

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	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

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

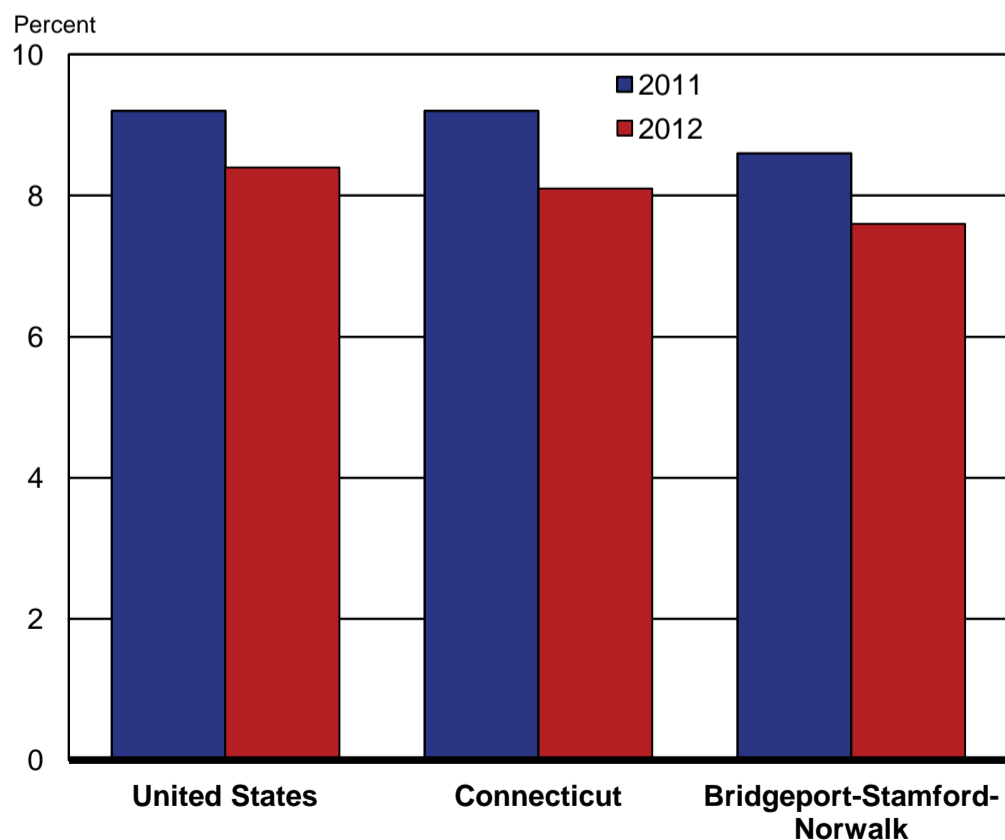
Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	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
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	41.8	36.4	-5.3	-12.8

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
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	394.1	395.0	0.9	0.2

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



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

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	394.1	395.0	0.9
Natural resources mining construction	10.0	10.2	0.2
Manufacturing	35.5	34.9	-0.6
Trade transportation and utilities	69.9	70.3	0.4
Financial activities	42.7	41.5	-1.2
Professional and business services	63.7	63.2	-0.5
Education and health services	67.1	70.3	3.2
Government	46.2	46.1	-0.1

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.