

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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
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
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
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
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
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 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	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
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	40.5	41.5	1.1	2.7

### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

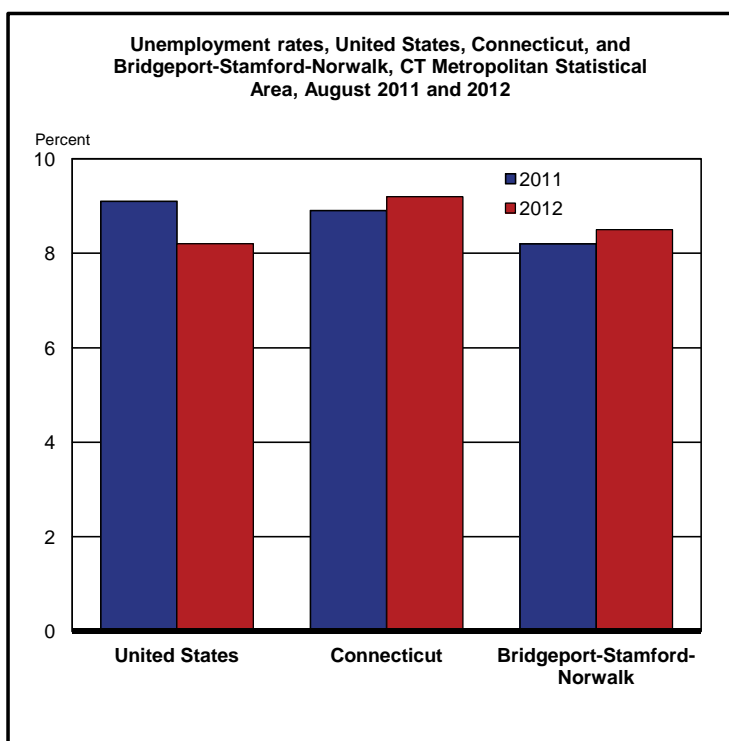
Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Connecticut	1,615.0	1,617.7	2.7	0.2
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	398.6	403.0	4.4	1.1

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

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	398.6	403.0	4.4
Natural resources mining construction	12.0	12.1	0.1
Manufacturing	35.4	35.0	-0.4
Trade transportation and utilities	69.6	71.2	1.6
Financial activities	42.5	41.2	-1.3
Professional and business services	66.3	67.0	0.7
Education and health services	65.2	68.9	3.7
Government	42.0	42.9	0.9

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.



The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. For more detailed information on Metropolitan Statistical Areas, please visit [www.bls.gov/oes/current/msa\\_def.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/msa_def.htm).