |
| Educational Services..... | 58,200 | 58,000 | 200 | 0.3 | 58,600 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 268,200 | 262,300 | 5,900 | 2.2 | 268,100 |
| Hospitals..... | 59,600 | 59,500 | 100 | 0.2 | 59,700 |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities..... | 64,600 | 63,100 | 1,500 | 2.4 | 64,100 |
| Social Assistance..... | 55,300 | 52,500 | 2,800 | 5.3 | 55,600 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 170,200 | 160,200 | 10,000 | 6.2 | 166,100 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation..... | 36,500 | 33,100 | 3,400 | 10.3 | 34,500 |
| Accommodation and Food Services..... | 133,700 | 127,100 | 6,600 | 5.2 | 131,600 |
| Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.... | 120,200 | 113,800 | 6,400 | 5.6 | 119,100 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 64,800 | 64,500 | 300 | 0.5 | 64,500 |
| GOVERNMENT | 223,900 | 223,100 | 800 | 0.4 | 240,700 |
| Federal Government..... | 17,500 | 17,300 | 200 | 1.2 | 17,500 |
| State Government..... | 63,800 | 64,200 | -400 | -0.6 | 65,800 |
| Local Government**..... | 142,600 | 141,600 | 1,000 | 0.7 | 157,400 |

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2014.

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

BRIDGEPORT - STAMFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 420,200 | 410,100 | 10,100 | 2.5 | 419,800 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 377,300 | 367,800 | 9,500 | 2.6 | 374,400 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 45,200 | 45,000 | 200 | 0.4 | 44,800 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 12,800 | 12,700 | 100 | 0.8 | 12,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 32,400 | 32,300 | 100 | 0.3 | 32,200 |
| Durable Goods..... | 23,700 | 23,900 | -200 | -0.8 | 23,700 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 375,000 | 365,100 | 9,900 | 2.7 | 375,000 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 74,900 | 70,800 | 4,100 | 5.8 | 75,100 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 13,500 | 13,600 | -100 | -0.7 | 13,500 |
| Retail Trade..... | 51,100 | 47,700 | 3,400 | 7.1 | 50,900 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 10,300 | 9,500 | 800 | 8.4 | 10,700 |
| INFORMATION | 11,500 | 11,500 | 0 | 0.0 | 11,500 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 40,600 | 41,200 | -600 | -1.5 | 40,200 |
| Finance and Insurance..... | 33,500 | 34,700 | -1,200 | -3.5 | 33,200 |
| Credit Intermediation..... | 9,800 | 10,100 | -300 | -3.0 | 9,800 |
| Securities and Commodity Contracts..... | 17,200 | 17,700 | -500 | -2.8 | 17,000 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 68,500 | 67,300 | 1,200 | 1.8 | 67,900 |
| Professional, Scientific..... | 28,400 | 29,000 | -600 | -2.1 | 28,400 |
| Administrative and Support..... | 27,100 | 25,600 | 1,500 | 5.9 | 26,400 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 70,400 | 70,400 | 0 | 0.0 | 71,200 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 59,300 | 59,300 | 0 | 0.0 | 60,200 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 48,700 | 44,200 | 4,500 | 10.2 | 46,500 |
| Accommodation and Food Services..... | 35,400 | 31,500 | 3,900 | 12.4 | 34,400 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 17,500 | 17,400 | 100 | 0.6 | 17,200 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,900 | 42,300 | 600 | 1.4 | 45,400 |
| Federal..... | 2,400 | 2,400 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,400 |
| State & Local..... | 40,500 | 39,900 | 600 | 1.5 | 43,000 |

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 78,200 | 78,200 | 0 | 0.0 | 79,600 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 68,900 | 68,900 | 0 | 0.0 | 69,200 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 13,100 | 12,700 | 400 | 3.1 | 13,100 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 65,100 | 65,500 | -400 | -0.6 | 66,500 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 17,700 | 17,400 | 300 | 1.7 | 17,800 |
| Retail Trade..... | 13,000 | 12,900 | 100 | 0.8 | 13,300 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 9,500 | 9,400 | 100 | 1.1 | 9,500 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 8,100 | 7,800 | 300 | 3.8 | 7,900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 9,300 | 9,300 | 0 | 0.0 | 10,400 |
| Federal..... | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0.0 | 700 |
| State & Local..... | 8,600 | 8,600 | 0 | 0.0 | 9,700 |

Current month's data are preliminary. Prior months' data have been revised. All data are benchmarked to March 2014.

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

HARTFORD LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Jul 2015 | Jul 2014 | CHANGE | | Jun 2015 |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | NO. | % | |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 572,400 | 559,900 | 12,500 | 2.2 | 578,800 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 489,900 | 478,100 | 11,800 | 2.5 | 491,400 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 75,600 | 75,900 | -300 | -0.4 | 76,400 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 20,400 | 20,500 | -100 | -0.5 | 20,800 |
| MANUFACTURING | 55,200 | 55,400 | -200 | -0.4 | 55,600 |
| Durable Goods..... | 45,800 | 45,900 | -100 | -0.2 | 46,200 |
| Non-Durable Goods..... | 9,400 | 9,500 | -100 | -1.1 | 9,400 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 496,800 | 484,000 | 12,800 | 2.6 | 502,400 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 90,900 | 90,000 | 900 | 1.0 | 93,700 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 17,400 | 18,300 | -900 | -4.9 | 17,700 |
| Retail Trade..... | 57,100 | 56,200 | 900 | 1.6 | 58,000 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 16,400 | 15,500 | 900 | 5.8 | 18,000 |
| Transportation and Warehousing..... | 13,900 | 12,900 | 1,000 | 7.8 | 15,500 |
| INFORMATION | 11,500 | 11,500 | 0 | 0.0 | 11,600 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 58,800 | 57,400 | 1,400 | 2.4 | 58,200 |
| Depository Credit Institutions..... | 6,100 | 6,300 | -200 | -3.2 | 6,100 |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities.... | 37,800 | 37,800 | 0 | 0.0 | 37,500 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 72,200 | 70,100 | 2,100 | 3.0 | 72,200 |
| Professional, Scientific..... | 34,200 | 33,900 | 300 | 0.9 | 34,000 |
| Management of Companies..... | 7,900 | 8,500 | -600 | -7.1 | 8,000 |
| Administrative and Support..... | 30,100 | 27,700 | 2,400 | 8.7 | 30,200 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 106,800 | 102,600 | 4,200 | 4.1 | 106,100 |
| Educational Services..... | 12,500 | 11,800 | 700 | 5.9 | 13,100 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 94,300 | 90,800 | 3,500 | 3.9 | 93,000 |
| Ambulatory Health Care..... | 31,700 | 30,600 | 1,100 | 3.6 | 31,500 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 52,200 | 49,000 | 3,200 | 6.5 | 51,200 |
| Accommodation and Food Services..... | 40,900 | 39,400 | 1,500 | 3.8 | 40,600 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 21,900 | 21,600 | 300 | 1.4 | 22,000 |
| GOVERNMENT | 82,500 | 81,800 | 700 | 0.9 | 87,400 |
| Federal..... | 5,400 | 5,300 | 100 | 1.9 | 5,400 |
| State & Local..... | 77,100 | 76,500 | 600 | 0.8 | 82,000 |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

