

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	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
New York Metro Area	245.617	251.887	2.6
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7
New York Metro Area	241.667	248.152	2.7

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

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New England	114.5	116.6	1.8

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

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

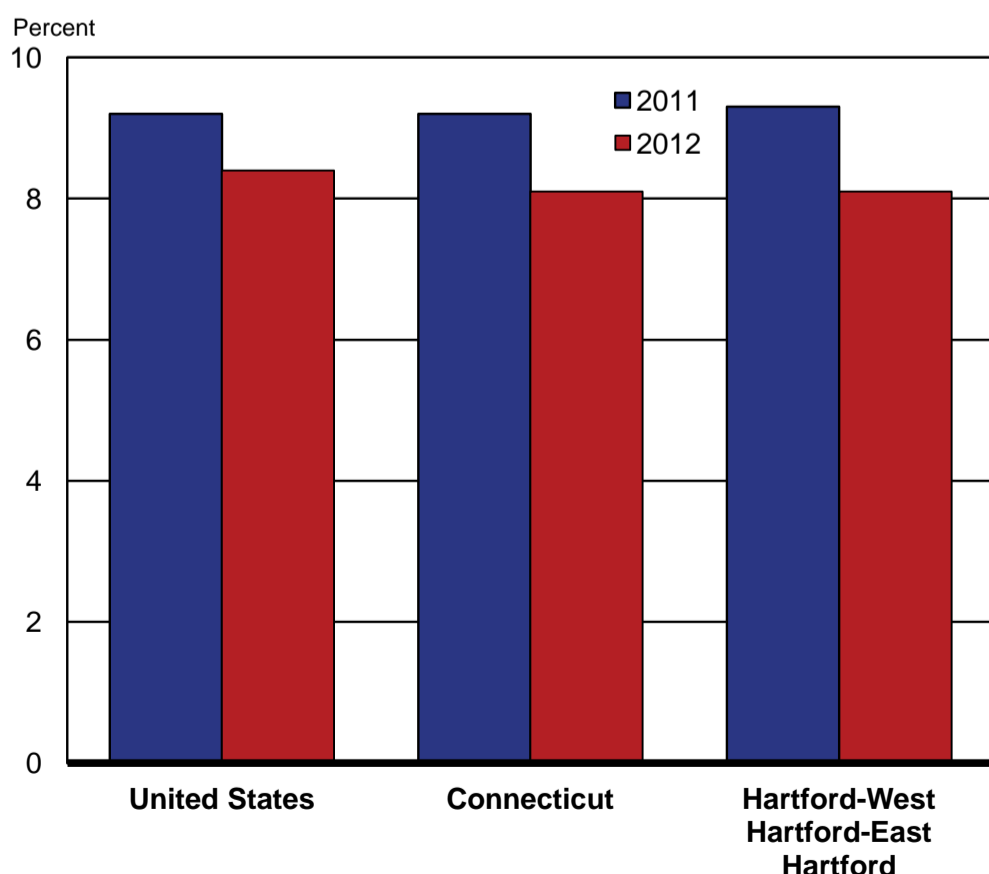
Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
Connecticut	176.5	153.8	-22.8	-12.9
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	56.5	48.8	-7.7	-13.6

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, March 2011 and 2012



Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,010	1,949	1.5
Connecticut	1,600.4	1,611.8	11.4	0.7
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	533.8	540.1	6.3	1.2

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

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	533.8	540.1	6.3
Natural resources mining construction	15.4	14.1	-1.3
Manufacturing	57.1	57.7	0.6
Trade transportation and utilities	84.8	86.6	1.8
Financial activities	62.0	61.3	-0.7
Professional and business services	58.3	61.1	2.8
Education and health services	98.8	102.4	3.6
Government	86.9	84.0	-2.9

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.