

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators



## Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area, the state of Connecticut, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

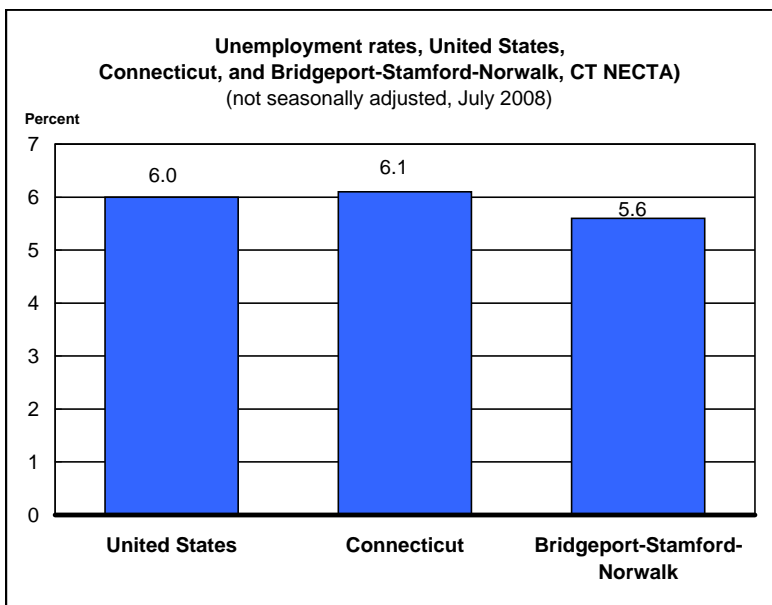
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
New York metro area	228.326	240.550	5.4
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
New York metro area	221.905	235.510	6.1
<b>Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)</b>	<b>Aug. 2007</b>	<b>Aug. 2008(p)</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Finished goods	166.1	182.1	9.6
All commodities	172.4	199.9	16.0
Industrial commodities	174.9	203.5	16.4

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### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,556.0	9,433.0	1,877.0	24.8
Connecticut	92.771	117.121	24.4	26.2
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	21.730	27.826	6.1	28.1

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	June 2007	June 2008	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation-Private Industry</b>			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
New England	104.8	107.1	2.2
<b>Wages and Salaries-Private Industry</b>			
United States	105.1	108.4	3.1
Northeast	105.0	108.2	3.0
New England	104.8	107.6	2.7
<b>Occupational Wages (selected occupations)</b>	<b>Mean hourly wage (May 2007)</b>		
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA</b>			
Education, training, and library	\$25.54		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$35.36		
Food preparation and serving related	\$11.30		
Sales and related	\$25.98		
Office and administrative support	\$18.18		
Construction and extraction	\$23.23		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$21.98		
Production	\$16.68		
Transportation and material moving	\$15.23		

### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,410.0	137,208.0	-202.0	-0.1
Connecticut	1,691.3	1,695.9	4.6	0.3
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	425.6	427.2	1.6	0.4

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### Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	425.6	427.2	1.6	0.4
Nat. res., mining, and construction	16.6	16.8	0.2	1.2
Manufacturing	40.7	40.9	0.2	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	75.5	75.7	0.2	0.3
Financial activities	46.2	46.8	0.6	1.3
Professional and business serv.	71.6	71.1	-0.5	-0.7
Education and health services	61.4	62.0	0.6	1.0
Government	46.2	45.0	-1.2	-2.6

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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