



# LABOR SITUATION

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June 2019 Data

CT Unemployment Rate = 3.7%  
US Unemployment Rate = 3.7%

## Nonfarm jobs fall by 1,400 in June; unemployment rate falls to 3.7%

WETHERSFIELD, July 18, 2019 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state lost 1,400 net jobs (-0.1%) in June 2019, to a level of 1,692,200 seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 4,000 (0.2%). The May 2019 originally-released job loss of 1,500 was revised down by 400 to a loss of 1,900. The number of the state's unemployed residents was estimated at 70,900, seasonally adjusted, down 800 from May. As a result, Connecticut's June unemployment rate is at 3.7%, seasonally adjusted, down one-tenth of a point from the revised May level. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm payroll job estimates above. None of the movements in payroll job estimates or residential employment are considered statistically significant.

"June's loss of 1,400 jobs was driven primarily by a large loss in government employment almost all of which came from local government," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Private sector employment actually grew by 800 jobs. Changes in school calendars and the timing of summer employment can often make seasonal adjustment of local government difficult. We will have to wait until next month to see if this drop in government employment was an anomaly."

### Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

**Private sector employment** grew by 800 (0.1%) to 1,458,500 jobs over the month in June, and remains up 6,000 (0.4%) seasonally-adjusted jobs over June 2018. The **government supersector** was down sharply in June (-2,200, -0.9%) to a total of 233,700, and is now down 2,000 jobs (-0.8%) over the year. Almost all of this decline was in local government which includes local education staff and casino employment. The **government supersector** includes all federal, state and local employment, including public higher education and Native American casino employment located on tribal land.

**Four of the ten major industry supersectors** gained employment in June, while five declined. The **manufacturing supersector** remained unchanged (160,700 total jobs). **Education & health services** led gainers adding 1,600 jobs (0.5%, 340,700). The **financial activities supersector** (0.5%, 128,000) was next with a gain of 600 jobs. The **professional & business services** (0.2%, 220,100) *supersector* picked up 400 jobs while **leisure & hospitality** added 100 (0.1%, 161,500) total jobs.

The above mentioned government sector led employment losses in June. **Construction and mining** was next, losing 1,100 positions (-1.9%, 57,900). **Other services** dropped 400 (-0.6%, 63,300), while the **trade, transportation, and utilities supersector** declined by 300 (-0.1%, 293,700). Finally, the **information supersector** saw a small decline of 100 jobs (-0.3%, 32,600).

Connecticut has now recovered **79.3%** (95,400 jobs) of the 120,300 seasonally adjusted jobs lost in the "Great Recession" (3/08-1/10). The job recovery is now into its 112th month and the state needs an additional 24,900 net new jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. The state's private sector is fully recovered at **101.0%** (113,100) of the 112,000 private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn.

**Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs):** Two of the six LMAs seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics saw job increases in June 2019 and three saw a decline. The **Danbury LMA** (77,900) remained unchanged. The **New Haven LMA** saw an increase of 300 jobs (0.1%, 286,600) while the **Norwich-New London-Westerly, CT-RI LMA** (0.2%, 130,500) gained 200. The **Hartford LMA** (-0.2%, 583,500) shed 1,300 jobs and the **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** (-0.3%, 408,200) fell by 1,100 jobs. The **Waterbury LMA** (-0.7%, 68,800) dropped 500 net jobs.

*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 33.9 hours in June 2019, up by two-tenths of an hour from the same month a year ago. Average hourly earnings at \$32.77, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$1.36 (4.3%) from the June 2018 estimate (\$31.41). The resultant average private sector weekly pay amounted to \$1,110.90, up \$52.38 from a year ago (4.9%). 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 2019 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 2019 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **3.7%** (seasonally adjusted), down one-tenth of a point from the revised May 2019 figure and down four-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 4.1%. The US jobless rate in June 2019 was 3.7%, down three-tenths of a point from June 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 800 from May at 70,900. Over the year, the number of the state’s jobless residents declined by 7,700 (-9.8%). The state’s labor force was down an estimated 3,400 over the month at 1,907,500, but is higher over the year by 7,500 (0.4%). The annual growth margin in the state’s labor force has continued to shrink in recent months.

June 2019 seasonally adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut was 3,823 – up from May by 785 claims and higher by 574 claims (17.7%) from the June 2018 level of 3,249.