| Labor Market Areas | Jul 2015 | Jul 2014 | CHANGE | | Jun 2015 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|
| | | | NO. | % | |
| BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA..... | 413,400 | 405,700 | 7,700 | 1.9 | 411,200 |
| DANBURY LMA**..... | 78,300 | 78,400 | -100 | -0.1 | 78,500 |
| HARTFORD LMA..... | 578,700 | 564,400 | 14,300 | 2.5 | 574,900 |
| NEW HAVEN LMA..... | 280,700 | 278,700 | 2,000 | 0.7 | 281,600 |
| NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA..... | 127,100 | 128,300 | -1,200 | -0.9 | 127,300 |
| WATERBURY LMA**..... | 69,100 | 67,100 | 2,000 | 3.0 | 68,200 |
| ENFIELD LMA**..... | 45,900 | 45,000 | 900 | 2.0 | 45,600 |
| TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA**..... | 34,200 | 33,900 | 300 | 0.9 | 33,900 |
| DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA**..... | 27,100 | 27,100 | 0 | 0.0 | 27,300 |

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*Total excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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

NEW HAVEN LMA



Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 278,800 | 275,200 | 3,600 | 1.3 | 285,500 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 247,800 | 245,200 | 2,600 | 1.1 | 249,300 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 33,700 | 35,700 | -2,000 | -5.6 | 33,900 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 9,700 | 10,600 | -900 | -8.5 | 9,800 |
| MANUFACTURING | 24,000 | 25,100 | -1,100 | -4.4 | 24,100 |
| Durable Goods..... | 19,100 | 19,300 | -200 | -1.0 | 19,100 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 245,100 | 239,500 | 5,600 | 2.3 | 251,600 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 51,600 | 51,200 | 400 | 0.8 | 52,200 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 11,100 | 11,300 | -200 | -1.8 | 11,100 |
| Retail Trade..... | 30,000 | 29,900 | 100 | 0.3 | 30,100 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 10,500 | 10,000 | 500 | 5.0 | 11,000 |
| INFORMATION | 4,000 | 4,100 | -100 | -2.4 | 4,000 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 12,800 | 12,700 | 100 | 0.8 | 12,700 |
| Finance and Insurance..... | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 | 0.0 | 9,000 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 31,700 | 30,200 | 1,500 | 5.0 | 31,400 |
| Administrative and Support..... | 15,400 | 14,400 | 1,000 | 6.9 | 15,100 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 77,400 | 75,800 | 1,600 | 2.1 | 77,900 |
| Educational Services..... | 27,600 | 26,600 | 1,000 | 3.8 | 27,800 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 49,800 | 49,200 | 600 | 1.2 | 50,100 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 25,700 | 24,600 | 1,100 | 4.5 | 26,300 |
| Accommodation and Food Services..... | 21,800 | 20,600 | 1,200 | 5.8 | 22,300 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 10,900 | 10,900 | 0 | 0.0 | 10,900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31,000 | 30,000 | 1,000 | 3.3 | 36,200 |
| Federal..... | 4,700 | 4,700 | 0 | 0.0 | 4,700 |
| State & Local..... | 26,300 | 25,300 | 1,000 | 4.0 | 31,500 |

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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 4,200 in July

The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine (HWOL) data reported that there were 81,600 advertisements for Connecticut-based jobs in July 2015, a 5.4 percent increase over the month and a 13.0 percent increase over the year. There were 4.25 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Connecticut's labor force, while nationally it was 3.43 percent. Among the New England states, Massachusetts had the highest labor demand rate (4.63), while Vermont had the lowest rate (3.31) in July.

| | Jul | Jul | Jun |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| <i>(Seasonally adjusted)</i> | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| CT Vacancies (000s) | 81.6 | 72.2 | 77.4 |
| Hartford Vac. (000s) | 31.1 | 28.1 | 31.5 |
| Labor Demand Rate * | | | |
| Connecticut | 4.25 | 3.83 | 4.04 |
| United States | 3.43 | 3.31 | 3.38 |
| Maine | 3.77 | 4.05 | 3.63 |
| Massachusetts | 4.63 | 4.29 | 4.57 |
| New Hampshire | 3.63 | 4.09 | 3.36 |
| Rhode Island | 3.96 | 3.75 | 3.83 |
| Vermont | 3.31 | 3.78 | 3.65 |

* 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.

