



United States Department of Agriculture

Food and Nutrition Service

Northeast Region

CPB
Jre
1/4/19/02

Date:

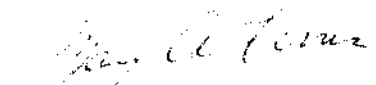
Subject: Connecticut (CT) ABAWD Waiver Modification

To: Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division

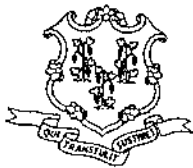
Attached is the February 12, 2002 waiver request from the Connecticut Department of Social Services to exempt individuals from Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

The State is requesting a modification and continuation of waiver #970304 to exempt individuals living in Bridgeport, Hartford and Killingly. Although no areas in CT have been designated as Labor Surplus Areas in FY 2002, they have included supporting State data for these areas for year 2001 and 1999. The three areas did not exceed 120% of the national average in 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynita Lewis at (617) 565-6320 or Jane DiBiasio at (617) 565-6401.


Mary A. Ferris, Chief
State Program Improvement
Food Stamp Program
Northeast Region

Attachment



165 cc: FSP

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

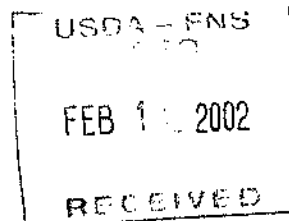
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Patricia A. Wilson-Coker, JD, MSW
COMMISSIONER

February 4, 2002

Frances E. Zorn
Northeast Region Administrator
USDA Food and Nutrition Service
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, MA 02222



TELEPHONE
(860) 424-5008

TDD/TTY
1-800-842-4524

FAX
(860) 424-5129

Dear Ms. Zorn:

The State of Connecticut hereby requests a modification and continuation of waiver #970304, to waive the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependent children who receive Food Stamps and who live in the towns of Bridgeport, Hartford and Killingly.

These towns were designated as Labor Surplus Areas in FYs 2000 and 2001. Although no Connecticut towns have been designated as LSAs for FY 2002, these towns had unemployment rates that exceeded the national average by more than one-fifth during calendar years 1999 and 2000. In September 2001, both Bridgeport and Hartford had unemployment rates that exceeded the national average by more than 20%. We are attaching state unemployment statistics for the month of September, 2001 and a document authored by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C.

Although the unemployment rate in the rest of the country has increased and Connecticut towns do not currently qualify as LSAs, there are still thousands of unemployed people in our larger cities and over 50,000 statewide. Many others do not qualify for unemployment compensation or have become discouraged in their search for employment and are not included in the official count.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please contact William Ruffleth at (860) 424-5381 if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Wilson-Coker
Commissioner

PWC:WR

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
Phone: (860) 263-6290

Page 1 of 2

Technical Contact (860) 263-6296
World Wide Web site:
<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us>

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2000

CPS 2000

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT	21,120	21,214	596	2.8	HARTFORD				
Ansonia	8,505	8,213	292	3.4	Burlington	4,435	4,365	70	1.6
Beacon Falls	2,842	2,772	70	2.5	Canton	4,565	4,594	71	1.5
BRIDGEPORT	60,332	57,767	2,565	4.3	Chaplin	1,199	1,183	16	1.3
Derby	6,315	6,098	217	3.4	Colchester	6,724	6,595	129	1.9
Easton	3,311	3,269	42	1.3	Columbia	2,687	2,649	38	1.4
Fairfield	26,659	26,249	410	1.5	Coventry	6,183	6,080	113	1.8
Milford	26,157	25,613	544	2.1	Cromwell	6,917	6,788	129	1.9
Monroe	9,953	9,786	167	1.7	Durham	3,577	3,517	60	1.7
Oxford	4,819	4,714	105	2.2	East Granby	2,475	2,431	44	1.8
Seymour	7,732	7,533	199	2.6	East Haddam	4,159	4,072	87	2.1
Shelton	20,175	19,718	457	2.3	East Hampton	6,261	6,113	148	2.4
Stratford	24,599	23,990	609	2.5	East Hartford	25,406	24,644	762	3.0
Trumbull	16,780	16,489	297	1.8	East Windsor	5,612	5,472	140	2.5
DANBURY	41,804	40,995	809	1.9	Ellington	6,951	6,828	123	1.8
Bethel	9,813	9,671	142	1.4	Enfield	22,916	22,392	524	2.3
Bridgewater	972	960	12	1.2	Farmington	11,306	11,125	181	1.6
Brookfield	8,297	8,174	123	1.5	Glastonbury	15,855	15,626	229	1.4
DANBURY	36,672	36,010	662	1.8	Granby	5,328	5,251	77	1.4
New Fairfield	7,139	7,030	109	1.5	Haddam	4,230	4,163	67	1.6
New Milford	14,188	13,958	230	1.6	HARTFORD	52,723	50,169	2,554	4.8
Newtown	12,636	12,453	183	1.4	Harwinton	2,981	2,926	55	1.8
Redding	4,529	4,469	60	1.3	Hebron	4,414	4,345	69	1.6
Ridgefield	12,471	12,340	131	1.1	Lebanon	3,359	3,288	71	2.1
Roxbury	1,069	1,059	10	0.9	Manchester	28,471	27,859	612	2.1
Sherman	1,719	1,698	21	1.2	Mansfield	9,223	9,107	116	1.3
Washington	2,100	2,073	27	1.3	Marlborough	3,091	3,045	46	1.5
DANIELSON	3,990	3,910	80	2.0	Middlefield	2,260	2,220	40	1.8
Brooklyn	3,990	3,910	80	2.0	Middletown	24,206	23,639	567	2.3
Eastford	903	867	16	1.8	New Britain	33,998	32,668	1,330	3.9
Hampton	1,138	1,114	24	2.1	New Hartford	3,669	3,617	52	1.4
KILLINGLY	8,681	8,316	365	4.2	Newington	15,641	15,300	341	2.2
Pomfret	2,191	2,148	43	2.0	Plainville	9,320	9,098	222	2.4
Putnam	4,843	4,698	145	3.0	Plymouth	6,421	6,253	168	2.6
Scotland	892	880	12	1.3	Portland	4,656	4,558	98	2.1
Sterling	1,642	1,600	42	2.6	Rocky Hill	9,752	9,576	176	1.8
Thompson	4,597	4,464	133	2.9	Simsbury	11,638	11,509	129	1.1
Union	408	400	8	2.0	Somers	4,113	4,040	73	1.8
Voluntown	1,386	1,342	44	3.2	Southington	21,226	20,803	423	2.0
Woodstock	4,019	3,941	78	1.9	South Windsor	13,475	13,253	222	1.6
HARTFORD	58,576	58,185	391	0.7	Stafford	5,886	5,767	119	2.0
Andover	1,648	1,622	26	1.6	Suffield	5,920	5,808	112	1.9
Ashford	2,175	2,139	36	1.7	Tolland	7,190	7,097	93	1.3
Avon	7,541	7,457	84	1.1	Vernon	16,566	16,264	302	1.8
Barkhamsted	2,075	2,047	28	1.3	West Hartford	28,589	28,116	473	1.7
Berlin	9,099	8,920	179	2.0	Wethersfield	12,301	12,033	268	2.2
Bloomfield	9,975	9,738	237	2.4	Willington	3,479	3,427	52	1.5
Bolton	2,742	2,702	40	1.5	Winchester	5,851	5,705	146	2.5
Bristol	31,779	31,015	764	2.4	Windham	10,099	9,782	317	3.1
					Windsor	14,550	14,254	296	2.0
					Windsor Locks	6,682	6,552	130	1.9

