

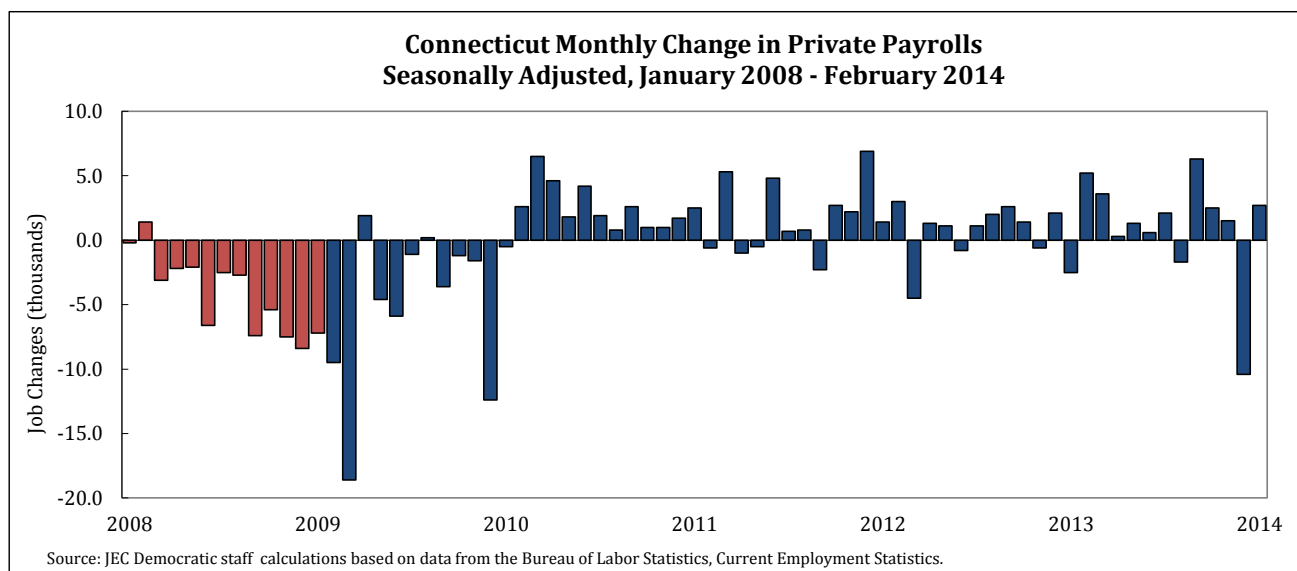


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CONNECTICUT

Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through February 2014

JOBS

- In February, private-sector employment in Connecticut grew by 2,700 jobs. Over the past year, the Connecticut private sector has added 14,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 6,200 jobs over the 12 months ending in February 2013.
- Connecticut private-sector employers have added 71,800 jobs (an increase of 5.3 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In Connecticut, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: education and health services (21,300 jobs), professional and business services (19,700 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (18,000 jobs).
- The Connecticut sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction (16.4 percent), leisure and hospitality (13.8 percent) and professional and business services (10.6 percent).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Connecticut was 7.0 percent in February 2014, down 0.2 percentage point from January. The rate is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 9.5 percent in November 2010.
- 130,200 Connecticut residents were unemployed during February 2014, down from a recent high of 181,300 in October 2010. There are still 38,400 more people unemployed in Connecticut than when the recession began.
- In Connecticut, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,902 during February, down 20.0 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 7.8 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

EXPORTS

- In Connecticut, exports totaled \$1.3 billion in January and \$16.3 billion over the past year, up 1.2 percent from the 12 months ending in January 2013 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- Connecticut exports over the past 12 months are up 2.7 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

HOUSING

- Home prices in Connecticut decreased by 0.4 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012 to the fourth quarter of 2013 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 0.4 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2013 but remain 17.9 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in Connecticut totaled 2,300 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in February 2014, a decrease of 78.1 percent from January.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Connecticut, sales of new single-family homes totaled 23,000 units in February 2014, a decrease of 32.4 percent from January. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased by 13.5 percent to 450,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from January to February 2014.