**NORWICH-NEW LONDON-
WESTERLY, CT-RI LMA***Not Seasonally Adjusted*

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 128,600 | 130,300 | -1,700 | -1.3 | 129,600 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 98,400 | 98,600 | -200 | -0.2 | 98,600 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 19,200 | 19,200 | 0 | 0.0 | 19,300 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 4,100 | 4,200 | -100 | -2.4 | 4,100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15,100 | 15,000 | 100 | 0.7 | 15,200 |
| Durable Goods..... | 11,800 | 11,500 | 300 | 2.6 | 11,800 |
| Non-Durable Goods..... | 3,300 | 3,500 | -200 | -5.7 | 3,400 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 109,400 | 111,100 | -1,700 | -1.5 | 110,300 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 23,300 | 22,900 | 400 | 1.7 | 23,700 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 2,500 | 2,600 | -100 | -3.8 | 2,500 |
| Retail Trade..... | 16,600 | 16,000 | 600 | 3.8 | 16,700 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 4,200 | 4,300 | -100 | -2.3 | 4,500 |
| INFORMATION | 1,100 | 1,200 | -100 | -8.3 | 1,100 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 3,000 | 3,100 | -100 | -3.2 | 3,000 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 8,900 | 9,000 | -100 | -1.1 | 9,100 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 20,800 | 20,900 | -100 | -0.5 | 20,900 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 18,800 | 18,700 | 100 | 0.5 | 19,200 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 18,300 | 18,600 | -300 | -1.6 | 17,700 |
| Accommodation and Food Services..... | 15,100 | 15,300 | -200 | -1.3 | 14,700 |
| Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places.... | 12,400 | 12,800 | -400 | -3.1 | 12,200 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 3,800 | 3,700 | 100 | 2.7 | 3,800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 30,200 | 31,700 | -1,500 | -4.7 | 31,000 |
| Federal..... | 2,600 | 2,500 | 100 | 4.0 | 2,600 |
| State & Local**..... | 27,600 | 29,200 | -1,600 | -5.5 | 28,400 |

WATERBURY LMA*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 68,600 | 66,700 | 1,900 | 2.8 | 69,200 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 59,000 | 57,400 | 1,600 | 2.8 | 58,900 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES | 10,300 | 10,300 | 0 | 0.0 | 10,300 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING | 3,000 | 2,800 | 200 | 7.1 | 2,900 |
| MANUFACTURING | 7,300 | 7,500 | -200 | -2.7 | 7,400 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES | 58,300 | 56,400 | 1,900 | 3.4 | 58,900 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES | 13,500 | 12,900 | 600 | 4.7 | 13,800 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 2,200 | 2,200 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,200 |
| Retail Trade..... | 9,500 | 9,100 | 400 | 4.4 | 9,600 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities.... | 1,800 | 1,600 | 200 | 12.5 | 2,000 |
| INFORMATION | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0.0 | 700 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 2,100 | 2,100 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,100 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 5,600 | 5,500 | 100 | 1.8 | 5,600 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES | 17,500 | 16,800 | 700 | 4.2 | 17,500 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 15,600 | 15,200 | 400 | 2.6 | 15,500 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY | 6,700 | 6,400 | 300 | 4.7 | 6,300 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 2,600 | 2,700 | -100 | -3.7 | 2,600 |
| GOVERNMENT | 9,600 | 9,300 | 300 | 3.2 | 10,300 |
| Federal..... | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0.0 | 400 |
| State & Local..... | 9,200 | 8,900 | 300 | 3.4 | 9,900 |

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

SMALLER LMAS*



Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | | | | | |
| ENFIELD LMA..... | 45,600 | 44,800 | 800 | 1.8 | 46,100 |
| TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA..... | 35,000 | 34,700 | 300 | 0.9 | 34,700 |
| DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA..... | 27,100 | 27,100 | 0 | 0.0 | 27,700 |

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

| | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT..... | 323,400 | 319,700 | 3,700 | 1.2 | 328,300 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE..... | 266,700 | 262,100 | 4,600 | 1.8 | 266,600 |
| GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES..... | 40,800 | 41,000 | -200 | -0.5 | 40,700 |
| CONSTRUCTION, NAT. RES. & MINING..... | 11,900 | 11,500 | 400 | 3.5 | 11,700 |
| MANUFACTURING..... | 28,900 | 29,500 | -600 | -2.0 | 29,000 |
| Durable Goods..... | 19,700 | 20,000 | -300 | -1.5 | 19,800 |
| Non-Durable Goods..... | 9,200 | 9,500 | -300 | -3.2 | 9,200 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES..... | 282,600 | 278,700 | 3,900 | 1.4 | 287,600 |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES..... | 58,500 | 58,000 | 500 | 0.9 | 59,000 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 11,500 | 11,400 | 100 | 0.9 | 11,500 |
| Retail Trade..... | 34,700 | 35,100 | -400 | -1.1 | 34,800 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities..... | 12,300 | 11,500 | 800 | 7.0 | 12,700 |
| INFORMATION..... | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0.0 | 3,800 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES..... | 16,500 | 16,600 | -100 | -0.6 | 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..... | 28,000 | 25,900 | 2,100 | 8.1 | 28,200 |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES..... | 74,500 | 72,700 | 1,800 | 2.5 | 73,700 |
| Educational Services..... | 12,800 | 13,200 | -400 | -3.0 | 12,500 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance..... | 61,700 | 59,500 | 2,200 | 3.7 | 61,200 |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY..... | 31,300 | 31,100 | 200 | 0.6 | 31,700 |
| OTHER SERVICES..... | 13,300 | 13,000 | 300 | 2.3 | 13,000 |
| GOVERNMENT..... | 56,700 | 57,600 | -900 | -1.6 | 61,700 |
| Federal..... | 5,900 | 6,000 | -100 | -1.7 | 5,900 |
| State & Local..... | 50,800 | 51,600 | -800 | -1.6 | 55,800 |

