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June 2018 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 4.4%
US Unemployment Rate = 4.0%

Nonfarm jobs increase by 6,100 in June; unemployment rate at 4.4%

WETHERSFIELD, July 19, 2018 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state grew 6,100 net jobs (0.4%) in June 2018, to a level of 1,698,800, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 14,900 jobs (0.9%). The May 2018 originally-released job gain of 4,100 was revised up by 2,000 to a gain of 6,100 over the month. The number of the state's unemployed residents was estimated at 83,975 seasonally adjusted, down 918 from May. As a result, Connecticut's June unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a point to 4.4%, seasonally adjusted. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm payroll job estimates above.

"June's increase of 6,100 jobs overcame the entire decline we saw in March and April," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Our three month average job growth has once again turned positive. The seasonally adjusted year-over-year job gain of nearly 15,000 jobs is very encouraging, but this number can be volatile. Our average annual gain for the last 12 months is 5,300, still ahead of last year's pace. Construction and manufacturing are now the fastest growing sectors in the state's labor market – a very good sign."

Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

Private sector employment grew by 7,600 (0.5%) to 1,470,700 jobs over the month in June, and grew by 19,400 (1.3%) seasonally-adjusted jobs over the year. The **government supersector** lost 1,500 positions in June to a total of 228,100, with over-the-year losses at -4,500 or -1.9%. The **government supersector** includes all federal, state and local employment, including public higher education and Native American casino employment located on tribal land.

Seven of the ten major industry *supersectors* gained employment in June, while three declined. The **leisure & hospitality supersector** led growing industries with 2,400 net new jobs (1.5%, 158,500 total jobs) in June while **education & health services** (0.6%, 341,100) was next, adding 1,900 new positions. **Construction & mining** grew by 1,200 (2.0%, 61,300) and **professional & business services** added 1,100 (0.5%, 222,300). **Manufacturing** grew by 900 (0.6%, 164,000) in June while **financial activities** grew by 400 (0.3%, 127,900). Finally, **the information supersector** grew by 200 jobs (0.7%, 30,900) last month.

In addition to the **government supersector** mentioned above, the **other services supersector** dropped 400 jobs (-0.6%, 65,200) in June, while **trade, transportation & utilities** lost 100 positions (-0.0%, 299,500).

Connecticut has now recovered **87.8%** (104,600 jobs) of the 119,100 seasonally adjusted jobs lost in the "Great Recession" (3/08-2/10). The job recovery is into its 100th month and the state needs an additional 14,500 net new jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. The state's **private sector** has now recovered **111.2%** (124,200) of the private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn.

Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs): Four of the six LMAs that are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics saw job increases in June 2018 while the **Waterbury LMA** was unchanged. The **Hartford LMA** led gainers with 2,800 net new positions (0.5%, 579,900). The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** was next with 2,300 new jobs (0.6%, 407,900) and the **Norwich–New London–Westerly, RI LMA** added 600 jobs, (0.5%, 131,600). The **Danbury LMA** saw a small increase of 100 jobs (0.1%, 79,300) while the **New Haven LMA** saw a decline of 400 jobs over the month (-0.1%, 285,300).

Note: The 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 June 2018, up two-tenths of an hour from the same month a year ago (0.6%). Average hourly earnings at \$31.31, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$0.53 (1.7%) from the June 2017 estimate (\$30.78). The resultant average **private sector** weekly pay amounted to \$1,058.28, up \$24.07 from a year ago (2.3%). 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 2018 was 2.9%. 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 2018 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **4.4%** (seasonally adjusted), down one-tenth of a point from May 2018 and down three-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 4.7%. The US jobless rate in June 2018 was 4.0%, up two-tenths of a point from May 2018.

Based on the Local Area Unemployment Statistics model (LAUS - a statistical model using the CPS – Current Population Survey residential data), the number of Connecticut unemployed residents, seasonally adjusted, was down 900 from May at 84,000 in June. Over the year, the number of the state’s jobless residents declined by 5,600 (-6.3%). The state’s labor force decreased by 1,900 (-0.1%) over the month, and is down over the year (-23,300, -1.2%).

June 2018 seasonally-adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut grew by 69 claimants (2.2%) to 3,211 from May 2018, and were lower by 609 claims (-15.9%) from the June 2017 level of 3,820.