*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, August 15, 2019 (July 2019 data)*

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## Jobs - by Place of Work

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	June 2019 P	May 2019 R	April 2019	March 2019	June 2018	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>1,692,200</b>	<b>1,693,600</b>	<b>1,695,500</b>	<b>1,695,000</b>	<b>1,688,200</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,458,500</b>	<b>1,457,700</b>	<b>1,459,000</b>	<b>1,458,200</b>	<b>1,452,500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>									
Mining	500	500	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	57,400	58,500	60,000	62,300	58,400	-1,100	-1.9%	-1,000	-1.7%
Manufacturing	160,700	160,700	160,800	161,300	160,400	0	0.0%	300	0.2%
Durable Goods	126,000	126,200	126,400	126,800	126,200	-200	-0.2%	-200	-0.2%
Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,500	34,400	34,500	34,200	200	0.6%	500	1.5%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	293,700	294,000	295,500	294,900	297,400	-300	-0.1%	-3,700	-1.2%
Wholesale	63,100	63,100	63,000	61,800	61,700	0	0.0%	1,400	2.3%
Retail	175,000	175,500	177,000	177,900	180,900	-500	-0.3%	-5,900	-3.3%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	55,600	55,400	55,500	55,200	54,800	200	0.4%	800	1.5%
Information	32,600	32,700	32,800	32,800	31,700	-100	-0.3%	900	2.8%
Financial Activities	128,000	127,400	127,000	127,100	125,800	600	0.5%	2,200	1.7%
Finance & Insurance	107,200	106,700	106,500	106,600	105,800	500	0.5%	1,400	1.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	20,800	20,700	20,500	20,500	20,000	100	0.5%	800	4.0%
Professional & Business Services	220,100	219,700	218,900	217,100	220,800	400	0.2%	-700	-0.3%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	97,700	97,300	97,500	98,400	96,500	400	0.4%	1,200	1.2%
Management of Companies	32,700	32,900	32,800	32,900	33,500	-200	-0.6%	-800	-2.4%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	89,700	89,500	88,600	85,800	90,800	200	0.2%	-1,100	-1.2%
Educational & Health Services	340,700	339,100	338,400	337,600	334,100	1,600	0.5%	6,600	2.0%
Educational Services	67,600	67,400	67,400	67,200	65,300	200	0.3%	2,300	3.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	273,100	271,700	271,000	270,400	268,800	1,400	0.5%	4,300	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	161,500	161,400	160,800	160,300	157,800	100	0.1%	3,700	2.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28,400	28,700	28,800	28,300	28,200	-300	-1.0%	200	0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	133,100	132,700	132,000	132,000	129,600	400	0.3%	3,500	2.7%
Other Services	63,300	63,700	64,300	64,300	65,600	-400	-0.6%	-2,300	-3.5%
Government**	233,700	235,900	236,500	236,800	235,700	-2,200	-0.9%	-2,000	-0.8%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>151,308,000</b>	<b>151,084,000</b>	<b>151,012,000</b>	<b>150,796,000</b>	<b>149,007,000</b>	<b>224,000</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2,301,000</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

### LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

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

Seasonally Adjusted data	June 2019 P	May 2019 R	April 2019	March 2019	June 2018	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk</b>	408,200	409,300	410,500	410,000	408,800	-1,100	-0.3%	-600	-0.1%
<b>Danbury</b>	77,900	77,900	77,700	77,700	77,200	0	0.0%	700	0.9%
<b>Hartford</b>	583,500	584,800	582,500	582,100	581,900	-1,300	-0.2%	1,600	0.3%
<b>New Haven</b>	286,600	286,300	286,200	287,400	285,000	300	0.1%	1,600	0.6%
<b>Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI</b>	130,500	130,300	129,900	130,200	130,000	200	0.2%	500	0.4%
<b>Waterbury</b>	68,800	69,300	69,500	69,400	69,100	-500	-0.7%	-300	-0.4%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
<b>Enfield</b>	45,000	45,300	45,400	44,600	44,900	-300	-0.7%	100	0.2%
<b>Torrington-Northwest</b>	34,200	33,400	32,700	32,200	34,000	800	2.4%	200	0.6%
<b>Danielson-Northeast</b>	27,300	27,300	26,900	26,500	27,200	0	0.0%	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](mailto:dol.lmi@ct.gov). Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

