

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, 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%
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	23,339	34,891	11,552	49.5%

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)
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA	
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	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%
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	413.1	400.6	-12.5	-3.0%

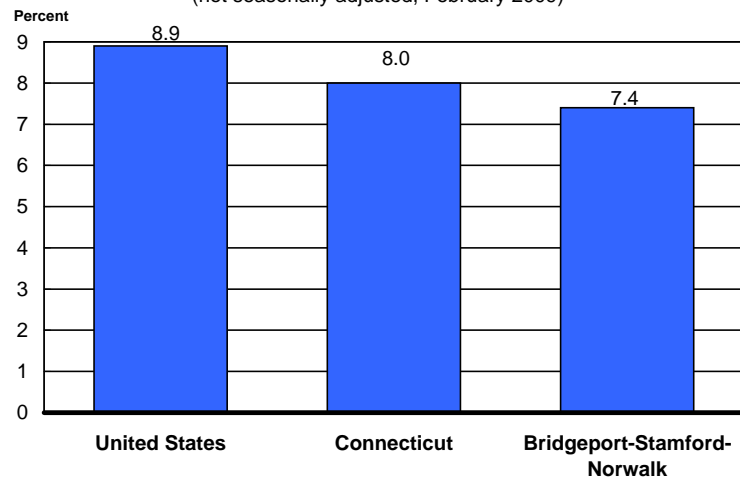
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Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	413.1	400.6	-12.5	-3.0%
Mining, logging, and construction	14.1	12.5	-1.6	-11.3%
Manufacturing	39.4	38.7	-0.7	-1.8%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	75.3	71.2	-4.1	-5.4%
Financial activities	45.3	44.0	-1.3	-2.9%
Professional and business services	66.8	60.8	-6.0	-9.0%
Education and health services	63.6	66.1	2.5	3.9%
Government	48.6	47.6	-1.0	-2.1%

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, Connecticut, and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA (not seasonally adjusted, February 2009)



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