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
Phone: (860) 263-6290

Page 2 of 2

Technical Contact (860) 263-6298
World Wide Web site:
<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us>

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2000

CPS 2000

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
LOWER RIVER	2,791	2,182	602	1.6
Chester	2,232	2,192	40	1.8
Deep River	2,776	2,730	46	1.7
Essex	3,399	3,348	51	1.5
Lyme	1,117	1,105	12	1.1
Westbrook	3,262	3,208	54	1.7

NEW HAVEN	282,088	275,558	6,530	2.3
Bethany	2,667	2,625	42	1.6
Brantford	16,270	15,946	324	2.0
Cheshire	13,973	13,773	200	1.4
Clinton	7,635	7,507	128	1.7
East Haven	15,133	14,768	365	2.4
Gulfport	11,869	11,706	163	1.4
Hamden	29,821	29,242	579	1.9
Killingworth	3,039	2,995	44	1.4
Madison	8,584	8,443	141	1.6
MERIDEN	30,607	29,655	952	3.1
NEW HAVEN	58,075	56,186	1,889	3.3
North Branford	8,375	8,218	157	1.9
North Haven	12,676	12,475	201	1.6
Orange	6,699	6,607	92	1.4
Wallingford	23,378	22,911	467	2.0
West Haven	28,835	28,110	725	2.5
Woodbridge	4,452	4,392	60	1.3

NEW LONDON	138,948	135,971	2,977	2.3
Bozrah	1,468	1,439	29	2.0
Canterbury	2,791	2,732	59	2.1
East Lyme	9,430	9,270	160	1.7
Franklin	1,105	1,089	16	1.4
Griswold	5,841	5,696	145	2.5
Groton	17,484	17,094	390	2.2
Ledyard	8,113	7,987	126	1.6
Lisbon	2,261	2,212	49	2.2
Montville	9,823	9,616	207	2.1
NEW LONDON	13,196	12,763	433	3.3
No. Stonington	2,949	2,894	55	1.9
NORWICH	18,923	18,381	542	2.9
Old Lyme	3,857	3,796	61	1.6
Old Saybrook	5,875	5,792	83	1.4
Plainfield	8,698	8,457	241	2.8
Preston	2,584	2,534	50	1.9
Salem	2,062	2,025	37	1.8
Sprague	1,680	1,623	57	3.4
Stonington	9,861	9,719	142	1.4
Waterford	10,448	10,253	195	1.9

STAMFORD	197,818	195,088	2,796	1.4
Darien	9,821	9,724	97	1.0
Greenwich	32,215	31,886	329	1.0
New Canaan	9,735	9,660	75	0.8
NORWALK	49,642	48,789	853	1.7
STAMFORD	67,565	66,397	1,168	1.7
Weston	4,924	4,887	37	0.8
Westport	14,642	14,491	151	1.0
Wilton	9,274	9,187	87	0.9

TORRINGTON	48,858	48,281	577	1.9
Canaan**	717	710	7	1.0
Colebrook	793	786	7	0.9
Cornwall	800	789	11	1.4
Goshen	1,356	1,331	25	1.8
Hartland	999	983	16	1.6
Kent**	2,094	2,076	18	0.9
Litchfield	4,387	4,318	69	1.6
Morris	1,125	1,106	20	1.8
Norfolk	1,071	1,058	13	1.2
North Canaan**	2,205	2,183	22	1.0
Salisbury**	2,424	2,399	25	1.0
Sharon**	2,027	2,012	15	0.7
TORRINGTON	18,272	17,837	435	2.4
Warren	686	674	12	1.7