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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 | Jul | Jul | CHANGE | | Jun |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| | | 2015 | 2014 | NO. | % | 2015 |
| CONNECTICUT | Civilian Labor Force | 1,941,400 | 1,917,400 | 24,000 | 1.3 | 1,931,200 |
| | Employed | 1,832,200 | 1,785,900 | 46,300 | 2.6 | 1,827,200 |
| | Unemployed | 109,200 | 131,400 | -22,200 | -16.9 | 104,000 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.9 | -1.3 | --- | 5.4 |
| BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 481,800 | 473,000 | 8,800 | 1.9 | 475,800 |
| | Employed | 455,800 | 441,800 | 14,000 | 3.2 | 450,900 |
| | Unemployed | 26,100 | 31,300 | -5,200 | -16.6 | 24,900 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.4 | 6.6 | -1.2 | --- | 5.2 |
| DANBURY LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 109,500 | 108,400 | 1,100 | 1.0 | 108,800 |
| | Employed | 104,500 | 102,500 | 2,000 | 2.0 | 104,100 |
| | Unemployed | 5,000 | 6,000 | -1,000 | -16.7 | 4,600 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 5.5 | -0.9 | --- | 4.3 |
| DANIELSON-NORTHEAST LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 44,500 | 43,400 | 1,100 | 2.5 | 44,400 |
| | Employed | 41,900 | 40,400 | 1,500 | 3.7 | 41,800 |
| | Unemployed | 2,600 | 3,100 | -500 | -16.1 | 2,500 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.9 | 7.1 | -1.2 | --- | 5.7 |
| ENFIELD LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 50,200 | 49,700 | 500 | 1.0 | 50,100 |
| | Employed | 47,500 | 46,600 | 900 | 1.9 | 47,600 |
| | Unemployed | 2,600 | 3,100 | -500 | -16.1 | 2,500 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.3 | 6.3 | -1.0 | --- | 5.0 |
| HARTFORD LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 631,900 | 622,900 | 9,000 | 1.4 | 629,300 |
| | Employed | 595,900 | 579,600 | 16,300 | 2.8 | 595,200 |
| | Unemployed | 36,000 | 43,300 | -7,300 | -16.9 | 34,000 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.7 | 7.0 | -1.3 | --- | 5.4 |
| NEW HAVEN LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 329,600 | 327,000 | 2,600 | 0.8 | 330,600 |
| | Employed | 310,600 | 303,800 | 6,800 | 2.2 | 312,500 |
| | Unemployed | 19,000 | 23,200 | -4,200 | -18.1 | 18,100 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 7.1 | -1.3 | --- | 5.5 |
| NORWICH-NEW LONDON LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 145,500 | 147,100 | -1,600 | -1.1 | 144,600 |
| | Employed | 136,900 | 136,600 | 300 | 0.2 | 136,200 |
| | Unemployed | 8,600 | 10,500 | -1,900 | -18.1 | 8,300 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.9 | 7.1 | -1.2 | --- | 5.8 |
| TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 49,700 | 49,100 | 600 | 1.2 | 49,500 |
| | Employed | 47,200 | 46,100 | 1,100 | 2.4 | 47,100 |
| | Unemployed | 2,400 | 3,000 | -600 | -20.0 | 2,300 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 6.1 | -1.2 | --- | 4.7 |
| WATERBURY LMA | Civilian Labor Force | 115,200 | 113,500 | 1,700 | 1.5 | 114,600 |
| | Employed | 107,200 | 104,000 | 3,200 | 3.1 | 106,800 |
| | Unemployed | 7,900 | 9,500 | -1,600 | -16.8 | 7,800 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 6.9 | 8.3 | -1.4 | --- | 6.8 |
| UNITED STATES | Civilian Labor Force | 158,527,000 | 157,573,000 | 954,000 | 0.6 | 158,283,000 |
| | Employed | 149,722,000 | 147,265,000 | 2,457,000 | 1.7 | 149,645,000 |
| | Unemployed | 8,805,000 | 10,307,000 | -1,502,000 | -14.6 | 8,638,000 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.5 | -0.9 | --- | 5.5 |

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| (Not seasonally adjusted) | AVG WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | AVG WEEKLY HOURS | | | | AVG HOURLY EARNINGS | | | |
|--|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Jul | | CHG Y/Y | Jun | Jul | | CHG Y/Y | Jun | Jul | | CHG Y/Y | Jun |
| | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 |
| PRODUCTION WORKER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | \$997.77 | \$889.14 | \$108.63 | \$1,000.30 | 39.5 | 40.6 | -1.1 | 39.6 | \$25.26 | \$21.90 | \$3.36 | \$25.26 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 1,024.03 | 902.72 | 121.31 | 1,030.82 | 39.1 | 40.3 | -1.2 | 39.8 | 26.19 | 22.40 | 3.79 | 25.90 |
| NON-DUR. GOODS | 913.71 | 842.87 | 70.84 | 896.28 | 40.9 | 41.5 | -0.6 | 38.8 | 22.34 | 20.31 | 2.03 | 23.10 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,189.81 | 1,154.03 | 35.78 | 1,147.96 | 39.1 | 37.8 | 1.3 | 38.6 | 30.43 | 30.53 | -0.10 | 29.74 |
| ALL EMPLOYEES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| STATEWIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 958.91 | 940.23 | 18.68 | 957.38 | 33.4 | 33.7 | -0.3 | 33.3 | 28.71 | 27.90 | 0.81 | 28.75 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 1,199.20 | 1,200.01 | -0.81 | 1,183.56 | 39.1 | 39.5 | -0.4 | 39.1 | 30.67 | 30.38 | 0.29 | 30.27 |
| Construction | 1,235.17 | 1,180.28 | 54.89 | 1,193.49 | 39.5 | 38.0 | 1.5 | 38.8 | 31.27 | 31.06 | 0.21 | 30.76 |
| Manufacturing | 1,183.34 | 1,196.39 | -13.05 | 1,182.54 | 38.9 | 39.8 | -0.9 | 39.3 | 30.42 | 30.06 | 0.36 | 30.09 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 916.60 | 894.67 | 21.92 | 917.97 | 32.4 | 32.7 | -0.3 | 32.3 | 28.29 | 27.36 | 0.93 | 28.42 |
| Trade, Transp., Utilities | 793.32 | 799.98 | -6.66 | 794.74 | 33.0 | 33.5 | -0.5 | 32.8 | 24.04 | 23.88 | 0.16 | 24.23 |
| Financial Activities | 1,674.92 | 1,639.62 | 35.30 | 1,661.54 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 0.4 | 38.1 | 44.31 | 43.84 | 0.47 | 43.61 |
| Prof. & Business Serv. | 1,171.90 | 1,116.96 | 54.94 | 1,177.63 | 34.6 | 35.8 | -1.2 | 34.8 | 33.87 | 31.20 | 2.67 | 33.84 |
| Education & Health Ser. | 816.93 | 787.51 | 29.42 | 816.82 | 31.3 | 31.4 | -0.1 | 31.2 | 26.10 | 25.08 | 1.02 | 26.18 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 411.60 | 393.47 | 18.13 | 413.32 | 26.1 | 25.7 | 0.4 | 25.8 | 15.77 | 15.31 | 0.46 | 16.02 |
| Other Services | 628.50 | 676.19 | -47.69 | 635.22 | 29.9 | 30.5 | -0.6 | 28.9 | 21.02 | 22.17 | -1.15 | 21.98 |
| LABOR MARKET AREAS: TOTAL PRIVATE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridgeport-Stamford | 1,101.87 | 1,028.20 | 73.67 | 1,115.18 | 33.4 | 33.8 | -0.4 | 33.6 | 32.99 | 30.42 | 2.57 | 33.19 |
| Danbury | 923.24 | 870.21 | 53.04 | 914.10 | 34.8 | 32.9 | 1.9 | 34.3 | 26.53 | 26.45 | 0.08 | 26.65 |
| Hartford | 986.15 | 981.60 | 4.55 | 982.26 | 33.9 | 34.6 | -0.7 | 34.0 | 29.09 | 28.37 | 0.72 | 28.89 |
| New Haven | 908.76 | 921.40 | -12.64 | 907.17 | 33.3 | 34.6 | -1.3 | 33.0 | 27.29 | 26.63 | 0.66 | 27.49 |
| Norwich-New London | 753.08 | 840.42 | -87.34 | 747.84 | 32.9 | 34.5 | -1.6 | 32.6 | 22.89 | 24.36 | -1.47 | 22.94 |
| Waterbury | 766.90 | 718.68 | 48.22 | 789.60 | 33.3 | 31.8 | 1.5 | 33.5 | 23.03 | 22.60 | 0.43 | 23.57 |

