

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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	225.672	229.601	1.7
Northeast	241.987	246.456	1.8
New York Metro Area	248.307	253.555	2.1
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	222.166	225.889	1.7
Northeast	240.431	244.664	1.8
New York Metro Area	244.586	249.535	2.0

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

Index and area	Sept 2011	Sept 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	114.6	116.9	2.0
Northeast	115.7	117.6	1.6
New England	116.2	118.1	1.6
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	114.9	116.7	1.6
New England	116.0	117.8	1.6

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.1	193.6	1.3
All commodities	199.8	201.5	0.9
Industrial commodities	200.6	200.4	-0.1

### 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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	12,692	11,844	-848.0	-6.7
Connecticut	145.0	144.4	-0.6	-0.4
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	46.0	45.8	-0.1	-0.2

### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,965	134,822	1,857	1.4
Connecticut	1,644.5	1,643.3	-1.2	-0.1
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	548.1	548.9	0.8	0.1

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

Industry	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	548.1	548.9	0.8
Natural resources mining construction	16.1	16.7	0.6
Manufacturing	56.8	57.6	0.8
Trade transportation and utilities	90.4	90.0	-0.4
Financial activities	61.8	60.2	-1.6
Professional and business services	62.2	60.4	-1.8
Education and health services	101.4	105.1	3.7
Government	84.6	83.3	-1.3

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, Connecticut, and Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area, December 2011 and 2012