WATERBURY	146,810	143,006	3,804	2.6
Bethlehem	1,963	1,927	36	1.8
Middlebury	3,999	3,333	66	1.9
Naugatuck	16,693	16,207	486	2.9
Prospect	4,781	4,691	90	1.9
Southbury	6,934	6,811	123	1.8
Thomaston	4,179	4,069	110	2.6
WATERBURY	52,067	50,159	1,908	3.7
Watertown	12,309	12,075	234	1.9
Wolcott	8,805	8,630	175	2.0
Woodbury	5,181	5,105	76	1.5

CONNECTICUT	1,746,500	1,707,107	39,393	2.3
UNITED STATES	140,883,000	145,208,000	5,655,000	4.0

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has provided these figures as a service to the public. For the most current and accurate data for the state and the nation, please refer to the Current Population Survey (CPS) for the town of Torrington, which is officially part of the Torrington MSA and included in the Torrington LMA.

*Connecticut portion only. For whole MSA, including Rhode Island towns, see below

NEW LONDON	156,277	151,694	4,583	2.9
Hopkinton, RI	4,298	4,183	115	2.7
Westerly, RI	12,532	12,141	391	3.1

NOTE: Revised labor force estimates for 1990-99 reflect incorporation of 1990 Census population inputs. The estimates starting with January 1994 are not directly comparable to data prior to that date due to the redesign of the Current Population Survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The civilian labor force comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
Phone: (860) 263-6290

Page 1 of 2

Technical Contact (860) 263-6295
World Wide Web Site
<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us>

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS (By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted) ANNUAL AVERAGE 1999

CPS 2000

**Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LABOR MARKET AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED %
BRIDGEPORT	60,240	56,545	3,695	6.1
Amelia	8,445	8,040	405	4.8
Beacon Falls	2,801	2,713	88	3.1
Darby	6,220	5,969	251	4.0
Easton	3,262	3,200	62	1.9
Fairfield	26,306	25,694	612	2.3
Millford	25,865	25,071	794	3.1
Monroe	9,828	9,579	249	2.5
Oxford	4,750	4,614	136	2.9
Seymour	7,662	7,374	288	3.8
Shelton	19,945	19,301	644	3.2
Stratford	24,256	23,424	832	3.4
Trumbull	16,541	16,134	407	2.5

DANBURY	35,772	34,738	1,034	2.9
Bethel	9,543	9,329	214	2.2
Bridgewater	2,945	2,826	119	4.0
Brookfield	8,067	7,885	182	2.3
New Fairfield	6,948	6,782	166	2.4
New Milford	13,776	13,464	312	2.3
Newtown	12,245	12,013	232	1.9
Redding	14,377	14,011	366	2.5
Ridgefield	12,089	11,904	185	1.5
Roxbury	1,036	1,022	14	1.4
Sherman	1,671	1,638	33	2.0
Washington	2,036	2,000	36	1.8
DANVERS	17,926	17,562	364	2.0
Brooklyn	3,771	3,659	112	3.0
Eastford	1,848	1,830	18	1.0
Hampton	1,069	1,043	26	2.4
Killingly	8,260	7,782	478	5.8
Pomfret	2,055	2,010	45	2.2
Putnam	4,566	4,396	170	3.7
Scotland	842	824	18	2.1
Sterling	1,551	1,497	54	3.5
Thompson	3,444	3,304	140	4.1
Union	385	374	11	2.9
Vernon	1,337	1,255	82	6.1
Woodstock	3,785	3,688	97	2.6

HARTFORD	278,895	267,794	11,101	4.0
Andover	4,600	4,569	31	0.7
Ashford	2,120	2,070	50	2.4
Avon	7,343	7,216	127	1.7
Barkhamsted	2,019	1,981	38	1.9
Berlin	8,883	8,632	251	2.8
Bloomfield	9,730	9,423	307	3.1
Bolton	2,678	2,615	63	2.4
Bristol	31,139	30,011	1,128	3.6

LABOR MARKET AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED %
HARTFORD	4,325	4,224	101	2.3
Burlington	4,545	4,446	99	2.2
Canton	1,168	1,145	23	2.0
Chaplin	6,564	6,381	183	2.8
Colchester	2,615	2,563	52	2.0
Coventry	6,037	5,883	154	2.6
Cromwell	6,748	6,588	160	2.4
Durham	3,475	3,403	72	2.1
East Granby	2,422	2,352	70	2.9
East Haddam	1,061	940	121	11.4
East Hampton	6,404	5,916	488	7.6
East Hartford	21,855	23,047	1,192	5.4
East Windsor	5,466	5,295	171	3.1
Ellington	1,720	1,607	113	6.6
Enfield	22,373	21,668	705	3.1
Farmington	11,026	10,765	261	2.4
Glastonbury	15,821	15,420	401	2.5
Granby	5,178	5,061	117	2.3
Haddam	1,110	1,028	82	7.4
HARTFORD	51,855	48,547	3,308	6.4
Hamington	2,471	2,832	361	14.6
Hampton	1,318	1,205	113	8.6
Hampton	1,277	1,182	95	7.4
Manchester	27,259	26,958	301	1.1
Manchester	4,962	4,817	145	2.9
Mansfield	3,010	2,847	163	5.4
Middlefield	2,206	2,149	57	2.6
Middletown	24,802	23,875	927	3.7
New Britain	39,151	37,612	1,539	3.9
New Hartford	3,577	3,500	77	2.2
Newington	15,186	14,805	381	2.5
Plainville	9,429	9,004	425	4.5
Plymouth	6,282	6,051	231	3.7
Pond	1,538	1,410	128	8.3
Rock Hill	9,489	9,267	222	2.3
Simsbury	11,321	11,136	185	1.6
Somers	4,024	3,909	115	2.9
Southington	20,702	20,131	571	2.8
South Windsor	12,119	12,825	706	5.8
Stafford	5,743	5,580	163	2.8
Storrs	5,765	5,620	145	2.5
Tolland	7,006	6,867	139	2.0
Vernon	16,162	15,738	424	2.6
West Hartford	27,855	27,206	649	2.3
Wendell	11,965	11,644	321	2.7
Wilmington	13,382	13,316	66	0.5
Winchester	15,739	15,521	218	1.4
Windsor	9,867	9,466	401	4.1
Windsor	14,221	13,793	428	3.0
Windsor Locks	6,538	6,340	198	3.0