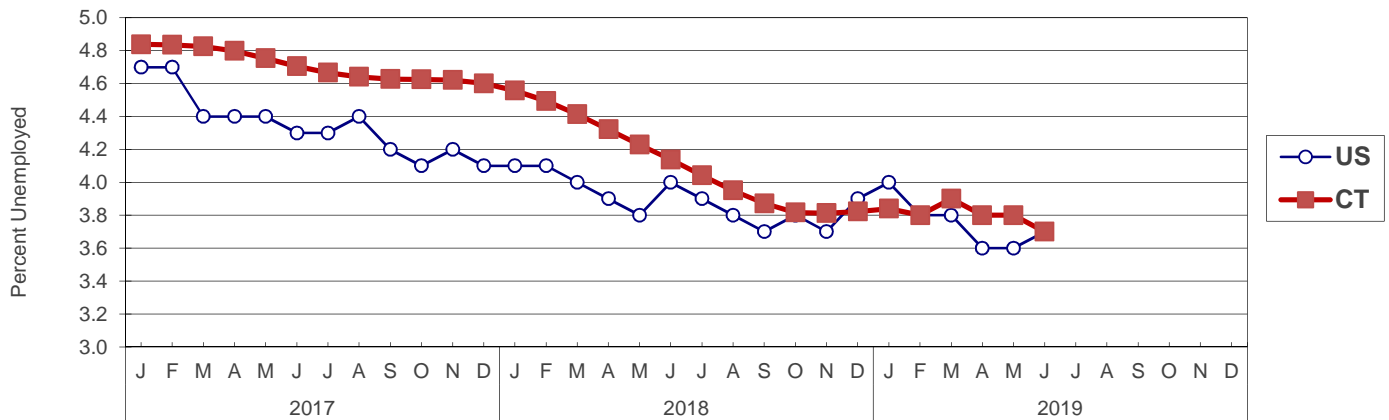
# UNEMPLOYMENT

## Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2019 P		Jun 2018 R		Change		May 2019 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Unemployed	70,900	3.7	78,600	4.1	-7,700	-0.4	71,700	3.8
Labor Force	1,907,500		1,900,000		7,500		1,910,900	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Unemployed	5,975,000	3.7	6,537,000	4.0	-562,000	-0.3	5,888,000	3.6
Labor Force	162,981,000		162,129,000		852,000		162,646,000	

### U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2017 - 2019



### LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun 2019 P		Jun 2018 R		Change		May 2019 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								
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>74,300</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>83,600</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-9,300</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>6,292,000</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>6,812,000</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-520,000</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>5,503,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>

Release of the June 2019 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, July 19, 2019. 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

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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## HOURS AND EARNINGS

### CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	June 2019 P	June 2018	Change over Yr.	May 2019 R	June 2019 P	June 2018	Change over Yr.	May 2019 R	June 2019 P	June 2018	Change over Yr.	May 2019 R
<b>Private Industry All Employees</b>	\$1,110.90	\$1,058.52	\$52.38	\$1,102.56	33.9	33.7	0.2	33.8	\$32.77	\$31.41	\$1.36	\$32.62
<b>Manufacturing*</b>												
<b>Production Workers</b>	\$1,141.83	\$1,063.13	\$78.70	\$1,159.40	42.4	41.0	1.4	42.5	\$26.93	\$25.93	\$1.00	\$27.28

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

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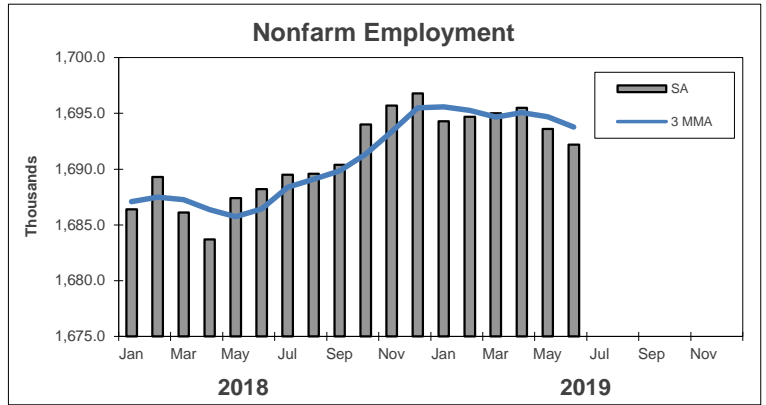
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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: [www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi).