*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 2018 P	May 2018 R	April 2018	March 2018	June 2017	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,698,800	1,692,700	1,686,600	1,688,500	1,683,900	6,100	0.4%	14,900	0.9%
Total Private	1,470,700	1,463,100	1,456,500	1,458,200	1,451,300	7,600	0.5%	19,400	1.3%
Goods Producing Industries									
Mining	600	600	500	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	60,700	59,500	59,200	59,400	58,600	1,200	2.0%	2,100	3.6%
Manufacturing	164,000	163,100	162,800	162,600	159,100	900	0.6%	4,900	3.1%
Durable Goods	128,800	128,200	128,000	127,800	124,500	600	0.5%	4,300	3.5%
Nondurable Goods	35,200	34,900	34,800	34,800	34,600	300	0.9%	600	1.7%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	299,500	299,600	297,600	298,700	297,800	-100	0.0%	1,700	0.6%
Wholesale	62,800	62,800	62,600	63,200	62,500	0	0.0%	300	0.5%
Retail	183,200	183,500	181,900	182,200	183,700	-300	-0.2%	-500	-0.3%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	53,500	53,300	53,100	53,300	51,600	200	0.4%	1,900	3.7%
Information	30,900	30,700	30,600	30,700	31,700	200	0.7%	-800	-2.5%
Financial Activities	127,900	127,500	127,600	128,400	128,000	400	0.3%	-100	-0.1%
Finance & Insurance	107,700	107,400	107,500	108,200	108,200	300	0.3%	-500	-0.5%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	20,200	20,100	20,100	20,200	19,800	100	0.5%	400	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	222,300	221,200	220,500	221,100	218,300	1,100	0.5%	4,000	1.8%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	98,300	98,000	97,100	96,800	96,500	300	0.3%	1,800	1.9%
Management of Companies	31,600	31,600	31,600	31,700	31,900	0	0.0%	-300	-0.9%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	92,400	91,600	91,800	92,600	89,900	800	0.9%	2,500	2.8%
Educational & Health Services	341,100	339,200	338,800	338,500	334,900	1,900	0.6%	6,200	1.9%
Educational Services	67,100	65,900	65,800	65,400	65,400	1,200	1.8%	1,700	2.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	274,000	273,300	273,000	273,100	269,500	700	0.3%	4,500	1.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	158,500	156,100	154,500	153,800	157,100	2,400	1.5%	1,400	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,500	26,900	25,900	25,700	28,000	600	2.2%	-500	-1.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	131,000	129,200	128,600	128,100	129,100	1,800	1.4%	1,900	1.5%
Other Services	65,200	65,600	64,400	64,400	65,200	-400	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Government**	228,100	229,600	230,100	230,300	232,600	-1,500	-0.7%	-4,500	-1.9%
UNITED STATES	148,912,000	148,699,000	148,455,000	148,280,000	146,538,000	213,000	0.1%	2,374,000	1.6%

LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	June 2018 P	May 2018 R	April 2018	March 2018	June 2017	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	407,900	405,600	406,200	406,700	408,000	2,300	0.6%	-100	0.0%
Danbury	79,300	79,200	78,900	79,000	78,200	100	0.1%	1,100	1.4%
Hartford	579,900	577,100	575,700	577,500	572,600	2,800	0.5%	7,300	1.3%
New Haven	285,300	285,700	285,300	283,200	284,800	-400	-0.1%	500	0.2%
Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI	131,600	131,000	130,900	130,700	130,600	600	0.5%	1,000	0.8%
Waterbury	66,500	66,500	66,300	66,500	67,300	0	0.0%	-800	-1.2%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
Enfield	45,300	45,400	45,600	44,800	45,200	-100	-0.2%	100	0.2%
Torrington-Northwest	33,400	32,900	31,900	31,600	33,500	500	1.5%	-100	-0.3%
Danielson-Northeast	27,200	27,100	27,000	26,600	27,400	100	0.4%	-200	-0.7%

* 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.