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Page 2 of 2

Technical Contact (860) 263-6296

World Wide Web site:

http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us

OFFICE OF RESEARCH

Phone: (860) 263-6290

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1999

GPS 2000

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area

LM/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LM/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%					
LOWER RIVER														
Chester	2,115	2,077	38	1.8	Darien	9,563	8,442	1,121	11.7					
Deep River	2,645	2,587	58	2.2	Greenwich	31,432	30,961	471	1.5					
Essex	3,258	3,173	85	2.6	New Canaan	9,499	9,380	119	1.3					
Lyma	1,064	1,047	17	1.6	NORWALK	48,725	47,374	1,351	2.8					
Westbrook	3,129	3,040	89	2.8	STAMFORD	66,131	64,472	1,659	2.5					
NEW HAVEN														
Bethany	2,569	2,519	50	1.9	Weston	4,816	4,745	71	1.5					
Branford	15,717	15,298	419	2.7	Westport	14,296	14,071	225	1.6					
Cheshire	13,491	13,212	279	2.1	Wilton	9,047	8,920	127	1.4					
Clinton	7,372	7,202	170	2.3	TORRINGTON									
East Haven	14,672	14,167	505	3.4	Canaan	7,017	6,690	327	4.7					
Gulford	11,455	11,230	225	2.0	Colebrook	799	789	10	1.0					
Hamden	28,086	28,052	34	0.1	Corwall	801	792	9	1.0					
Killingworth	2,938	2,873	65	2.2	Goshen	1,367	1,337	30	2.2					
Madiyoh	8,271	8,099	172	2.1	Hartland	1,008	987	21	2.1					
MERIDEN	29,598	28,448	1,150	3.9	Kent	2,042	2,017	25	1.2					
NEW HAVEN	56,121	53,899	2,222	4.0	Litchfield	4,434	4,336	98	2.2					
North Branford	8,091	7,883	208	2.6	Morris	1,136	1,111	25	2.2					
North Haven	12,256	11,967	289	2.4	Norfolk	31,084	31,062	22	0.1					
Orange	6,469	6,338	131	2.0	North Canaan	2,153	2,121	32	1.5					
Wallington	22,645	21,979	666	2.9	Salisbury	2,352	2,331	21	0.9					
West Haven	27,957	26,966	991	3.5	Sharon	1,976	1,956	20	1.0					
Woodbridge	4,292	4,213	79	1.8	TORRINGTON	18,539	17,909	630	3.4					
NEW LONDON														
Bozrah	1,444	1,397	47	3.3	Warren	689	677	12	1.7					
Canterbury	2,745	2,651	94	3.4	WATERBURY									
East Lyme	9,222	8,997	225	2.4	Bethlehem	1,952	1,896	56	2.9					
Franklin	1,083	1,057	26	2.4	Middlebury	3,352	3,280	72	2.2					
Griswold	5,731	5,528	203	3.5	Naugatuck	16,521	16,449	72	0.4					
Groton	12,166	11,591	575	4.7	Prospect	749	736	13	1.7					
Guylford	7,920	7,751	169	2.1	Southbury	5,870	5,702	168	2.9					
Lisbon	2,214	2,147	67	3.0	Thomaston	4,448	4,392	56	1.3					
Montville	9,648	9,332	316	3.3	WATERBURY	51,891	49,359	2,532	4.9					
NEW LONDON	12,982	12,387	595	4.6	Watertown	12,230	12,083	147	1.2					
No. Stonington	2,889	2,809	80	2.8	Wolcott	8,741	8,493	248	2.8					
NORWICH	18,684	17,840	824	4.4	Woodbury	5,139	5,023	116	2.3					
Old Lyme	3,773	3,684	89	2.4	CONNECTICUT									
Old Saybrook	5,757	5,621	136	2.4	LABOR FORCE	1,000,000	950,000	50,000	5.0					
Painfield	8,520	8,208	312	3.7	EMPLOYED	900,000	850,000	50,000	5.6					
Preston	2,524	2,459	65	2.6	UNEMPLOYED	100,000	100,000	0	0.0					
Salem	2,020	1,965	55	2.7	UNITED STATES									
Sprague	1,655	1,576	79	4.8	LABOR FORCE	100,000,000	95,000,000	5,000,000	5.0					
Stonington	9,678	9,433	245	2.5	EMPLOYED	90,000,000	85,000,000	5,000,000	5.6					
Waterford	10,235	9,951	284	2.8	UNEMPLOYED	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	0.0					
NEW LONDON														
Hopkinton, RI	4,344	4,226	118	2.7	NOTES: Revised labor force estimates for 1990-99 reflect changes in the 1990 Census									
Westerly, RI	12,673	12,267	406	3.2	population inputs: the estimates starting with January 1991 and are likely comparable									