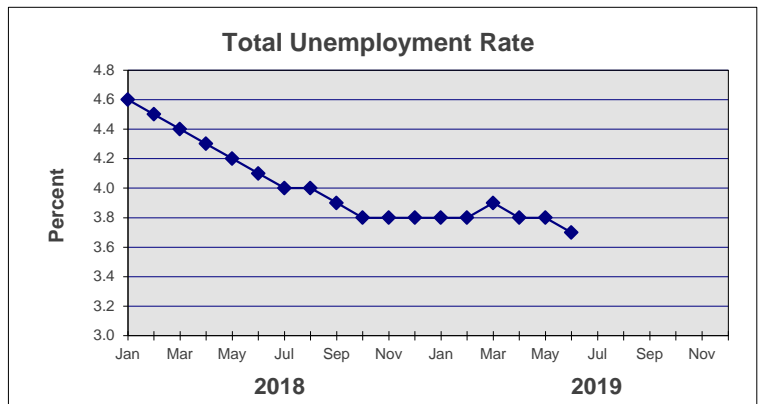
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## Seasonally Adjusted

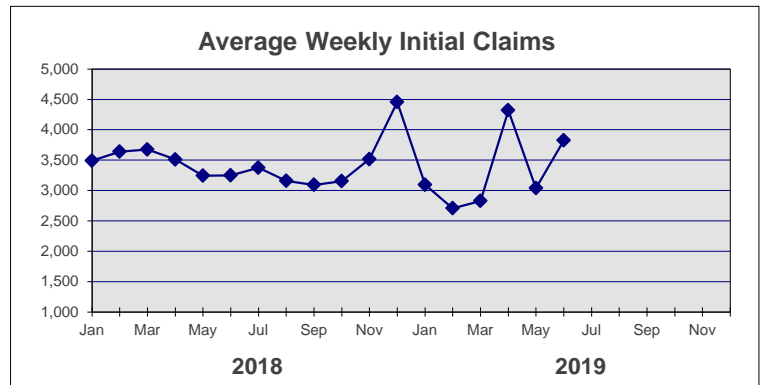
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
<b>2018</b>		
Jan	1,686.4	4.6
Feb	1,689.3	4.5
Mar	1,686.1	4.4
Apr	1,683.7	4.3
May	1,687.4	4.2
Jun	1,688.2	4.1
Jul	1,689.5	4.0
Aug	1,689.6	4.0
Sep	1,690.4	3.9
Oct	1,694.0	3.8
Nov	1,695.7	3.8
Dec	1,696.8	3.8



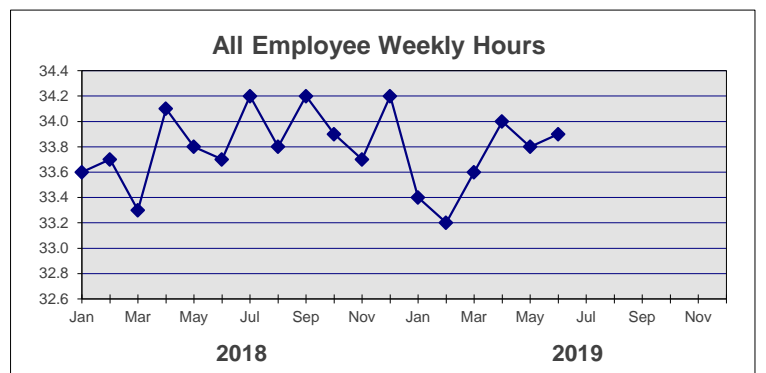
<b>2019</b>		
Jan	1,694.3	3.8
Feb	1,694.7	3.8
Mar	1,695.0	3.9
Apr	1,695.5	3.8
May	1,693.6 R	3.8 R
Jun	1,692.2 P	3.7 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
<b>2018</b>		
Jan	3,490	33.6
Feb	3,639	33.7
Mar	3,674	33.3
Apr	3,511	34.1
May	3,245	33.8
Jun	3,249	33.7
Jul	3,376	34.2
Aug	3,157	33.8
Sep	3,093	34.2
Oct	3,154	33.9
Nov	3,516	33.7
Dec	4,454	34.2



<b>2019</b>		
Jan	3,096	33.4
Feb	2,707	33.2
Mar	2,828	33.6
Apr	4,319	34.0
May	3,038	33.8 R
Jun	3,823	33.9 P
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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