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July 2017 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 5.0%

US Unemployment Rate = 4.3%

Nonfarm jobs slip 600 in July; unemployment rate unchanged at 5.0%

WETHERSFIELD, August 17, 2017 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state lost 600 net jobs (-0.04%) in July 2017, to a level of 1,692,200, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 11,600 jobs (0.7%). June's originally-released job gain of 7,000 (0.4%) was revised down by 1,400 to a 5,600 (0.3%) employment gain. The number of the state's unemployed residents fell by 513, while the number of residents employed grew by 776. Connecticut's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.0% in July, seasonally adjusted. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm job estimates above.

"July was a relatively quiet month in Connecticut's labor markets with both payroll jobs and unemployment statistics changing very little," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Over the year, payroll job growth in July was 11,600, well ahead of last year's performance."

Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

Private sector employment grew by 300 (0.02%) to 1,459,300 jobs over the month in July, and by 14,700 jobs (1.0%) over the year. The **government supersector** continued its decline by 900 (-0.4%) to 232,900 jobs last month and it remains down over the year (-3,100, -1.3%). 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.

Five of the ten major industry *supersectors* increased employment in July 2017, while five declined. **Trade, transportation & utilities** (2,200, 0.7%, 300,400 jobs) led gaining industries showing strength in both transportation & warehousing (1,100) and retail, (900). **Other services** gained 1,000 jobs (1.5%, 68,800). **Education & health services** grew by 800 (0.2%, 334,000) with most new jobs appearing in health services, (600). **Financial activities** contributed 500 jobs (0.4%, 133,300) in July while the **information supersector** grew by 100 (0.3%).

Leisure and hospitality (-2,000, -1.2%, 159,100) showed the largest decline in July, potentially a seasonal adjustment to very large growth in June. The entire decline came from the accommodations & food services component (-2,800, 2.1%). **Leisure and hospitality** continues to lead all *supersectors* in *numeric* job growth over the year (4,800, 3.1% OTY). The **construction and mining** sector shed 1,600 jobs (-2.6%, 59,500). The **government** sector continued to lose jobs in July (-900, -0.4%, 232,900) and it remains the sector with the largest declines over the year, (-3,100, -1.3%). **Professional & business services** dropped 500 jobs in July (-0.2%, 215,800) while **manufacturing** was off slightly (-200, -0.1%, 156,400).

Connecticut has now **recovered 82.3%** (98,000 jobs) of the 119,100 seasonally adjusted jobs lost in the Great Recession (3/08-2/10). The job recovery is into its 89th month and the state needs an additional 21,100 jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. The state's private sector has fared better, regaining **101.0%** (112,800) of the 111,700 private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn. The **government supersector** has lost a total of 22,200 positions since the recession began in March 2008.

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Of the six LMAs that are seasonally adjusted by BLS, four of Connecticut's regional Labor Market Areas (LMAs) were higher in nonfarm employment, and two were lower in July 2017. These six LMAs make up over 91% of Connecticut's nonagricultural employment. The **Norwich-New London LMA** (1,200, 0.9%, 131,600 jobs) 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 (2,800, 2.2% OTY). The **Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford LMA** (900, 0.2%, 575,300) was next and still leads in job growth magnitude over the last 12 months (4,800, 0.8% OTY). The **Waterbury LMA** (600, 1.8%, 67,400), and the **Danbury LMA** (500, 0.6%, 80,000) added jobs as well. The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-1,100, -0.3%, 411,600) and the **New Haven LMA** (-600, -0.2%, 284,700) both lost jobs in July. *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 33.8 hours in July 2017, up two-tenths of an hour from the same month a year ago. Average hourly earnings at \$31.33, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$1.15 (3.8%) from the July 2016 estimate (\$30.18). The resultant average **private sector** weekly pay amounted to \$1,058.95, up \$44.90 from a year ago (4.4%). The 12-month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in July 2017 was 1.7%. 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 July 2017 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **5.0%** (seasonally adjusted), unchanged from June 2017 and down one-tenth of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 5.1%. The U.S. jobless rate in July 2017 was 4.3%, down one tenth point from 4.4% in June.

