

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	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 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 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
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	34.1	33.6	-0.5	-1.5

### 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
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	402.4	404.3	1.9	0.5

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

Industry	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	402.4	404.3	1.9
Natural resources mining construction	10.7	11.7	1.0
Manufacturing	35.3	34.6	-0.7
Trade transportation and utilities	73.8	73.6	-0.2
Financial activities	41.6	41.2	-0.4
Professional and business services	64.4	65.0	0.6
Education and health services	69.9	72.5	2.6
Government	46.5	46.4	-0.1

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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