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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWS MEDIA

- In July 2015, Boscov's Department Stores announced it will be opening a Meriden store in October with 350 available positions. Thirty-five jobs will be created this year as Core Informatics of Branford goes through with plans to expand. Synchrony Financial also plans to expand by 200 to 400 positions in Stamford. Remedy Partners, a payment management company, of Darien will be adding 150 jobs.
- In July 2015, the aerospace company KLX of Stratford announced it will close its facility beginning in September, affecting 32 jobs. The New Haven restaurant, Bentara, closed this month- displacing 12 employees. Hallmark announced it will close its Enfield location in 2016 - putting 570 workers out of a job. Quest Diagnostics of Wallingford will reduce its workforce by 80 employees in August. Eastern Connecticut Health Network reduced its staff by 38 this month in the Manchester and Vernon locations. The Connecticut Department of Labor may be cutting 95 jobs in October from offices throughout the State due to a budget shortfall.

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)

JULY 2015

| LMA/TOWNS | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | % | LMA/TOWNS | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | % |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|------|
| BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD | | | | | HARTFORD cont... | | | | |
| | 481,849 | 455,796 | 26,053 | 5.4 | Canton | 5,771 | 5,552 | 219 | 3.8 |
| Ansonia | 9,872 | 9,091 | 781 | 7.9 | Chaplin | 1,301 | 1,216 | 85 | 6.5 |
| Bridgeport | 73,877 | 67,587 | 6,290 | 8.5 | Colchester | 9,564 | 9,150 | 414 | 4.3 |
| Darien | 8,768 | 8,392 | 376 | 4.3 | Columbia | 3,336 | 3,183 | 153 | 4.6 |
| Derby | 7,180 | 6,677 | 503 | 7.0 | Coventry | 7,889 | 7,533 | 356 | 4.5 |
| Easton | 4,032 | 3,874 | 158 | 3.9 | Cromwell | 8,097 | 7,731 | 366 | 4.5 |
| Fairfield | 30,088 | 28,643 | 1,445 | 4.8 | East Granby | 3,096 | 2,981 | 115 | 3.7 |
| Greenwich | 29,782 | 28,598 | 1,184 | 4.0 | East Haddam | 5,135 | 4,886 | 249 | 4.8 |
| Milford | 30,948 | 29,432 | 1,516 | 4.9 | East Hampton | 7,748 | 7,416 | 332 | 4.3 |
| Monroe | 10,632 | 10,095 | 537 | 5.1 | East Hartford | 28,176 | 26,014 | 2,162 | 7.7 |
| New Canaan | 8,680 | 8,305 | 375 | 4.3 | Ellington | 9,323 | 8,878 | 445 | 4.8 |
| Norwalk | 52,064 | 49,677 | 2,387 | 4.6 | Farmington | 14,225 | 13,681 | 544 | 3.8 |
| Oxford | 7,412 | 7,072 | 340 | 4.6 | Glastonbury | 19,215 | 18,482 | 733 | 3.8 |
| Redding | 4,713 | 4,513 | 200 | 4.2 | Granby | 6,840 | 6,561 | 279 | 4.1 |
| Ridgefield | 12,263 | 11,801 | 462 | 3.8 | Haddam | 5,213 | 5,003 | 210 | 4.0 |
| Seymour | 9,375 | 8,849 | 526 | 5.6 | Hartford | 55,498 | 49,569 | 5,929 | 10.7 |
| Shelton | 22,840 | 21,626 | 1,214 | 5.3 | Hartland | 1,165 | 1,115 | 50 | 4.3 |
| Southbury | 9,202 | 8,750 | 452 | 4.9 | Harwinton | 3,320 | 3,189 | 131 | 3.9 |
| Stamford | 71,302 | 68,021 | 3,281 | 4.6 | Hebron | 5,657 | 5,441 | 216 | 3.8 |
| Stratford | 28,563 | 26,686 | 1,877 | 6.6 | Lebanon | 4,313 | 4,110 | 203 | 4.7 |
| Trumbull | 18,842 | 17,971 | 871 | 4.6 | Manchester | 33,342 | 31,484 | 1,858 | 5.6 |
| Weston | 4,552 | 4,356 | 196 | 4.3 | Mansfield | 12,833 | 12,079 | 754 | 5.9 |
| Westport | 12,919 | 12,383 | 536 | 4.1 | Marlborough | 3,620 | 3,476 | 144 | 4.0 |
| Wilton | 8,836 | 8,485 | 351 | 4.0 | Middletown | 26,806 | 25,273 | 1,533 | 5.7 |
| Woodbridge | 5,107 | 4,912 | 195 | 3.8 | New Britain | 37,562 | 34,472 | 3,090 | 8.2 |
| | | | | | New Hartford | 4,115 | 3,939 | 176 | 4.3 |
| DANBURY | 109,450 | 104,457 | 4,993 | 4.6 | Newington | 17,574 | 16,766 | 808 | 4.6 |
| Bethel | 10,908 | 10,399 | 509 | 4.7 | Plainville | 10,580 | 10,051 | 529 | 5.0 |
| Bridgewater | 898 | 861 | 37 | 4.1 | Plymouth | 6,890 | 6,446 | 444 | 6.4 |
| Brookfield | 9,414 | 8,996 | 418 | 4.4 | Portland | 5,553 | 5,296 | 257 | 4.6 |
| Danbury | 47,927 | 45,723 | 2,204 | 4.6 | Rocky Hill | 11,514 | 11,028 | 486 | 4.2 |
| New Fairfield | 7,409 | 7,051 | 358 | 4.8 | Scotland | 983 | 940 | 43 | 4.4 |
| New Milford | 16,170 | 15,424 | 746 | 4.6 | Simsbury | 13,082 | 12,596 | 486 | 3.7 |
| Newtown | 14,699 | 14,059 | 640 | 4.4 | Southington | 24,566 | 23,467 | 1,099 | 4.5 |
| Sherman | 2,025 | 1,944 | 81 | 4.0 | South Windsor | 14,237 | 13,601 | 636 | 4.5 |
| | | | | | Stafford | 7,042 | 6,619 | 423 | 6.0 |
| ENFIELD | 50,169 | 47,527 | 2,642 | 5.3 | Thomaston | 4,920 | 4,683 | 237 | 4.8 |
| East Windsor | 6,513 | 6,156 | 357 | 5.5 | Tolland | 8,714 | 8,397 | 317 | 3.6 |
| Enfield | 23,340 | 22,042 | 1,298 | 5.6 | Union | 483 | 461 | 22 | 4.6 |
| Somers | 5,267 | 5,012 | 255 | 4.8 | Vernon | 17,402 | 16,473 | 929 | 5.3 |
| Suffield | 7,643 | 7,314 | 329 | 4.3 | West Hartford | 34,791 | 33,343 | 1,448 | 4.2 |
| Windsor Locks | 7,406 | 7,003 | 403 | 5.4 | Wethersfield | 14,264 | 13,566 | 698 | 4.9 |
| | | | | | Willington | 3,744 | 3,591 | 153 | 4.1 |
| HARTFORD | 631,887 | 595,889 | 35,998 | 5.7 | Windham | 13,235 | 12,302 | 933 | 7.0 |
| Andover | 1,962 | 1,880 | 82 | 4.2 | Windsor | 16,876 | 15,945 | 931 | 5.5 |
| Ashford | 2,632 | 2,515 | 117 | 4.4 | | | | | |
| Avon | 9,457 | 9,103 | 354 | 3.7 | | | | | |
| Barkhamsted | 2,362 | 2,269 | 93 | 3.9 | | | | | |
| Berlin | 11,920 | 11,383 | 537 | 4.5 | | | | | |
| Bloomfield | 11,627 | 10,870 | 757 | 6.5 | | | | | |
| Bolton | 3,214 | 3,084 | 130 | 4.0 | | | | | |
| Bristol | 33,478 | 31,406 | 2,072 | 6.2 | | | | | |
| Burlington | 5,625 | 5,394 | 231 | 4.1 | | | | | |