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, decreased by 513 (-0.5%) over the month to 96,530 in July. Over the year, the number of the state's jobless residents has increased by 352 (0.4%). The state's labor force increased slightly by 263 (0.0%) over the month, and continued to expand over the year (41,274, 2.2%), with increases seen every month this year.

July 2017 seasonally adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut decreased by 333 claimants (-8.0%) to 3,849 from June 2017, and were higher by 99 claims (2.6%) from the July 2016 level of 3,750.

*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.***

Next Connecticut Labor Situation release: Thursday, September 14, 2017 (August 2017 data)

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2017 P	June 2017 R	May 2017	April 2017	July 2016	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,692,200	1,692,800	1,687,200	1,681,600	1,680,600	-600	0.0%	11,600	0.7%
Total Private	1,459,300	1,459,000	1,453,300	1,448,400	1,444,600	300	0.0%	14,700	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	600	600	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	58,900	60,500	61,200	61,700	58,800	-1,600	-2.6%	100	0.2%
Manufacturing	156,400	156,600	155,800	156,700	156,500	-200	-0.1%	-100	-0.1%
Durable Goods	121,900	122,300	121,100	121,900	122,900	-400	-0.3%	-1,000	-0.8%
Nondurable Goods	34,500	34,300	34,700	34,800	33,600	200	0.6%	900	2.7%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300,400	298,200	297,800	296,800	298,500	2,200	0.7%	1,900	0.6%
Wholesale	63,700	63,500	63,300	62,900	62,700	200	0.3%	1,000	1.6%
Retail	182,500	181,600	181,600	181,900	185,200	900	0.5%	-2,700	-1.5%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	54,200	53,100	52,900	52,000	50,600	1,100	2.1%	3,600	7.1%
Information	32,000	31,900	31,300	31,500	32,300	100	0.3%	-300	-0.9%
Financial Activities	133,300	132,800	132,300	131,800	129,700	500	0.4%	3,600	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	112,600	112,300	111,700	111,200	109,700	300	0.3%	2,900	2.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	20,700	20,500	20,600	20,600	20,000	200	1.0%	700	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	215,800	216,300	216,800	215,500	218,500	-500	-0.2%	-2,700	-1.2%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	99,400	99,000	98,500	98,600	97,300	400	0.4%	2,100	2.2%
Management of Companies	31,700	31,800	32,100	32,000	32,800	-100	-0.3%	-1,100	-3.4%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	84,700	85,500	86,200	84,900	88,400	-800	-0.9%	-3,700	-4.2%
Educational & Health Services	334,000	333,200	333,200	330,200	330,500	800	0.2%	3,500	1.1%
Educational Services	65,700	65,500	65,500	63,400	63,600	200	0.3%	2,100	3.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	268,300	267,700	267,700	266,800	266,900	600	0.2%	1,400	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	159,100	161,100	156,700	156,400	154,300	-2,000	-1.2%	4,800	3.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	29,100	28,300	27,700	26,700	27,700	800	2.8%	1,400	5.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	130,000	132,800	129,000	129,700	126,600	-2,800	-2.1%	3,400	2.7%
Other Services	68,800	67,800	67,600	67,200	64,900	1,000	1.5%	3,900	6.0%
Government**	232,900	233,800	233,900	233,200	236,000	-900	-0.4%	-3,100	-1.3%
UNITED STATES	146,615,000	146,406,000	146,175,000	146,030,000	144,457,000	209,000	0.1%	2,158,000	1.5%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