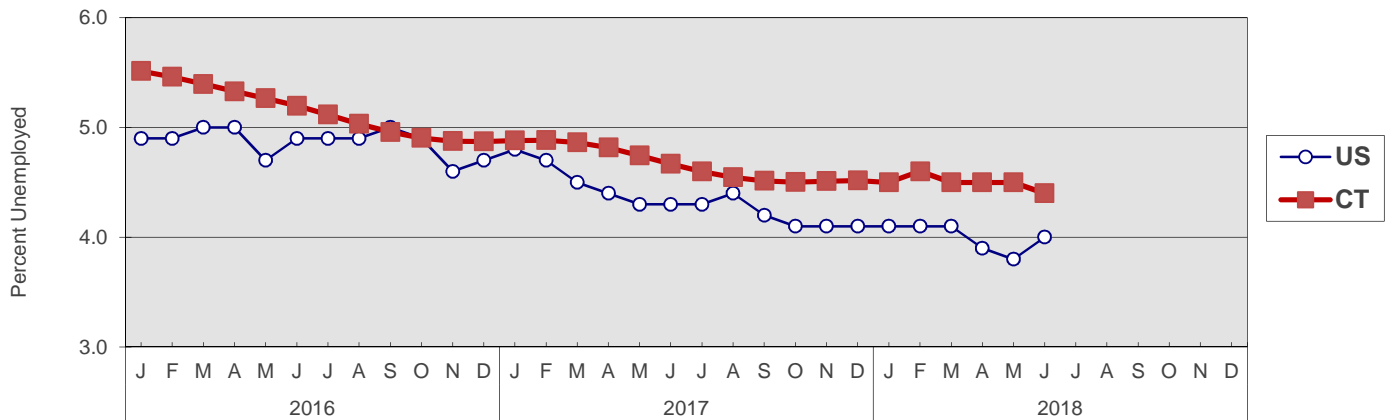
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2018 P		June 2017 R		Change		May 2018 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	84,000	4.4	89,600	4.7	-5,600	-0.3	84,900	4.5
Labor Force	1,896,600		1,919,900		-23,300		1,898,500	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	6,564,000	4.0	6,964,000	4.3	-400,000	-0.3	6,065,000	3.8
Labor Force	162,140,000		160,214,000		1,926,000		161,539,000	

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2016 - 2018



LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2018 P		June 2017 R		Change		May 2018 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								
<p>Release of the June 2018 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, July 20, 2018. An updated <i>Connecticut Labor Situation</i> with these data will be available on our website at that time at: http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf.</p>								
CONNECTICUT	86,500	4.5	93,600	4.8	-7,100	-0.3	80,800	4.2
UNITED STATES	6,812,000	4.2	7,250,000	4.5	-438,000	-0.3	5,756,000	3.6

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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 2018 P	June 2017	Change over Yr.	May 2018 R	June 2018 P	June 2017	Change over Yr.	May 2018 R	June 2018 P	June 2017	Change over Yr.	May 2018 R
Private Industry All Employees	\$1,058.28	\$1,034.21	\$24.07	\$1,064.12	33.8	33.6	0.2	33.9	\$31.31	\$30.78	\$0.53	\$31.39
Manufacturing*												
Production Workers	\$1,025.71	\$1,052.50	-\$26.79	\$1,052.06	40.8	42.1	-1.3	41.0	\$25.14	\$25.00	\$0.14	\$25.66