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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)

JULY 2015

| LMA/TOWNS | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | % | LMA/TOWNS | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | % |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| NEW HAVEN | 329,625 | 310,613 | 19,012 | 5.8 | TORRINGTON-NORTHWEST | | | | |
| Bethany | 3,159 | 3,018 | 141 | 4.5 | Canaan | 49,659 | 47,238 | 2,421 | 4.9 |
| Branford | 16,052 | 15,243 | 809 | 5.0 | Colebrook | 787 | 765 | 22 | 2.8 |
| Cheshire | 15,776 | 15,171 | 605 | 3.8 | Cornwall | 859 | 830 | 29 | 3.4 |
| Chester | 2,386 | 2,301 | 85 | 3.6 | Goshen | 823 | 795 | 28 | 3.4 |
| Clinton | 7,500 | 7,148 | 352 | 4.7 | Kent | 1,804 | 1,733 | 71 | 3.9 |
| Deep River | 2,946 | 2,824 | 122 | 4.1 | Litchfield | 1,611 | 1,555 | 56 | 3.5 |
| Durham | 4,400 | 4,232 | 168 | 3.8 | Morris | 5,020 | 4,822 | 198 | 3.9 |
| East Haven | 16,055 | 15,036 | 1,019 | 6.3 | Norfolk | 1,547 | 1,490 | 57 | 3.7 |
| Essex | 3,398 | 3,244 | 154 | 4.5 | Norwich | 948 | 905 | 43 | 4.5 |
| Guilford | 13,012 | 12,518 | 494 | 3.8 | North Canaan | 1,781 | 1,707 | 74 | 4.2 |
| Hamden | 35,728 | 33,823 | 1,905 | 5.3 | Roxbury | 1,406 | 1,360 | 46 | 3.3 |
| Killingworth | 3,883 | 3,737 | 146 | 3.8 | Salisbury | 1,928 | 1,865 | 63 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 9,147 | 8,769 | 378 | 4.1 | Sharon | 1,564 | 1,513 | 51 | 3.3 |
| Meriden | 32,756 | 30,459 | 2,297 | 7.0 | Torrington | 20,193 | 18,985 | 1,208 | 6.0 |
| Middlefield | 2,525 | 2,419 | 106 | 4.2 | Warren | 840 | 804 | 36 | 4.3 |
| New Haven | 65,761 | 60,698 | 5,063 | 7.7 | Washington | 2,166 | 2,085 | 81 | 3.7 |
| North Branford | 8,303 | 7,925 | 378 | 4.6 | Winchester | 6,382 | 6,024 | 358 | 5.6 |
| North Haven | 13,530 | 12,865 | 665 | 4.9 | WATERBURY | | | | |
| Old Saybrook | 5,164 | 4,919 | 245 | 4.7 | Beacon Falls | 115,157 | 107,216 | 7,941 | 6.9 |
| Orange | 7,302 | 6,982 | 320 | 4.4 | Bethlehem | 3,496 | 3,322 | 174 | 5.0 |
| Wallingford | 26,629 | 25,356 | 1,273 | 4.8 | Middlebury | 2,097 | 2,013 | 84 | 4.0 |
| West Haven | 30,570 | 28,449 | 2,121 | 6.9 | Naugatuck | 3,904 | 3,741 | 163 | 4.2 |
| Westbrook | 3,643 | 3,477 | 166 | 4.6 | Prospect | 17,827 | 16,698 | 1,129 | 6.3 |
| *NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT PART | | | | | Waterbury | 5,678 | 5,408 | 270 | 4.8 |
| | 129,132 | 121,592 | 7,540 | 5.8 | Waterbury | 52,678 | 47,906 | 4,772 | 9.1 |
| Bozrah | 1,489 | 1,408 | 81 | 5.4 | Watertown | 13,591 | 12,946 | 645 | 4.7 |
| Canterbury | 2,917 | 2,756 | 161 | 5.5 | Wolcott | 10,082 | 9,618 | 464 | 4.6 |
| East Lyme | 8,730 | 8,290 | 440 | 5.0 | Woodbury | 5,804 | 5,564 | 240 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 1,130 | 1,073 | 57 | 5.0 | DANIELSON-NORTH EAST | | | | |
| Griswold | 6,451 | 6,016 | 435 | 6.7 | | 44,484 | 41,877 | 2,607 | 5.9 |
| Groton | 18,880 | 17,905 | 975 | 5.2 | Brooklyn | 4,219 | 3,969 | 250 | 5.9 |
| Ledyard | 8,098 | 7,700 | 398 | 4.9 | Eastford | 977 | 942 | 35 | 3.6 |
| Lisbon | 2,385 | 2,246 | 139 | 5.8 | Hampton | 1,069 | 1,010 | 59 | 5.5 |
| Lyme | 1,259 | 1,208 | 51 | 4.1 | Killingly | 9,906 | 9,253 | 653 | 6.6 |
| Montville | 9,631 | 9,060 | 571 | 5.9 | Plainfield | 8,939 | 8,333 | 606 | 6.8 |
| New London | 12,388 | 11,362 | 1,026 | 8.3 | Pomfret | 2,578 | 2,475 | 103 | 4.0 |
| No. Stonington | 3,001 | 2,849 | 152 | 5.1 | Putnam | 4,985 | 4,672 | 313 | 6.3 |
| Norwich | 20,834 | 19,360 | 1,474 | 7.1 | Sterling | 2,080 | 1,941 | 139 | 6.7 |
| Old Lyme | 3,830 | 3,658 | 172 | 4.5 | Thompson | 5,403 | 5,143 | 260 | 4.8 |
| Preston | 2,499 | 2,368 | 131 | 5.2 | Woodstock | 4,328 | 4,139 | 189 | 4.4 |
| Salem | 2,165 | 2,053 | 112 | 5.2 | | | | | |
| Sprague | 1,665 | 1,555 | 110 | 6.6 | | | | | |
| Stonington | 9,771 | 9,323 | 448 | 4.6 | | | | | |
| Voluntown | 1,579 | 1,493 | 86 | 5.4 | | | | | |
| Waterford | 10,430 | 9,909 | 521 | 5.0 | | | | | |

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

| NORWICH-NEW LONDON-WESTERLY, CT-RI | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| | 145,521 | 136,891 | 8,630 | 5.9 |
| RI part (Hopkinton and Westery) | 16,389 | 15,299 | 1,090 | 6.7 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Not Seasonally Adjusted: | | | | |
| CONNECTICUT | 1,941,400 | 1,832,200 | 109,200 | 5.6 |
| UNITED STATES | 158,527,000 | 149,722,000 | 8,805,000 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted: | | | | |
| CONNECTICUT | 1,910,900 | 1,807,200 | 103,700 | 5.4 |
| UNITED STATES | 157,106,000 | 148,840,000 | 8,266,000 | 5.3 |

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 | JUL 2015 | YR TO DATE 2015 | 2014 | TOWN | JUL 2015 | YR TO DATE 2015 | 2014 | TOWN | JUL 2015 | YR TO DATE 2015 | 2014 |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| Andover | 0 | 0 | 2 | Griswold | 1 | 1 | na | Preston | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ansonia | na | na | 0 | Groton | na | na | 12 | Prospect | 6 | 18 | na |
| Ashford | na | na | 5 | Guilford | na | na | 8 | Putnam | na | na | 2 |
| Avon | 2 | 16 | 14 | Haddam | 2 | 8 | 7 | Redding | 0 | 4 | na |
| Barkhamsted | na | na | na | Hamden | na | na | 3 | Ridgefield | 3 | 19 | 27 |
| Beacon Falls | na | na | na | Hampton | na | na | 1 | Rocky Hill | 2 | 102 | 10 |
| Berlin | 4 | 14 | 15 | Hartford | 1 | 3 | 11 | Roxbury | na | na | na |
| Bethany | na | na | na | Hartland | 0 | 0 | na | Salem | na | na | 5 |
| Bethel | 8 | 36 | 54 | Harwinton | na | na | 2 | Salisbury | na | na | na |
| Bethlehem | na | na | na | Hebron | 1 | 8 | na | Scotland | na | na | 0 |
| Bloomfield | 0 | 14 | na | Kent | 0 | 0 | 1 | Seymour | na | na | 4 |
| Bolton | 0 | 3 | 6 | Killingly | na | na | 9 | Sharon | na | na | 4 |
| Bozrah | na | na | 2 | Killingworth | 0 | 3 | na | Shelton | 0 | 98 | 25 |
| Branford | 2 | 14 | na | Lebanon | 0 | 2 | 2 | Sherman | 1 | 5 | na |
| Bridgeport | 99 | 104 | 11 | Ledyard | na | na | 9 | Simsbury | 4 | 8 | 171 |
| Bridgewater | 0 | 0 | na | Lisbon | na | na | 2 | Somers | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| Bristol | 2 | 15 | 57 | Litchfield | na | na | na | South Windsor | 4 | 17 | 14 |
| Brookfield | 2 | 36 | na | Lyme | 0 | 2 | 3 | Southbury | na | na | 14 |
| Brooklyn | 2 | 6 | 10 | Madison | na | na | 7 | Southington | 8 | 44 | 41 |
| Burlington | 1 | 11 | 21 | Manchester | 1 | 7 | 14 | Sprague | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canaan | na | na | 0 | Mansfield | 1 | 6 | 8 | Stafford | 1 | 1 | na |
| Canterbury | na | na | 10 | Marlborough | 1 | 1 | 3 | Stamford | 5 | 320 | 249 |
| Canton | 2 | 7 | 6 | Meriden | na | na | 3 | Sterling | na | na | na |
| Chaplin | na | na | 0 | Middlebury | na | na | na | Stonington | na | na | 11 |
| Cheshire | 3 | 20 | 27 | Middlefield | 2 | 5 | 0 | Stratford | 4 | 19 | 35 |
| Chester | 0 | 0 | na | Middletown | 1 | 21 | 45 | Suffield | 6 | 20 | 11 |
| Clinton | 0 | 4 | 7 | Milford | 19 | 250 | 128 | Thomaston | na | na | na |
| Colchester | 1 | 19 | 21 | Monroe | 1 | 1 | 2 | Thompson | na | na | na |
| Colebrook | na | na | 1 | Montville | na | na | 6 | Tolland | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Columbia | 1 | 11 | 1 | Morris | na | na | 0 | Torrington | na | na | 2 |
| Cornwall | na | na | 1 | Naugatuck | na | na | 14 | Trumbull | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Coventry | 1 | 16 | 21 | New Britain | 8 | 56 | na | Union | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cromwell | 2 | 11 | 14 | New Canaan | 2 | 20 | 33 | Vernon | 1 | 43 | 7 |
| Danbury | 6 | 535 | 235 | New Fairfield | 0 | 1 | na | Voluntown | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Darien | 5 | 48 | na | New Hartford | na | na | 3 | Wallingford | 2 | 12 | 17 |
| Deep River | 0 | 0 | 0 | New Haven | 232 | 235 | 301 | Warren | na | na | 2 |
| Derby | na | na | na | New London | 4 | 23 | 21 | Washington | na | na | na |
| Durham | 1 | 3 | 2 | New Milford | na | na | 7 | Waterbury | 3 | 76 | 42 |
| East Granby | 0 | 0 | 1 | Newington | 0 | 7 | 5 | Waterford | na | na | 7 |
| East Haddam | 0 | 2 | 5 | Newtown | 3 | 11 | 12 | Watertown | na | na | 19 |
| East Hampton | 4 | 22 | 13 | Norfolk | na | na | 1 | West Hartford | 6 | 73 | 36 |
| East Hartford | 1 | 2 | na | North Branford | na | na | na | West Haven | na | na | na |
| East Haven | na | na | 8 | North Canaan | na | na | 0 | Westbrook | 1 | 25 | 9 |
| East Lyme | 3 | 20 | 173 | North Haven | na | na | 10 | Weston | 1 | 9 | na |
| East Windsor | 0 | 3 | 7 | North Stonington | na | na | 4 | Westport | 11 | 48 | 112 |
| Eastford | na | na | 2 | Norwalk | 70 | 81 | 74 | Wethersfield | 0 | 2 | na |
| Easton | 0 | 1 | 2 | Norwich | 0 | 3 | 21 | Willington | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ellington | 9 | 66 | 68 | Old Lyme | na | na | na | Wilton | 2 | 12 | na |
| Enfield | 6 | 9 | na | Old Saybrook | 1 | 6 | 13 | Winchester | na | na | 15 |
| Essex | 0 | 3 | 2 | Orange | na | na | na | Windham | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Fairfield | 8 | 61 | 65 | Oxford | 0 | 12 | 48 | Windsor | 3 | 9 | na |
| Farmington | 4 | 24 | 13 | Plainfield | na | na | 7 | Windsor Locks | 1 | 5 | na |
| Franklin | na | na | 2 | Plainville | 1 | 4 | 14 | Wolcott | 2 | 16 | 11 |
| Glastonbury | 7 | 25 | 15 | Plymouth | na | na | 5 | Woodbridge | na | na | na |
| Goshen | na | na | 8 | Pomfret | na | na | 2 | Woodbury | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Granby | 1 | 4 | 6 | Portland | 1 | 4 | 4 | Woodstock | na | na | 6 |
| Greenwich | 10 | 58 | 63 | | | | | | | | |

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.

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. 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.

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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)

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Leading General Drift Indicator -1.4 | Business Activity | Tourism and Travel |
| Coincident General Drift Indicator +1.9 | New Housing Permits +112.8 | Info Center Visitors -35.2 |
| Farmington Bank Bus. Barometer +2.2 | Electricity Sales +3.6 | Attraction Visitors +15.2 |
| Phil. Fed's CT Coincident Index +4.6 | Construction Contracts Index 123.4 | Air Passenger Count +1.5 |
| | New Auto Registrations +33.7 | Indian Gaming Slots +0.6 |
| Total Nonfarm Employment +1.8 | Exports +3.3 | |
| | S&P 500: Monthly Close +9.0 | |
| Labor Force +1.4 | Business Starts | Employment Cost Index (U.S.) |
| Employed +2.5 | Secretary of the State +10.3 | Total +1.9 |
| Unemployed -14.2 | Dept. of Labor -7.6 | Wages & Salaries +2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate -1.0* | | Benefit Costs +1.4 |
| Average Weekly Initial Claims -9.9 | Business Terminations | Consumer Prices |
| Avg Insured Unempl. Rate -0.36* | Secretary of the State +15.3 | U.S. City Average +0.2 |
| U-6 Rate -1.1* | Dept. of Labor -28.7 | Northeast Region -0.2 |
| | | NY-NJ-Long Island -0.1 |
| Prod. Worker Avg Wkly Hrs, Mfg -2.7 | State Revenues NA | Boston-Brockton-Nashua +0.1 |
| PW Avg Hourly Earnings, Mfg +15.3 | Corporate Tax NA | |
| PW Avg Weekly Earnings, Mfg +12.2 | Personal Income Tax NA | Interest Rates |
| CT Mfg. Production Index +4.3 | Real Estate Conveyance Tax NA | Prime 0.00* |
| Production Worker Hours +0.4 | Sales & Use Tax NA | Conventional Mortgage -0.08* |
| Industrial Electricity Sales +1.6 | Indian Gaming Payments +0.2 | |
| Personal Income +2.5 | | |
| UI Covered Wages +3.1 | | |

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

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