

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 (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	166.1	182.1	9.6
All commodities	172.4	199.9	16.0
Industrial commodities	174.9	203.5	16.4

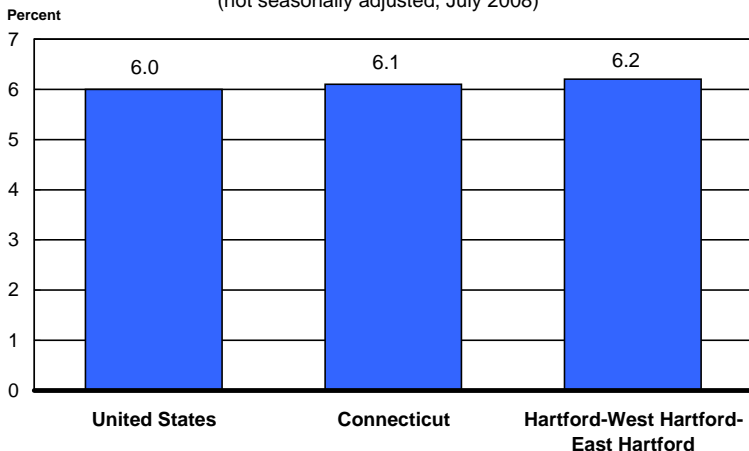
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	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
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	30.214	37.357	7.1	23.6

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Unemployment rates, United States,
Connecticut, and Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford
Metropolitan Statistical Area
(not seasonally adjusted, July 2008)



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	June 2007	June 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
New England	104.8	107.1	2.2
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	105.1	108.4	3.1
Northeast	105.0	108.2	3.0
New England	104.8	107.6	2.7
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	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	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
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	553.5	560.9	7.4	1.3

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

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	553.5	560.9	7.4	1.3
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	24.1	24.0	-0.1	-0.4
Manufacturing	64.9	65.4	0.5	0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	88.9	88.6	-0.3	-0.3
Financial activities	67.2	66.6	-0.6	-0.9
Professional and business services	61.6	62.5	0.9	1.5
Education and health services	89.0	93.4	4.4	4.9
Government	80.8	81.4	0.6	0.7

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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