* 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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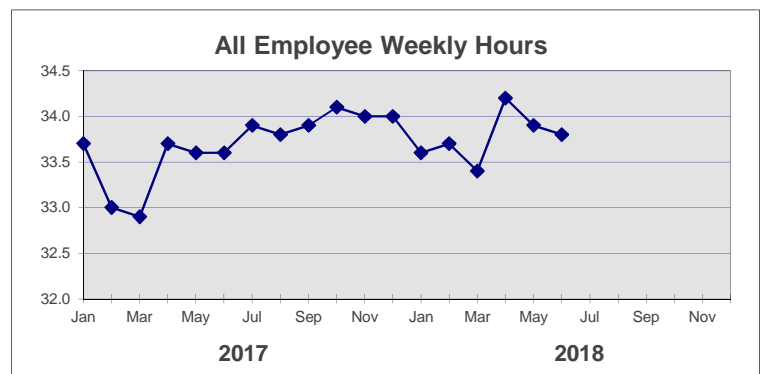
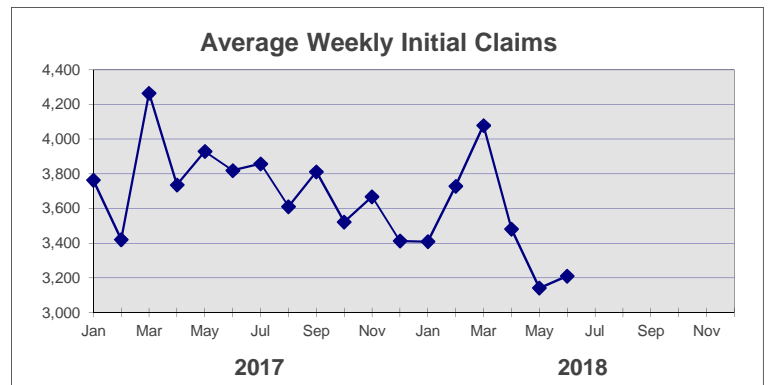
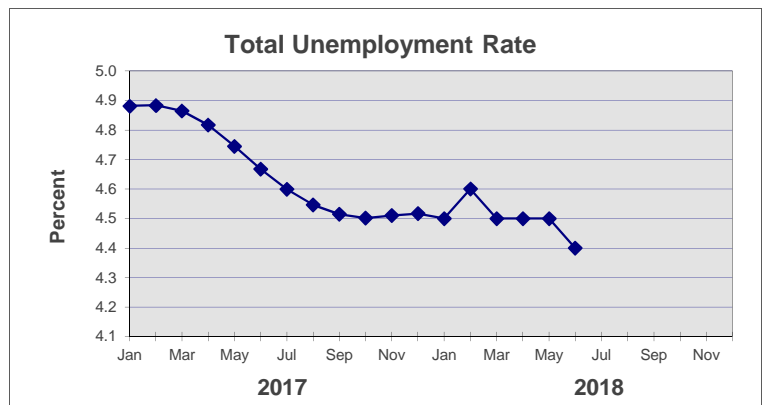
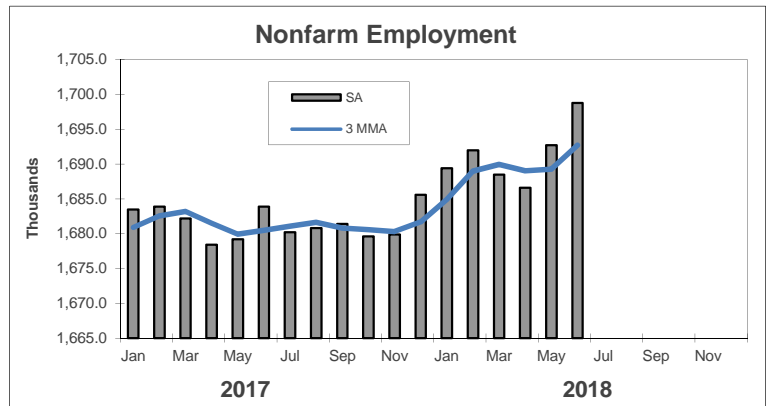
Seasonally Adjusted

	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2017		
Jan	1,683.5	4.9
Feb	1,683.9	4.9
Mar	1,682.2	4.9
Apr	1,678.4	4.8
May	1,679.2	4.7
Jun	1,683.9	4.7
Jul	1,680.2	4.6
Aug	1,680.8	4.5
Sep	1,681.4	4.5
Oct	1,679.6	4.5
Nov	1,679.9	4.5
Dec	1,685.6	4.5

2018		
Jan	1,689.4	4.5
Feb	1,692.0	4.6
Mar	1,688.5	4.5
Apr	1,686.6	4.5
May	1,692.7 R	4.5 R
Jun	1,698.8 P	4.4 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
2017		
Jan	3,763	33.7
Feb	3,421	33.0
Mar	4,266	32.9
Apr	3,736	33.7
May	3,929	33.6
Jun	3,820	33.6
Jul	3,858	33.9
Aug	3,611	33.8
Sep	3,812	33.9
Oct	3,523	34.1
Nov	3,668	34.0
Dec	3,413	34.0

2018		
Jan	3,409	33.6
Feb	3,729	33.7
Mar	4,080	33.4
Apr	3,481	34.2
May	3,142	33.9 R
Jun	3,211	33.8 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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** Labor-management dispute