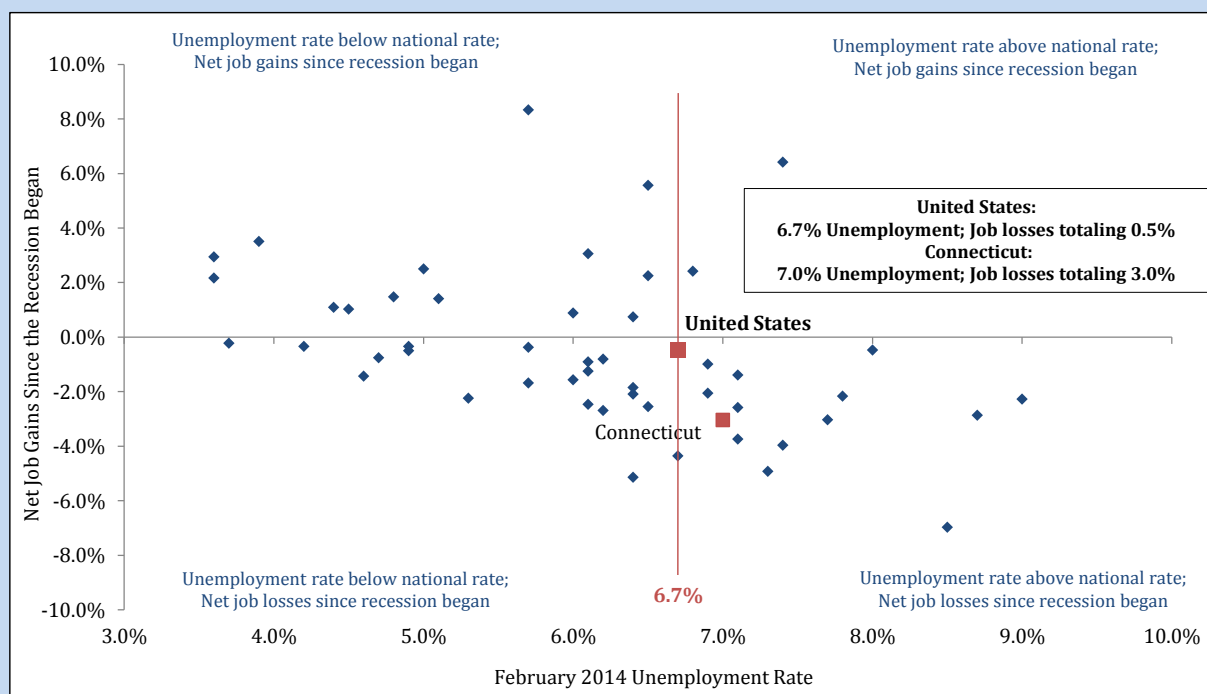
* For Connecticut-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Connecticut office: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/>

How Does Connecticut Compare to Other States?

Workers across the country were hit hard during the recent recession. Since then, employment in some states has returned to pre-recession levels, while employment in other states remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows for a comparison of Connecticut to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in Connecticut, while net job gains since the recession began (current nonfarm jobs as a share of jobs prior to the recession) measures progress toward labor-market recovery (vertical axis).

States falling in the upper left quadrant have net job gains since the start of the recession and unemployment rates lower than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower right quadrant have higher unemployment rates than the United States overall and are still experiencing net job losses relative to pre-recession levels.



Note: The figure above excludes North Dakota, which has a current unemployment rate of 2.6% and net job gains totaling 26.3% since the start of the recession.

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Connecticut	United States
Unemployment Rates	February 2014	7.0%	6.7%
	February 2013	7.9%	7.7%
	February 2012	8.1%	8.3%
	February 2011	9.2%	9.0%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2013	7.9%	9.0%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	7.0%	6.6%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	9.4%	9.0%
Median Household Income	2012	\$ 64,247	\$ 51,017
	(2012 \$) 2007	\$ 71,029	\$ 55,627
Poverty Rate	2012	10.3%	15.0%
	2007	8.9%	12.5%
No Health Insurance	2012	8.1%	15.4%
	2007	8.6%	14.7%