Connecticut portion only. For whole Area, including Rhode Island towns: see below

NOTES: Revised labor force estimates for 1990-99 reflect changes in the 1990 Census population inputs: the estimates starting with January 1991 and are likely comparable to data prior to that date due to the inclusion of the Census Bureau's survey data.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The civilian labor force comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

The employed are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or

STATE OF CONNECTICUT**Department of Social Services****ADULT SERVICES DIVISION****General Assistance/Food Stamps/Refugees**

25 Sigourney Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: 4/3/02

TIME: 12:15 pm

TO: Susan Mahan

PHONE: 617 565 6472
FAX:

FROM: Bill Rinfleth

PHONE: 1-860-424-5381
FAX: 1-860-424-4957

RE: attached 2001 labor Dept unemployment stats.

CC:

Number of pages including cover sheet: [Type number of pages here] 3

Message Please note that Hartford, Bridgeport and Waterbury exceeded 120% of the U.S. average unemployment rate for 2001.

The U.S. rate was 4.8% and 120% would be 5.8%.

{ Hartford → 6.6%
Bridgeport → 6.1%
Waterbury → 6.0%

CONNECTICUT**LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS**
(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)
ANNUAL AVERAGE 2001

Benchmarked to CPS 2001

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT	75,045	60,401	3,644	6.1
Ansonia	8,473	8,019	454	5.4
Beacon Falls	2,803	2,706	97	3.5
Derby	6,234	5,953	281	4.5
Easton	3,274	3,192	82	2.5
Fairfield	26,331	25,628	703	2.7
Milford	25,827	25,007	820	3.2
Monroe	9,837	9,555	282	2.9
Oxford	4,755	4,602	153	3.2
Seymour	7,650	7,355	295	3.9
Shelton	19,939	19,252	687	3.4
Stratford	24,311	23,365	946	3.9
Trumbull	16,567	16,094	473	2.9

DANBURY	108,957	85,493	2,720	3.2
Bethel	9,553	9,322	231	2.4
Bridgewater	944	925	19	2.0
Brookfield	8,052	7,879	173	2.1
New Fairfield	6,950	6,776	174	2.5
New Milford	13,793	13,454	339	2.5
Newtown	12,305	12,004	301	2.4
Redding	4,402	4,308	94	2.1
Ridgefield	12,114	11,895	219	1.8
Roxbury	1,036	1,021	15	1.4
Sherman	1,666	1,637	29	1.7
Washington	2,098	1,998	40	2.0

DANIELSON	34,591	30,298	1,293	3.7
Brooklyn	3,958	3,860	98	2.5
Eastford	898	876	22	2.4
Hampton	1,131	1,100	31	2.7
KILLINGLY	8,694	8,210	484	5.6
Pomfret	2,174	2,121	53	2.4
Putnam	4,821	4,637	184	3.8
Scotland	885	869	16	1.8
Sterling	1,648	1,580	68	4.1
Thompson	4,593	4,435	158	3.4
Union	405	395	10	2.5
Voluntown	1,383	1,325	58	4.2
Woodstock	4,003	3,891	112	2.8

HARTFORD	540,245	457,701	19,564	3.6
Andover	1,616	1,583	33	2.0
Ashford	2,134	2,088	46	2.2
Avon	7,402	7,279	123	1.7
Barkhamsted	2,048	1,999	49	2.4
Berlin	8,946	8,707	239	2.7
Bloomfield	9,845	9,505	340	3.5
Bolton	2,690	2,638	52	1.9
Bristol	31,492	30,273	1,219	3.9

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
HARTFORD CONT.				
Burlington	4,365	4,260	105	2.4
Canton	4,583	4,484	99	2.2
Chaplin	1,188	1,155	33	2.8
Colchester	6,623	6,437	186	2.8
Columbia	2,639	2,585	54	2.0
Covenry	6,103	5,935	168	2.8
Cromwell	6,813	6,625	188	2.8
Durham	3,527	3,433	94	2.7
East Granby	2,429	2,373	56	2.3
East Haddam	4,102	3,975	127	3.1
East Hampton	6,141	5,967	174	2.8
East Hartford	25,124	24,055	1,069	4.3
East Windsor	5,517	5,341	176	3.2
Ellington	6,852	6,665	187	2.7
Enfield	22,553	21,857	696	3.1
Farmington	11,093	10,859	234	2.1
Glastonbury	15,576	15,252	324	2.1
Granby	5,228	5,125	103	2.0
Haddam	4,156	4,064	92	2.2
HARTFORD	52,423	48,970	3,453	6.6
Harwinton	2,928	2,856	72	2.5
Hebron	4,329	4,242	87	2.0
Lebanon	3,302	3,210	92	2.8
Manchester	28,116	27,193	923	3.3
Mansfield	8,031	8,889	142	1.6
Marlborough	3,030	2,972	58	1.9
Middlefield	2,239	2,167	72	3.2
Middletown	23,849	23,074	775	3.2
New Britain	33,728	31,887	1,841	5.5
New Hartford	3,612	3,530	82	2.3
Newington	15,338	14,934	404	2.6
Plainville	9,210	8,881	329	3.6
Plymouth	6,364	6,103	261	4.1
Portland	4,572	4,449	123	2.7
Rocky Hill	9,567	9,348	219	2.3
Simsbury	11,409	11,234	175	1.5
Somers	4,038	3,944	94	2.3
Southington	20,921	20,306	615	2.9
South Windsor	13,229	12,937	292	2.2
Stafford	5,824	5,629	195	3.3
Suffield	5,826	5,669	157	2.7
Tolland	7,063	6,927	136	1.9
Vernon	16,292	15,875	417	2.6
West Hartford	28,061	27,443	618	2.2
Wethersfield	12,043	11,745	298	2.5
Willington	3,414	3,344	70	2.1
Winchester	5,811	5,569	242	4.2
Windham	9,977	9,548	429	4.3
Windsor	14,341	13,913	428	3.0
Windsor Locks	6,596	6,396	200	3.0