	July 2017 P	June 2017 R	May 2017	April 2017	July 2016	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<i>Seasonally Adjusted data</i>									
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	411,600	412,700	412,400	409,100	411,500	-1,100	-0.3%	100	0.0%
Danbury	80,000	79,500	79,100	79,700	78,800	500	0.6%	1,200	1.5%
Hartford	575,300	574,400	574,400	573,300	570,500	900	0.2%	4,800	0.8%
New Haven	284,700	285,300	284,200	282,100	281,900	-600	-0.2%	2,800	1.0%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	131,600	130,400	128,800	129,700	128,800	1,200	0.9%	2,800	2.2%
Waterbury	67,100	66,500	67,000	67,000	67,400	600	0.9%	-300	-0.4%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	44,700	44,700	44,900	45,400	44,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Torrington-Northwest	33,800	33,200	33,100	32,300	34,000	600	1.8%	-200	-0.6%
Danielson-Northeast	27,000	27,300	27,500	27,200	27,100	-300	-1.1%	-100	-0.4%

* 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.

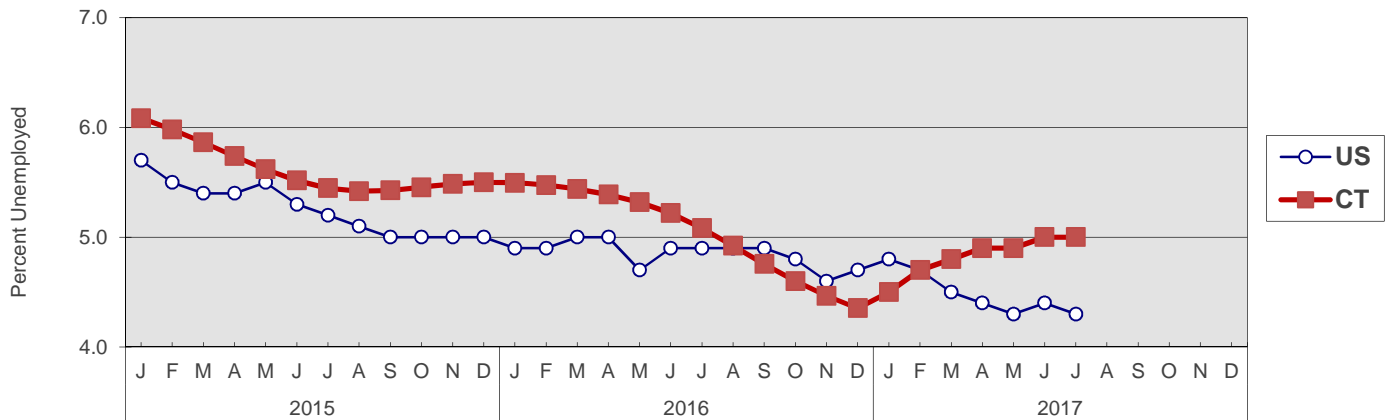
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2017 P		July 2016 R		Change		June 2017 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	96,500	5.0	96,200	5.1	300	-0.1	97,000	5.0
Labor Force	1,933,400		1,892,100		41,300		1,933,100	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	6,981,000	4.3	7,749,000	4.9	-768,000	-0.6	6,977,000	4.4
Labor Force	160,494,000		159,295,000		1,199,000		160,145,000	

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



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2017 P		July 2016 R		Change		June 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	98,600	5.0	103,500	5.4	-4,900	-0.4	100,500	5.1
UNITED STATES	7,441,000	4.6	8,267,000	5.1	-826,000	-0.5	7,250,000	4.5

Release of the July 2017 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, August 18, 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			
	July 2017 P	July 2016	Change over Yr.	June 2017 R	July 2017 P	July 2016	Change over Yr.	June 2017 R	July 2017 P	July 2016	Change over Yr.	June 2017 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,058.95	\$1,014.05	\$44.90	\$1,034.21	33.8	33.6	0.2	33.6	\$31.33	\$30.18	\$1.15	\$30.78
Manufacturing*												
Production Workers	\$1,065.72	\$1,178.50	-\$112.78	\$1,052.50	41.1	43.2	-2.1	42.1	\$25.93	\$27.28	-\$1.35	\$25.00

