

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area, 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 include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	225.922	229.104	1.4
Northeast	242.282	244.984	1.1
New York Metro Area	249.164	252.016	1.1
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
Northeast	240.707	243.422	1.1
New York Metro Area	245.265	248.162	1.2

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	192.2	193.1	0.5
All commodities	204.6	200.0	-2.2
Industrial commodities	205.9	199.5	-3.1

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

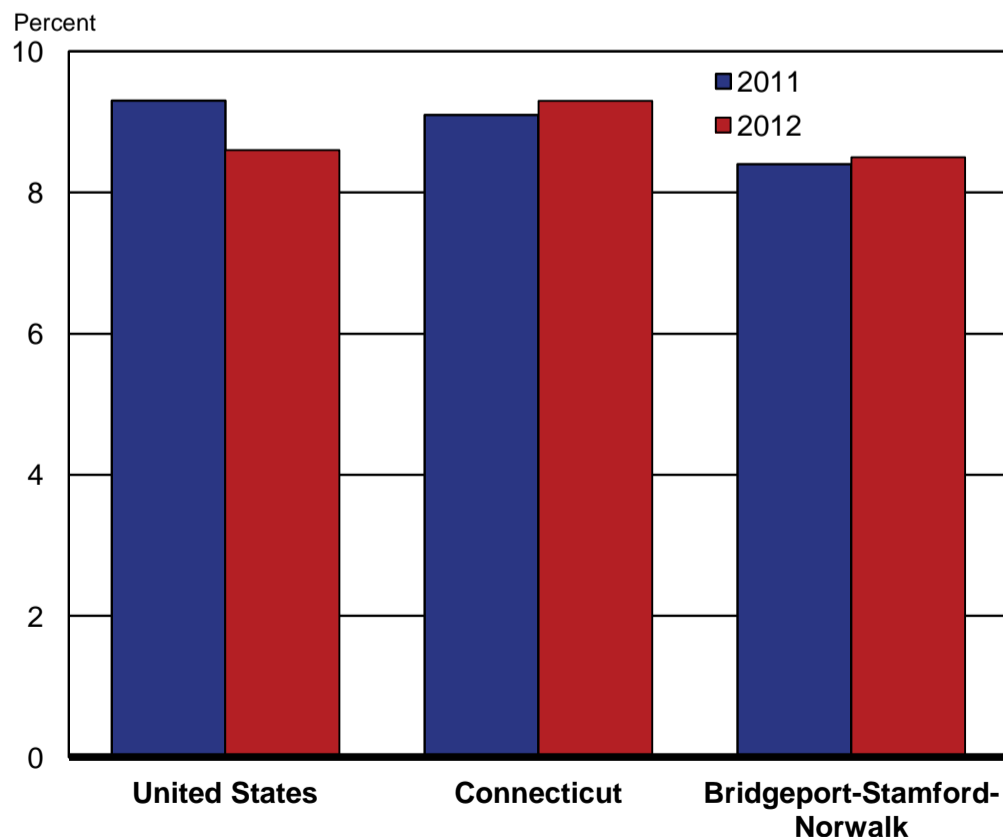
Area	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,428	13,400	-1,028.0	-7.1
Connecticut	177.6	179.4	1.7	1.0
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	41.9	42.4	0.5	1.3

Median annual wages in Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$44,820
Management	116,160
Business and financial	77,090
Computer and mathematical science	84,780
Life, physical, and social science	78,940
Education, training, and library	52,400
Healthcare practitioner and technical	72,480
Healthcare support	31,540
Food preparation and serving related	20,110
Sales and related	34,470
Office and administrative support	39,030

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment rates, United States, Connecticut, and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area, July 2011 and 2012



Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,038	132,868	1,830	1.4
Connecticut	1,620.6	1,628.0	7.4	0.5
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	404.1	407.6	3.5	0.9

Payroll employment in Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	404.1	407.6	3.5
Natural resources mining construction	11.4	12.6	1.2
Manufacturing	35.6	35.3	-0.3
Trade transportation and utilities	71.0	71.9	0.9
Financial activities	42.8	41.3	-1.5
Professional and business services	67.5	66.7	-0.8
Education and health services	66.1	69.3	3.2
Government	42.9	43.9	1.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.