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
Phone: (860) 263-6290

Page 2 of 2

Technical Contact (860) 263-6296
World Wide Web site:
<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us>

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2001

Benchmarked to CPS 2001

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
LOWER RIVER	12,434	12,175	261	2.1
Chester	2,157	2,120	37	1.7
Deep River	2,701	2,641	60	2.2
Essex	3,307	3,239	68	2.1
Lyme	1,086	1,069	17	1.6
Westbrook	3,183	3,103	80	2.5

NEW HAVEN	276,677	267,777	8,900	3.2
Belthany	2,610	2,551	59	2.3
Brantford	15,937	15,496	441	2.8
Cheshire	13,683	13,384	299	2.2
Clinton	7,472	7,295	177	2.4
East Haven	14,838	14,351	487	3.3
Gulford	11,616	11,376	240	2.1
Hamden	29,257	28,416	841	2.9
Killingworth	2,984	2,910	74	2.5
Madison	8,366	8,204	164	2.0
MERIDEN	30,063	28,818	1,245	4.1
NEW HAVEN	57,039	54,599	2,440	4.3
North Branford	8,194	7,986	208	2.5
North Haven	12,417	12,122	295	2.4
Orange	6,552	6,420	132	2.0
Wallingford	22,964	22,264	700	3.0
West Haven	28,946	27,317	1,029	3.6
Woodbridge	4,338	4,268	70	1.6

NEW LONDON	131,058	124,210	6,848	5.2
Bozrah	1,462	1,416	46	3.1
Canterbury	2,775	2,688	87	3.1
East Lyme	9,313	9,122	191	2.1
Franklin	1,092	1,072	20	1.8
Griswold	5,801	5,605	196	3.4
Groton	17,304	16,821	483	2.8
Ledyard	8,008	7,859	149	1.9
Lisbon	2,234	2,177	57	2.6
Montville	9,717	9,462	255	2.6
NEW LONDON	13,086	12,560	526	4.0
No. Stonington	2,924	2,848	76	2.6
NORWICH	18,754	18,088	666	3.6
Old Lyme	3,803	3,735	68	1.8
Old Saybrook	5,803	5,699	104	1.8
Plainfield	8,624	8,322	302	3.5
Preston	2,549	2,493	56	2.2
Salem	2,042	1,992	50	2.4
Sprague	1,676	1,597	79	4.7
Stonington	9,747	9,564	183	1.9
Waterford	10,344	10,090	254	2.5

*Connecticut portion only. For whole MSA, including Rhode Island towns, see below

NEW LONDON	155,745	149,338	6,407	4.2
Hopkinton, RI	4,266	4,131	135	3.2
Westerly, RI	12,420	11,993	427	3.4

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
STAMFORD	82,585	78,054	4,531	5.5
Darien	9,555	9,377	178	1.9
Greenwich	31,284	30,747	537	1.7
New Canaan	9,456	9,315	141	1.5
NORWALK	48,387	47,046	1,341	2.8
STAMFORD	65,817	64,025	1,792	2.7
Weston	4,801	4,712	89	1.9
Westport	14,254	13,973	281	2.0
Wilton	9,029	8,858	171	1.9

TORRINGTON	38,305	37,191	1,114	2.9
Canaan**	695	681	14	2.0
Colebrook	778	767	11	1.4
Cornwall	781	770	11	1.4
Goshen	1,331	1,300	31	2.3
Harland	979	960	19	1.9
Kent**	2,025	1,991	34	1.7
Litchfield	4,321	4,216	105	2.4
Morris	1,114	1,080	34	3.1
Norfolk	1,057	1,032	25	2.4
North Canaan**	2,133	2,093	40	1.9
Salisbury**	2,331	2,301	30	1.3
Sharon**	1,950	1,930	20	1.0
TORRINGTON	18,143	17,413	730	4.0
Warren	671	658	13	1.9

WATERBURY	114,032	108,826	5,206	4.6
Bethlehem	1,904	1,856	48	2.5
Middlebury	3,300	3,210	90	2.7
Naugatuck	16,283	15,607	676	4.2
Prospect	4,652	4,517	135	2.9
Southbury	6,759	6,559	200	3.0
Thomaston	4,081	3,919	162	4.0
WATERBURY	51,398	48,303	3,095	6.0
Watertown	12,040	11,629	411	3.4
Wolcott	8,576	8,311	265	3.1
Woodbury	5,041	4,916	125	2.5

CONNECTICUT 1,717,600 1,661,300 56,300 3.3

UNITED STATES 141,815,000 136,074,000 5,742,000 4.6

NOTE: Revised labor force estimates for 1990-2001 reflect incorporation of 1990 Census population inputs. The estimates starting with January 1994 are not directly comparable to data prior to that date due to the redesign of the Current Population Survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Also, due to the expansion of the Current Population Survey, data for January 2001 and later are not fully comparable with those of earlier periods.

NOTE: Revised labor force estimates for 1990-2001 reflect incorporation of 1990 Census population inputs. The estimates starting with January 1994 are not directly comparable to data prior to that date due to the redesign of the Current Population Survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Also, due to the expansion of the Current Population Survey, data for January 2001 and later are not fully comparable with those of earlier periods.

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The civilian labor force comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

The employed are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or more in any one business or profession during the survey week.

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SEPTEMBER 2001

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

Due to the expansion of the Current Population Survey, data for June 2001 and later are not fully comparable with those of earlier periods.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
BRIDGEPORT	212,103	203,379	8,724	4.1	HARTFORD cont....				
Ansonia	8,322	7,874	448	5.4	Burlington	4,295	4,200	95	2.2
Beacon Falls	2,744	2,657	87	3.2	Canton	4,513	4,421	92	2.0
BRIDGEPORT	58,749	55,380	3,369	5.7	Chaplin	1,160	1,138	22	1.9
Derby	6,131	5,846	285	4.6	Colchester	6,493	6,345	148	2.3
Easton	3,211	3,134	77	2.4	Columbia	2,589	2,548	41	1.6
Fairfield	25,906	25,164	742	2.9	Coventry	5,995	5,850	145	2.4
Milford	25,380	24,554	826	3.3	Cromwell	6,712	6,531	181	2.7
Monroe	9,681	9,381	300	3.1	Durham	3,470	3,384	86	2.5
Oxford	4,662	4,519	143	3.1	East Granby	2,385	2,339	46	1.9
Seymour	7,513	7,222	291	3.9	East Haddam	4,019	3,918	101	2.5
Shelton	19,597	18,903	694	3.5	East Hampton	6,026	5,882	144	2.4
Stratford	23,896	22,942	954	4.0	East Hartford	24,641	23,713	928	3.8
Trumbull	16,310	15,802	508	3.1	East Windsor	5,398	5,265	133	2.5
					Ellington	6,737	6,570	167	2.5
DANBURY	108,297	105,598	2,699	2.5	Enfield	22,238	21,546	692	3.1
Bethel	9,513	9,293	220	2.3	Farmington	10,924	10,704	220	2.0
Bridgewater	937	922	15	1.6	Glastonbury	15,379	15,035	344	2.2
Brookfield	8,034	7,854	180	2.2	Granby	5,154	5,053	101	2.0
DANBURY	35,669	34,602	1,067	3.0	Haddam	4,097	4,006	91	2.2
New Fairfield	6,924	6,755	169	2.4	HARTFORD	51,515	48,274	3,241	6.3
New Milford	13,742	13,412	330	2.4	Harwinton	2,874	2,816	58	2.0
Newtown	12,280	11,966	314	2.6	Hebron	4,257	4,181	76	1.8
Redding	4,401	4,294	107	2.4	Lebanon	3,234	3,164	70	2.2
Ridgefield	12,077	11,858	219	1.8	Manchester	27,669	26,806	863	3.1
Roxbury	1,031	1,018	13	1.3	Mansfield	8,899	8,763	136	1.5
Sherman	1,666	1,632	34	2.0	Marlborough	2,982	2,930	52	1.7
Washington	2,022	1,992	30	1.5	Middlefield	2,194	2,136	58	2.6
					Middletown	23,485	22,746	739	3.1
DANIELSON	33,630	32,489	1,141	3.4	New Britain	33,107	31,434	1,673	5.1
Brooklyn	3,844	3,762	82	2.1	New Hartford	3,557	3,480	77	2.2
Eastford	872	854	18	2.1	Newington	15,128	14,722	406	2.7
Hampton	1,100	1,072	28	2.5	Plainville	9,083	8,754	329	3.6
KILLINGLY	8,433	8,001	432	5.1	Plymouth	6,287	6,016	271	4.3
Pomfret	2,106	2,067	39	1.9	Portland	4,496	4,385	111	2.5
Putnam	4,683	4,519	164	3.5	Rocky Hill	9,436	9,215	221	2.3
Scotland	858	847	11	1.3	Simsbury	11,256	11,074	182	1.6
Sterling	1,600	1,540	60	3.8	Somers	3,974	3,887	87	2.2
Thompson	4,493	4,360	133	3.0	Southington	20,605	20,017	588	2.9
Union	394	385	9	2.3	South Windsor	13,022	12,753	269	2.1
Voluntown	1,342	1,291	51	3.8	Stafford	5,744	5,549	195	3.4
Woodstock	3,905	3,792	113	2.9	Suffield	5,722	5,589	133	2.3
					Tolland	6,954	6,829	125	1.8
HARTFORD	577,889	559,629	18,260	3.2	Vernon	16,059	15,650	409	2.5
Andover	1,582	1,561	21	1.3	West Hartford	27,651	27,053	598	2.2
Ashford	2,097	2,058	39	1.9	Wethersfield	11,877	11,578	299	2.5
Avon	7,291	7,175	116	1.6	Willington	3,328	3,297	31	0.9
Barkhamsted	2,011	1,970	41	2.0	Winchester	5,699	5,490	209	3.7
Berlin	8,822	8,583	239	2.7	Windham	9,803	9,412	391	4.0
Bloomfield	9,718	9,370	348	3.6	Windsor	14,103	13,716	387	2.7
Bolton	2,642	2,600	42	1.6	Windsor Locks	6,483	6,305	178	2.7
Bristol	31,016	29,843	1,173	3.8					

CONNECTICUT

LABOR FORCE DATA FOR LABOR MARKET AREAS & TOWNS

(By Place of Residence - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SEPTEMBER 2001

Labor Market Areas are highlighted, followed by the towns that make up the Area.

LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%	LMA/TOWNS	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	%
LOWER RIVER	12,438	12,215	223	1.8	STAMFORD	193,576	189,102	4,474	2.3
Chester	2,156	2,128	28	1.3	Darien	9,612	9,429	183	1.9
Deep River	2,712	2,650	62	2.3	Greenwich	31,481	30,918	563	1.8
Essex	3,296	3,250	46	1.4	New Canaan	9,524	9,367	157	1.6
Lyme	1,089	1,073	16	1.5	NORWALK	48,640	47,308	1,332	2.7
Westbrook	3,185	3,114	71	2.2	STAMFORD	66,077	64,382	1,695	2.6
NEW HAVEN	275,133	267,159	7,974	2.9	Weston	4,837	4,739	98	2.0
Bethany	2,610	2,545	65	2.5	Westport	14,335	14,051	284	2.0
Branford	15,867	15,460	407	2.6	Wilton	9,071	8,908	163	1.8
Cheshire	13,640	13,353	287	2.1	TORRINGTON	37,733	36,678	1,055	2.8
Clinton	7,413	7,278	135	1.8	Canaan**	694	683	11	1.6
East Haven	14,771	14,318	453	3.1	Colebrook	762	753	9	1.2
Guilford	11,548	11,349	199	1.7	Cornwall	764	755	9	1.2
Hamden	29,107	28,350	757	2.6	Goshen	1,304	1,275	29	2.2
Killingworth	2,970	2,903	67	2.3	Hartland	949	941	8	0.8
Madison	8,348	8,185	163	2.0	Kent**	2,029	1,997	32	1.6
MERIDEN	29,824	28,751	1,073	3.6	Litchfield	4,227	4,135	92	2.2
NEW HAVEN	56,679	54,473	2,206	3.9	Morris	1,087	1,059	28	2.6
North Branford	8,156	7,967	189	2.3	Norfolk	1,037	1,013	24	2.3
North Haven	12,356	12,094	262	2.1	North Canaan**	2,122	2,099	23	1.1
Orange	6,540	6,406	134	2.0	Salisbury**	2,321	2,307	14	0.6
Wallingford	22,808	22,213	595	2.6	Sharon**	1,942	1,935	7	0.4
West Haven	28,171	27,254	917	3.3	TORRINGTON	17,836	17,081	755	4.2
Woodbridge	4,323	4,258	65	1.5	Warren	657	645	12	1.8
*NEW LONDON	135,901	132,490	3,411	2.5	WATERBURY	114,955	109,971	4,984	4.3
Bozrah	1,451	1,408	43	3.0	Bethlehem	1,915	1,875	40	2.1
Canterbury	2,745	2,673	72	2.6	Middlebury	3,336	3,243	93	2.8
East Lyme	9,245	9,073	172	1.9	Naugatuck	16,369	15,771	598	3.7
Franklin	1,086	1,066	20	1.8	Prospect	4,680	4,565	115	2.5
Griswold	5,741	5,575	166	2.9	Southbury	6,832	6,628	204	3.0
Groton	17,157	16,730	427	2.5	Thomaston	4,093	3,960	133	3.2
Ledyard	7,956	7,817	139	1.7	WATERBURY	51,816	48,811	3,005	5.8
Lisbon	2,209	2,165	44	2.0	Watertown	12,187	11,751	436	3.6
Montville	9,662	9,411	251	2.6	Wolcott	8,650	8,398	252	2.9
NEW LONDON	12,965	12,492	473	3.6	Woodbury	5,077	4,968	109	2.1
No. Stonington	2,908	2,833	75	2.6					
NORWICH	18,553	17,990	563	3.0					
Old Lyme	3,774	3,715	59	1.6					
Old Saybrook	5,761	5,668	93	1.6					
Plainfield	8,540	8,277	263	3.1					
Preston	2,531	2,480	51	2.0					
Salem	2,031	1,981	50	2.5					
Sprague	1,657	1,589	68	4.1					
Stonington	9,678	9,512	166	1.7					
Waterford	10,250	10,035	215	2.1					

Not Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,701,700	1,548,700	52,900	3.1
UNITED STATES	141,576,000	134,868,000	6,708,000	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted:				
CONNECTICUT	1,715,500	1,653,700	61,800	3.6
UNITED STATES	142,190,000	135,181,000	7,009,000	4.9

120%
5.6%

5.6%

*Connecticut portion only. For whole MSA, including Rhode Island towns, see below

NEW LONDON	152,729	148,897	3,832	2.5
Hopkinton, RI	4,300	4,204	96	2.2
Westerly, RI	12,528	12,203	325	2.6

**The Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified these five towns as a separate area to report labor force data. For the convenience of our data users, data for these towns are included in the Torrington LMA. For the same purpose, data for the town of Thompson, which is officially part of the Worcester, MA MSA, is included in the Danielson LMA.

LABOR FORCE CONCEPTS

The civilian labor force comprises all state residents age 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with criteria described below. Excluded are members of the military and persons in institutions (correctional and mental health, for example).

The employed are all persons who did any work as paid employees or in their own business during the survey week, or who have worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a family member. Persons temporarily absent from a job because of illness, bad weather, strike,