

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

Hartford Metro Area



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford 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, all items (not seasonally adjusted)			
Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100)	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	211.693	212.193	0.2%
Northeast Region	225.213	226.754	0.7%
New York metro area	231.020	234.663	1.6%
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	207.254	206.708	-0.3%
Northeast Region	221.702	222.945	0.6%
New York metro area	225.281	228.653	1.5%

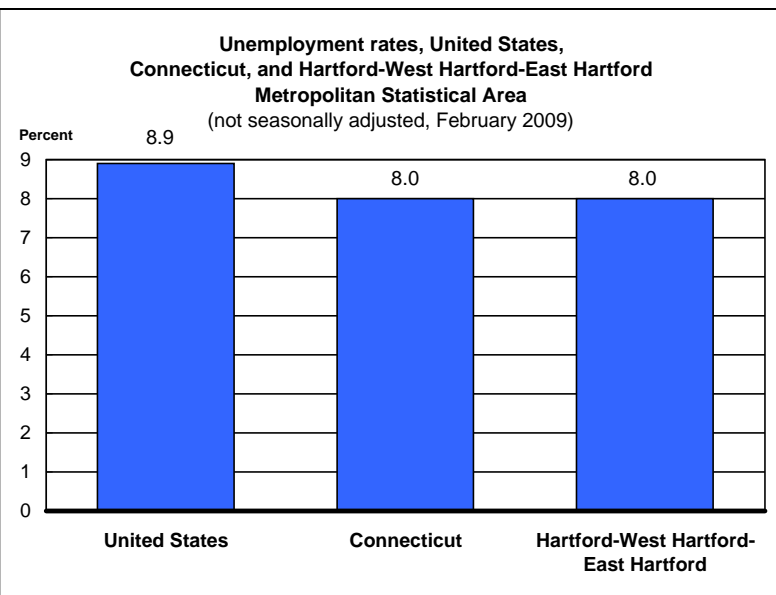
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982=100)			
	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Percent change
Finished goods	172.3	170.1	-1.3%
All commodities	182.7	169.5	-7.2%
Industrial commodities	184.6	170.9	-7.4%

Most recent data for the PPI are subject to revision for four months.

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

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,953	13,699	5,746	72.2%
Connecticut	99,238	148,988	49,750	50.1%
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	32,902	47,154	14,252	43.3%

Most recent data for unemployment are preliminary.



Employment Cost Index (December 2005=100)	Private Industry Workers		Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Percent change
	Total Compensation				
United States			106.3	108.9	2.4%
Northeast			106.8	109.5	2.5%
New England			106.1	109.5	3.2%
Wages and Salaries					
U.S. City Average			106.6	109.4	2.6%
Northeast			106.6	109.6	2.8%
New England			106.3	110.3	3.8%

Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2007)
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	
Education, training, and library	\$26.41
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$34.41
Food preparation and serving related	\$10.96
Sales and related	\$19.74
Office and administrative support	\$17.50
Construction and extraction	\$23.23
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$21.51
Production	\$17.82
Transportation and material moving	\$15.09

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,356.0	132,130.0	-4,226.0	-3.1%
Connecticut	1,687.8	1,633.4	-54.4	-3.2%
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	555.1	542.0	-13.1	-2.4%

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Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	555.1	542.0	-13.1	-2.4%
Mining, logging, and construction	20.1	16.4	-3.7	-18.4%
Manufacturing	63.9	61.8	-2.1	-3.3%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	89.9	87.5	-2.4	-2.7%
Financial activities	66.0	64.2	-1.8	-2.7%
Professional and business services	61.5	58.6	-2.9	-4.7%
Education and health services	91.6	94.2	2.6	2.8%
Government	90.2	88.2	-2.0	-2.2%

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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