

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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
New York Metro Area	250.058	253.472	1.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4
New York Metro Area	246.025	249.734	1.5

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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

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 levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
Connecticut	171.7	176.0	4.3	2.5
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	54.8	56.5	1.7	3.1

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Connecticut	1,615.0	1,617.7	2.7	0.2
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	530.9	534.2	3.3	0.6

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

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	530.9	534.2	3.3
Natural resources mining construction	18.4	16.6	-1.8
Manufacturing	57.3	58.1	0.8
Trade transportation and utilities	85.6	86.2	0.6
Financial activities	62.3	61.5	-0.8
Professional and business services	60.4	60.8	0.4
Education and health services	96.7	99.9	3.2
Government	74.2	72.9	-1.3

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

