

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, 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)

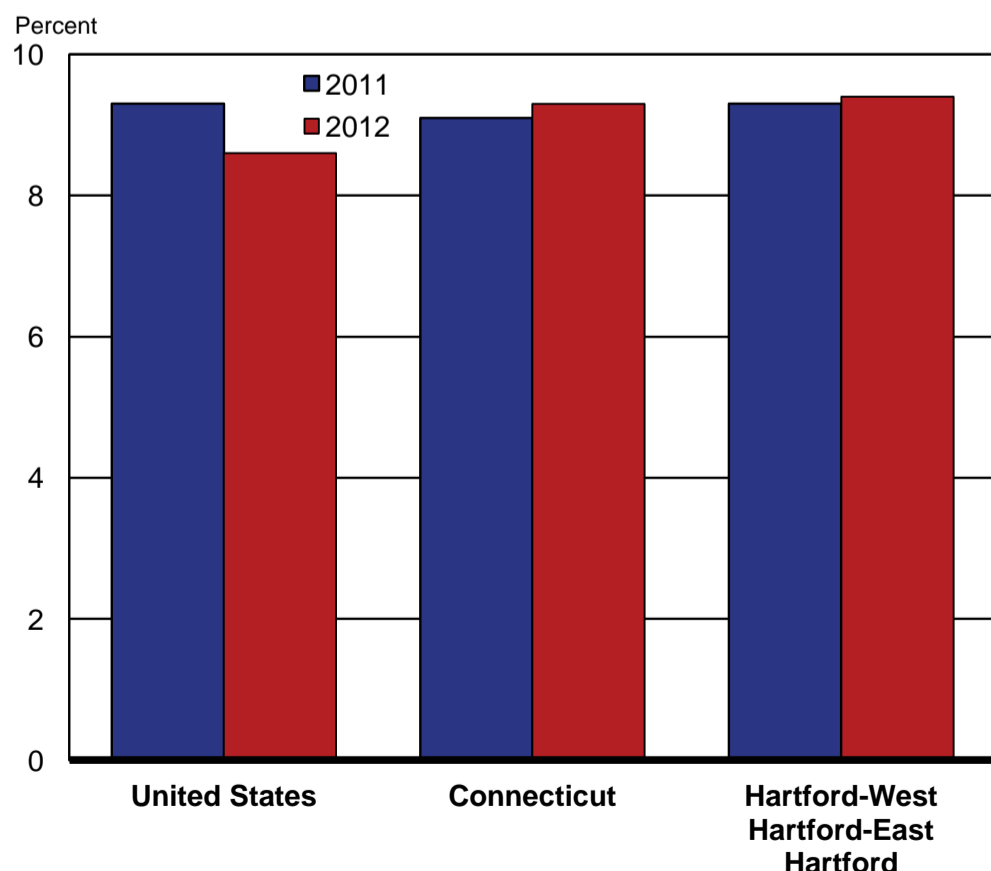
Area	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,428	13,400	-1,028.0	-7.1
Connecticut	177.6	179.4	1.7	1.0
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	56.5	57.2	0.7	1.2

Median annual wages in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$42,960
Management	100,970
Computer and mathematical science	79,070
Life, physical, and social science	67,120
Education, training, and library	51,550
Healthcare practitioner and technical	68,410
Healthcare support	30,780
Food preparation and serving related	20,390
Sales and related	27,680
Office and administrative support	37,610
Installation, maintenance, and repair	46,080

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment rates, United States, Connecticut, and Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, 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
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	532.2	537.7	5.5	1.0

Payroll employment in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	532.2	537.7	5.5
Natural resources mining construction	18.8	16.7	-2.1
Manufacturing	57.4	58.5	1.1
Trade transportation and utilities	86.1	85.9	-0.2
Financial activities	62.2	61.5	-0.7
Professional and business services	60.0	61.1	1.1
Education and health services	96.7	101.4	4.7
Government	75.5	74.0	-1.5

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.