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

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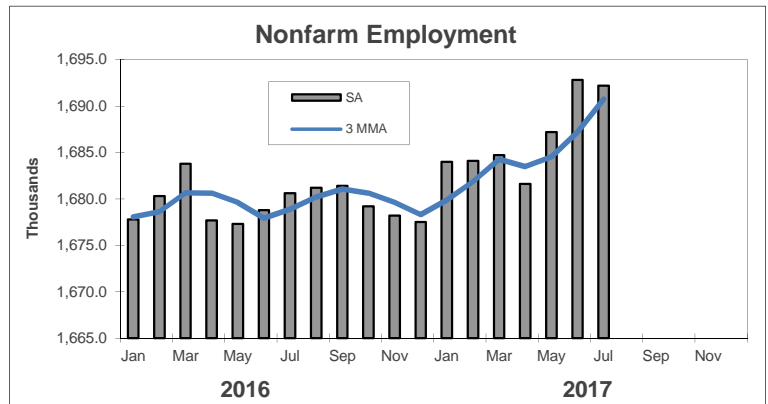
Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi.

TRENDS

Seasonally Adjusted

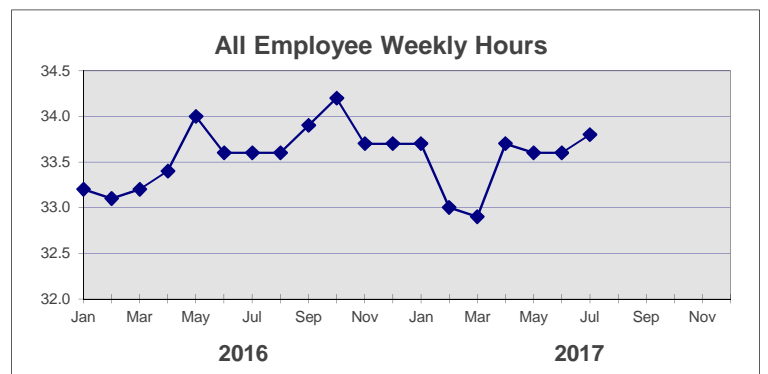
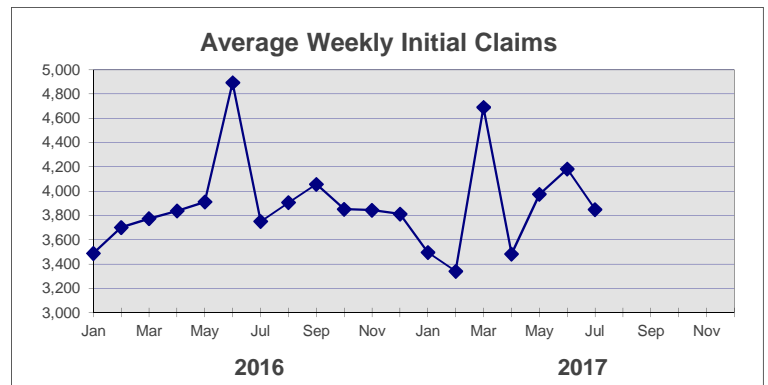
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2016		
Jan	1,677.8	5.5
Feb	1,680.3	5.5
Mar	1,683.8	5.4
Apr	1,677.7	5.4
May	1,677.3	5.3
Jun	1,678.8	5.2
Jul	1,680.6	5.1
Aug	1,681.2	4.9
Sep	1,681.4	4.8
Oct	1,679.2	4.6
Nov	1,678.2	4.5
Dec	1,677.5	4.4

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	4.9
Jun	1,692.8 R	5.0 R
Jul	1,692.2 P	5.0 P
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
Jun	4,182	33.6 R
Jul	3,849	33.8 P
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute