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June 2017 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 5.0%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.4%

Nonfarm jobs rise 7,000 in June; unemployment rate at 5.0%

WETHERSFIELD, July 20, 2017 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state gained 7,000 net jobs (0.4%) in June 2017, to a level of 1,694,200, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 15,400 jobs (0.9%). May's originally-released job gain of 6,700 was revised down by 1,100 to a 5,600 (0.3%) employment gain. The number of the state's unemployed residents increased by 1,972. Connecticut's unemployment rate moved up by one tenth of a percentage point to 5.0% in June, seasonally adjusted, while the number of residents employed grew by 2,219. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm job estimates above.

"June showed another sharp increase in payroll jobs over May and private sector jobs have now completely recovered from the 2008 – 2010 employment recession, although these numbers are preliminary and subject to revision," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Our unemployment data continues to show growth in the labor force and employment, indicating that workers are entering or rejoining the labor force and most are finding jobs."

Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

Private sector employment grew by 7,100 (0.5%) to 1,460,400 jobs in June, and remains up over the year by 19,700 jobs (1.4%). The **government supersector** lost 100 jobs (-0.04%) to 233,800 jobs last month and it remains down over the year (-4,300, -1.8%). The **government supersector**, which includes all federal, state and local employment, including public higher education and Native American casinos located on tribal land, remains the largest source of job losses in 2017.

Seven of the ten major industry *supersectors* increased employment in June 2017 while two declined, and the **trade, transportation & utilities** (297,800 jobs) *supersector* was unchanged. **Leisure and hospitality** (4,400, 2.8%, 161,100 jobs) was the biggest job gaining *supersector* in June, potentially signifying a healthy start to the summer season. Most of the gain in this *supersector* came from the hotels and restaurants portion (3,800, 2.9%, 132,800). **Leisure and hospitality** now leads all ten *supersectors* in *numeric* job growth over the year (7,200, 4.7% OTY). The private **education and health services** (1,200, 0.4%, 334,400 jobs) *supersector* was next in job growth in June with the educational services segment (600, 0.9%, 66,100) and the health services (600, 0.2%, 268,300) sub-components both contributing to the gain. All other industry *supersectors* showing growth in June had gains under a thousand each including: **financial activities** (800, 0.6%, 133,100), **information** (600, 1.9%, 31,900 jobs), **other services** (600, 0.9%, 68,200 positions), **manufacturing** (200, 0.1%, 156,000 positions), and **professional and business services** (100, 0.05%, 216,900 jobs). The **other services** (3,500, 5.4% OTY) *supersector* now leads in *percentage* job growth since June 2016.

The **construction and mining** (-800,-1.3%, 61,000) industry *supersector* was the largest of the two declining industries last month but is still adding jobs since June 2016 (1,500, 2.5%). The **government supersector** (-100, -0.04%) was slightly lower as well.

Connecticut has now **recovered 84.0% (100,000, about 1,136 jobs per month) of the 119,100 seasonally adjusted jobs lost** in the Great Recession (3/08-2/10). The job recovery is into its 88th month and the state needs an additional 19,100 jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. However, the state's private sector **has entered the expansion phase, regaining 102.0%** (113,900 or about 1,294 per month) of the 111,700 private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn. The **government supersector** has lost a total of 21,300 positions since the recession began in March 2008. This includes an additional 13,900 jobs lost since the state's nonfarm employment recovery began in February 2010 – slowing the overall Connecticut recovery.

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Of the six LMAs that are seasonally adjusted by BLS, five of the Connecticut's regional Labor Market Areas (LMAs) were higher in nonfarm employment, and one was lower in June 2017. These six LMAs make up over 91% of Connecticut's nonagricultural employment. The **New Haven LMA** (1,600, 0.6%, 285,800 positions) led all LMAs in job growth last month in both *numerical* and *percentage* terms and is now the fastest growing LMA in the state over the year in *percentage* terms (4,000, 1.4% OTY). The **Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford LMA** (1,200, 0.2%, 575,600) also produced a thousand-plus gain and still leads in job growth magnitude over the last 12 months (5,800, 1.0% OTY). The **Norwich-New London-Westerly LMA** (600, 0.5%, 129,400), the **Danbury LMA** (400, 0.5%, 79,500), and the **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (300, 0.1%, 412,700 jobs) all added jobs as well. The **Waterbury LMA** (-600, -0.9%, 66,400) was lower in job counts last month and is now the only BLS recognized Connecticut labor market area (LMA) to lose jobs over the year (-1,100, -1.6% OTY). *Note: Six major Connecticut LMAs are estimated independently from the statewide data by the BLS and cover more than 90% of the nonfarm employment in the state. Thus, estimates will not fully sum to the statewide total.*

Hours and Earnings: The **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 33.6 hours in June 2017, unchanged from the same month a year ago. Average hourly earnings at \$30.67, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$0.63 (2.1%) from the June 2016 estimate (\$30.04). The resultant average **private sector** weekly pay amounted to \$1,030.51, up \$21.17 from a year ago (2.1%). The 12-month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in June 2017 was 1.6%. Information for the manufacturing production workweek and earnings can be found in the table section of this release under the "Hours and Earnings" data category. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

Labor Force Data (residential household survey)

The June 2017 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **5.0%** (seasonally adjusted), up one tenth from May 2017 and down two-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 5.2%. The U.S. jobless rate in June 2017 was 4.4%, up 0.1% point from 4.3% in May.

Based on the Local Area Unemployment Statistics model (LAUS - a statistical model using the CPS – the Current Population Survey residential data), the number of Connecticut unemployed residents, seasonally adjusted, increased by 1,972 (2.1%) over the month to 97,078 in June. Over the year, the number of the state's jobless residents has decreased by 1,683 (-1.7%). The state's labor force increased 4,191 (0.2%) over the month, and continued to expand over the year (40,755, 2.2%), with increases seen every month this year. Both residential employment and unemployment have increased, which indicates that the state is seeing new and returning workers to the labor force and many, though not all are finding work.

June 2017 seasonally adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut increased by 208 claimants (5.2%) to 4,182 from May 2017, and were lower by 712 claims (-14.5%) from the June 2016 level of 4,894.

*The nonfarm employment estimate, derived from a survey of businesses, is a measure of jobs in the state; the unemployment rate and labor force estimates are based on a household survey, and measure the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Overall, as the national and state economies recover, volatility in monthly numbers can be expected. **Job and employment estimates are best understood in the context of their movement over several months rather than observed changes in a single month's value.***

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2017 P	May 2017 R	April 2017	March 2017	June 2016	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,694,200	1,687,200	1,681,600	1,684,700	1,678,800	7,000	0.4%	15,400	0.9%
Total Private	1,460,400	1,453,300	1,448,400	1,451,000	1,440,700	7,100	0.5%	19,700	1.4%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	600	600	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	60,400	61,200	61,700	59,100	58,900	-800	-1.3%	1,500	2.5%
Manufacturing	156,000	155,800	156,700	156,600	156,100	200	0.1%	-100	-0.1%
Durable Goods	121,700	121,100	121,900	122,600	122,600	600	0.5%	-900	-0.7%
Nondurable Goods	34,300	34,700	34,800	34,000	33,500	-400	-1.2%	800	2.4%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	297,800	297,800	296,800	299,300	297,300	0	0.0%	500	0.2%
Wholesale	63,400	63,300	62,900	63,500	62,700	100	0.2%	700	1.1%
Retail	181,300	181,600	181,900	182,900	184,600	-300	-0.2%	-3,300	-1.8%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	53,100	52,900	52,000	52,900	50,000	200	0.4%	3,100	6.2%
Information	31,900	31,300	31,500	31,500	32,400	600	1.9%	-500	-1.5%
Financial Activities	133,100	132,300	131,800	131,200	129,800	800	0.6%	3,300	2.5%
Finance & Insurance	112,500	111,700	111,200	110,700	109,800	800	0.7%	2,700	2.5%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	20,600	20,600	20,600	20,500	20,000	0	0.0%	600	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	216,900	216,800	215,500	218,700	218,200	100	0.0%	-1,300	-0.6%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	99,000	98,500	98,600	98,500	97,100	500	0.5%	1,900	2.0%
Management of Companies	32,000	32,100	32,000	32,000	33,200	-100	-0.3%	-1,200	-3.6%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	85,900	86,200	84,900	88,200	87,900	-300	-0.3%	-2,000	-2.3%
Educational & Health Services	334,400	333,200	330,200	330,800	328,800	1,200	0.4%	5,600	1.7%
Educational Services	66,100	65,500	63,400	64,300	63,700	600	0.9%	2,400	3.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	268,300	267,700	266,800	266,500	265,100	600	0.2%	3,200	1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	161,100	156,700	156,400	156,000	153,900	4,400	2.8%	7,200	4.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28,300	27,700	26,700	26,200	27,500	600	2.2%	800	2.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	132,800	129,000	129,700	129,800	126,400	3,800	2.9%	6,400	5.1%
Other Services	68,200	67,600	67,200	67,200	64,700	600	0.9%	3,500	5.4%
Government**	233,800	233,900	233,200	233,700	238,100	-100	0.0%	-4,300	-1.8%
UNITED STATES	146,404,000	146,182,000	146,030,000	145,823,000	144,166,000	222,000	0.2%	2,238,000	1.6%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

	June 2017 P	May 2017 R	April 2017	March 2017	June 2016	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<i>Seasonally Adjusted data</i>									
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	412,700	412,400	409,100	408,300	411,200	300	0.1%	1,500	0.4%
Danbury	79,500	79,100	79,700	79,300	78,600	400	0.5%	900	1.1%
Hartford	575,600	574,400	573,300	573,900	569,800	1,200	0.2%	5,800	1.0%
New Haven	285,800	284,200	282,100	281,000	281,800	1,600	0.6%	4,000	1.4%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	129,400	128,800	129,700	130,100	128,500	600	0.5%	900	0.7%
Waterbury	66,400	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,500	-600	-0.9%	-1,100	-1.6%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	44,700	44,900	45,400	44,500	44,600	-200	-0.4%	100	0.2%
Torrington-Northwest	33,200	33,100	32,300	31,700	33,300	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Danielson-Northeast	27,300	27,500	27,200	27,000	27,300	-200	-0.7%	0	0.0%

* Less than 0.05% ** Includes Native American tribal government employment

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Starting with March, 2011, our monthly statewide and major LMA nonfarm job estimates have been taken over by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the final phase of transition in this program, which began in 2008. As a result of changes in the estimation procedures, you are likely to see more variability in month-to-month estimates of job counts. Caution should be used in interpreting any single month's estimate. The data are best interpreted to identify trends and cycles over several months and quarters. If you have any questions about these changes, please email us at: dol.lmi@ct.gov. Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

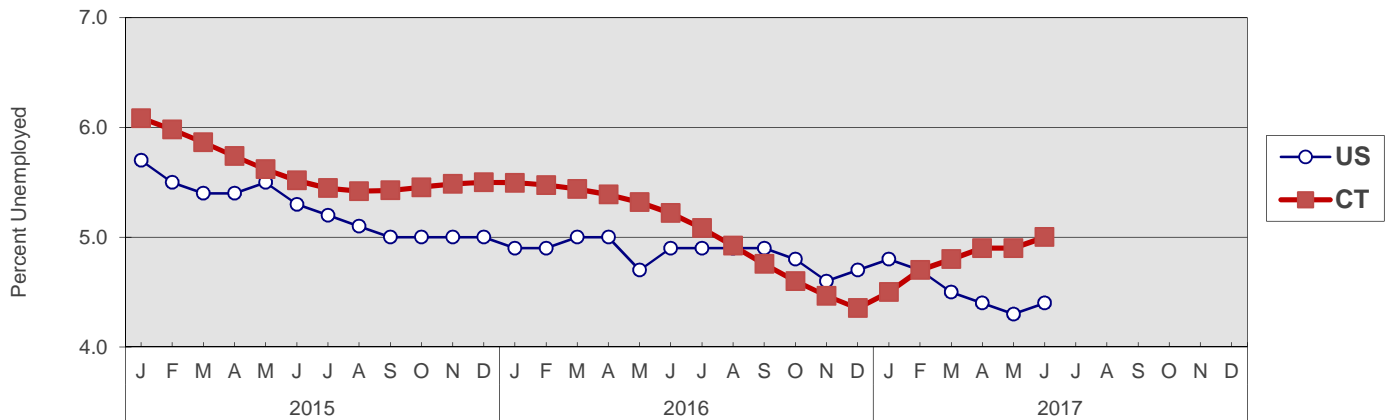
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2017 P		June 2016 R		Change		May 2017 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	97,100	5.0	98,800	5.2	-1,700	-0.2	95,100	4.9
Labor Force	1,933,300		1,892,500		40,800		1,929,100	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	6,977,000	4.4	7,799,000	4.9	-822,000	-0.5	6,861,000	4.3
Labor Force	160,145,000		158,889,000		1,256,000		159,784,000	

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2015 - 2017



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2017 P		June 2016 R		Change		May 2017 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford								
Danbury								
Danielson-Northeast*								
Worcester NECTA								
Hampton								
Enfield								
Hartford								
New Haven								
Norwich-New London								
Torrington-Northwest**								
Torrington NECTA								
Litchfield								
Waterbury								
CONNECTICUT	100,600	5.1	103,700	5.4	-3,100	-0.3	92,700	4.8
UNITED STATES	7,250,000	4.5	8,144,000	5.1	-894,000	-0.6	6,572,000	4.1

Release of the June 2017 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, July 21, 2017. An updated *Connecticut Labor Situation* with these data will be available on our website at that time at: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf>.

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Labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	June 2017 P	June 2016	Change over Yr.	May 2017 R	June 2017 P	June 2016	Change over Yr.	May 2017 R	June 2017 P	June 2016	Change over Yr.	May 2017 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,030.51	\$1,009.34	\$21.17	\$1,042.61	33.6	33.6	0.0	33.6	\$30.67	\$30.04	\$0.63	\$31.03
Manufacturing*												
Production Workers	\$1,031.87	\$1,178.89	-\$147.02	\$1,022.43	42.1	42.9	-0.8	41.8	\$24.51	\$27.48	-\$2.97	\$24.46

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

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

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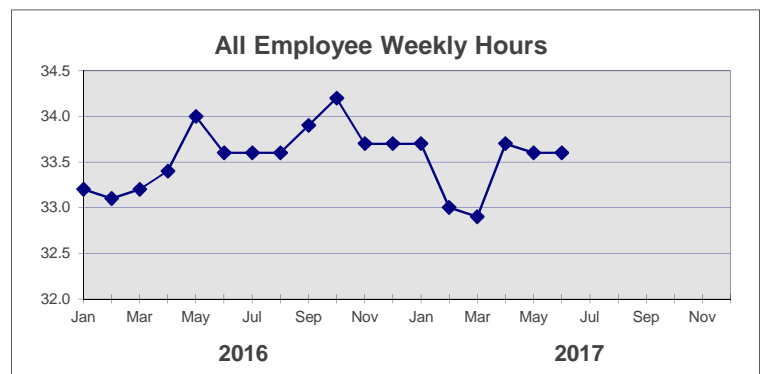
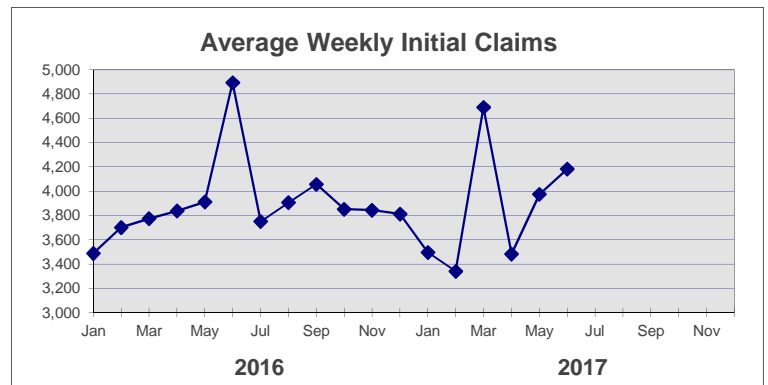
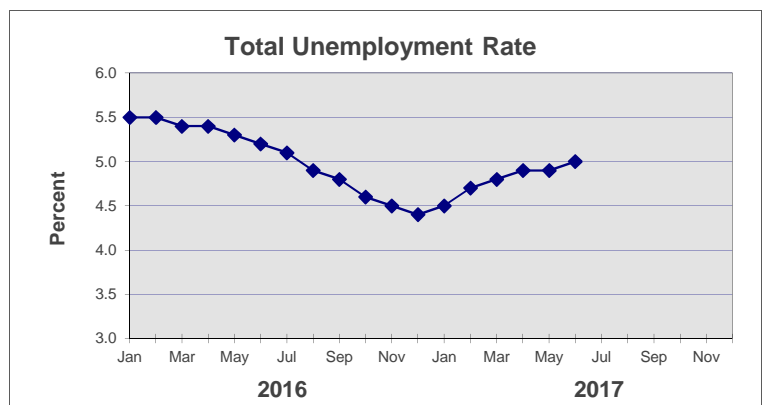
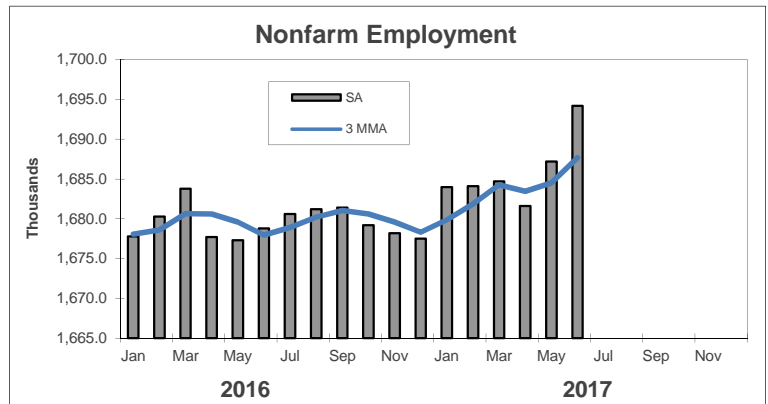
Seasonally Adjusted

	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2016		
Jan	1,677.8	5.5
Feb	1,680.3	5.5
Mar	1,683.8	5.4
Apr	1,677.7	5.4
May	1,677.3	5.3
Jun	1,678.8	5.2
Jul	1,680.6	5.1
Aug	1,681.2	4.9
Sep	1,681.4	4.8
Oct	1,679.2	4.6
Nov	1,678.2	4.5
Dec	1,677.5	4.4

2017		
Jan	1,684.0	4.5
Feb	1,684.1	4.7
Mar	1,684.7	4.8
Apr	1,681.6	4.9
May	1,687.2 R	4.9 R
Jun	1,694.2 P	5.0 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
2016		
Jan	3,488	33.2
Feb	3,702	33.1
Mar	3,774	33.2
Apr	3,838	33.4
May	3,911	34.0
Jun	4,894	33.6
Jul	3,750	33.6
Aug	3,906	33.6
Sep	4,057	33.9
Oct	3,852	34.2
Nov	3,844	33.7
Dec	3,812	33.7

2017		
Jan	3,496	33.7
Feb	3,341	33.0
Mar	4,691	32.9
Apr	3,483	33.7
May	3,974	33.6 R
Jun	4,182	33.6 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute