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## Connecticut

### Employment Update



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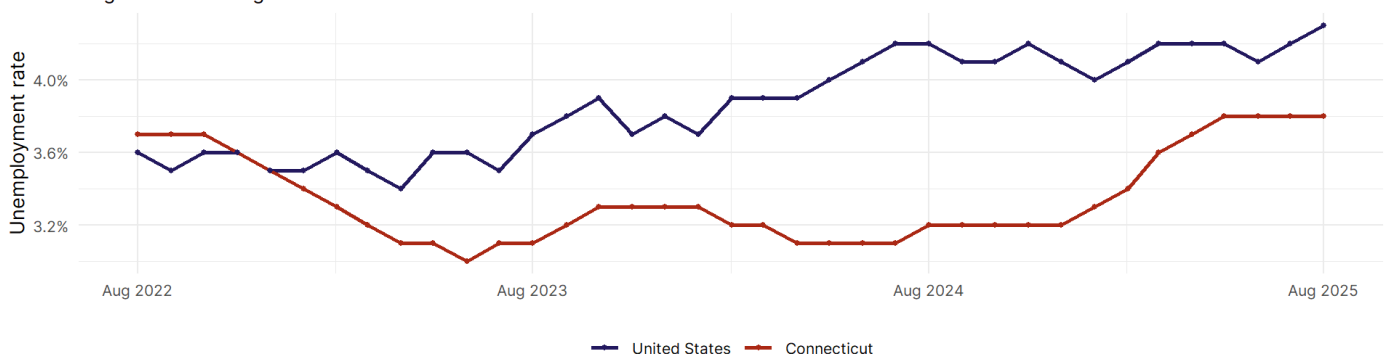
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

### Connecticut Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Connecticut added 900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.8 percent.** In the prior month, Connecticut added 800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Connecticut added 12,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage points from 3.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Connecticut **is tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Connecticut's private sector added 1,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 12,500 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Connecticut added 500 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Connecticut **fell by 3,118**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 11,303.
- **Connecticut's labor force participation rate fell to 64.6 percent** in August from 64.7 percent and **is tied for 17th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.3 percentage points.

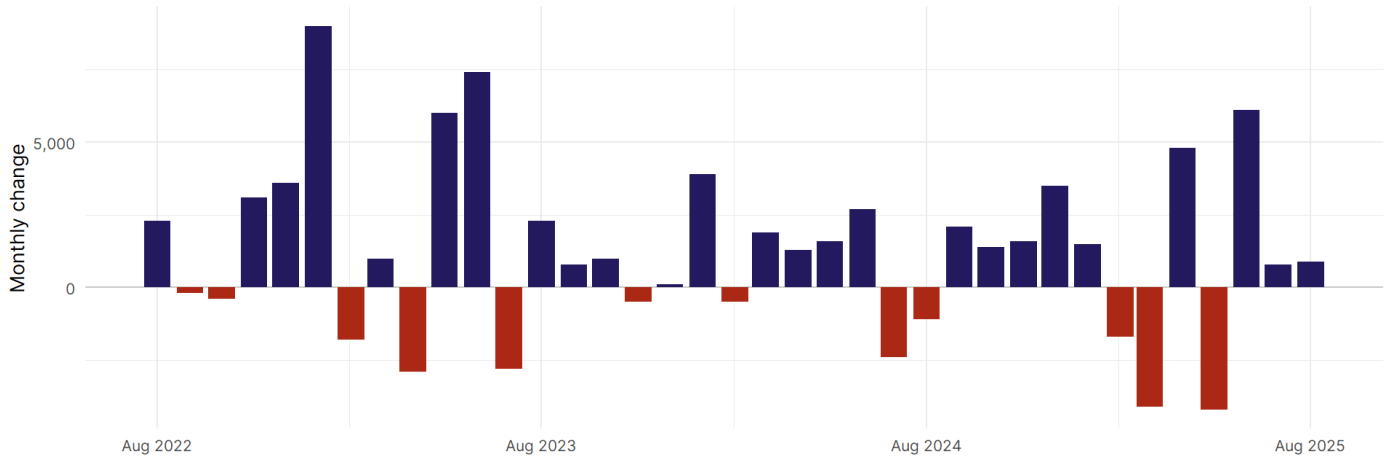
Unemployment Rate in Connecticut  
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

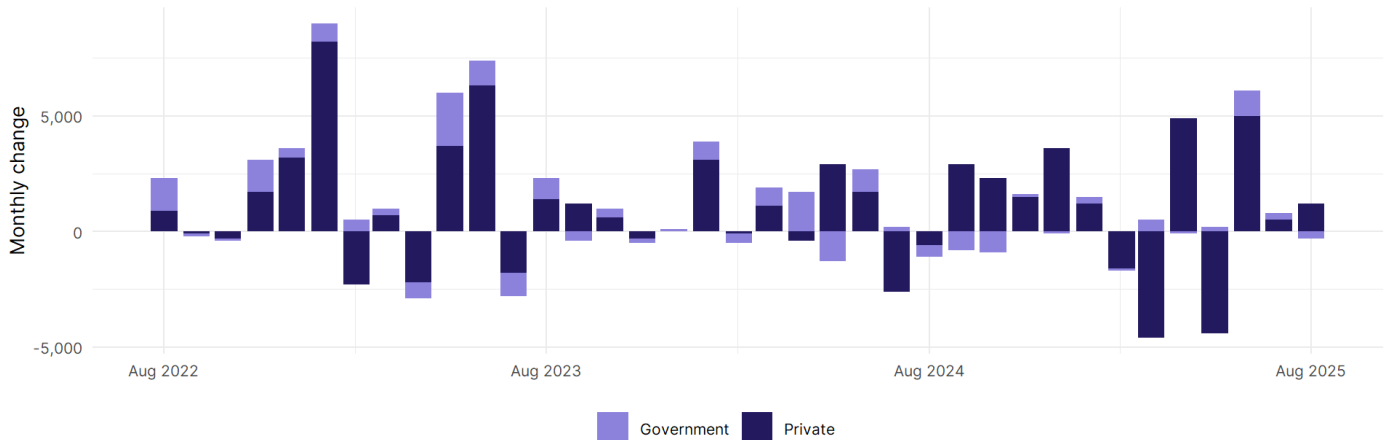
## Connecticut Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Connecticut  
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Connecticut  
August 2022 to August 2025

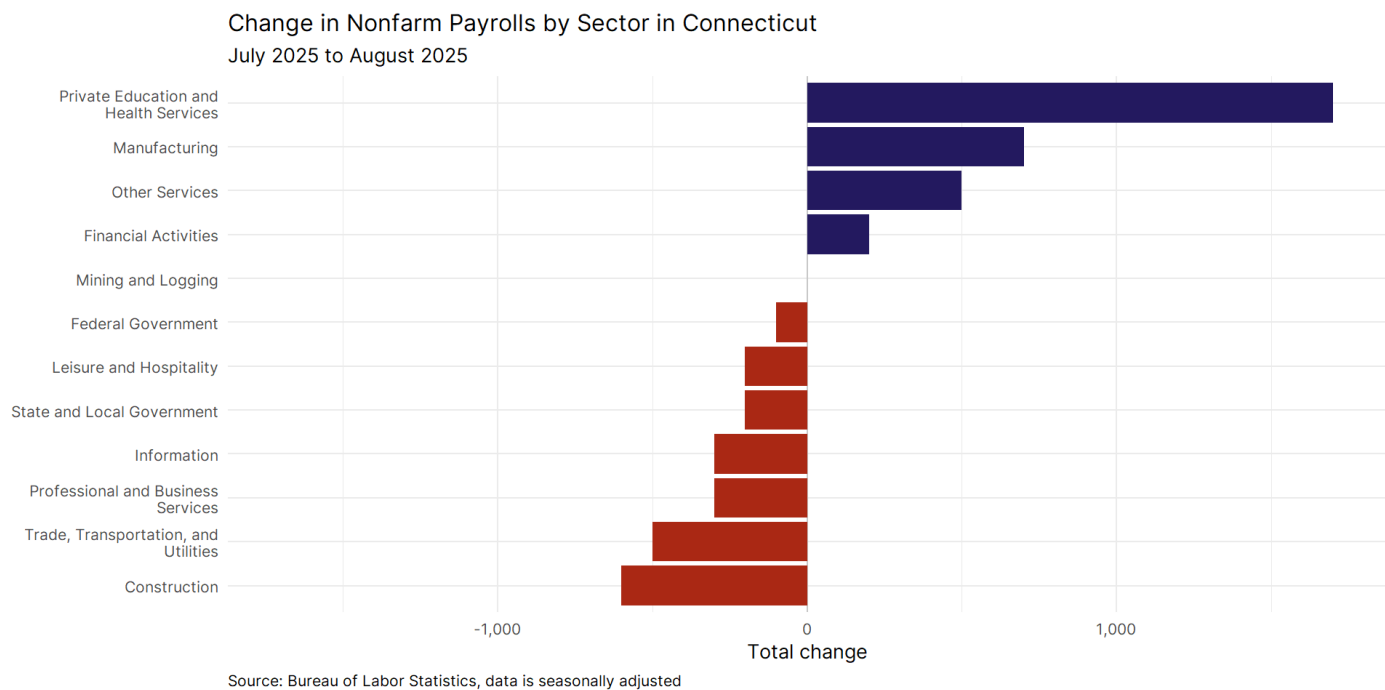


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- **Connecticut added 900 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Connecticut added 800 jobs. Connecticut nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Connecticut is tied for 27th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Connecticut added 1,200 private sector jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Connecticut added 500 jobs. Connecticut private sector payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Connecticut is tied for 26th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

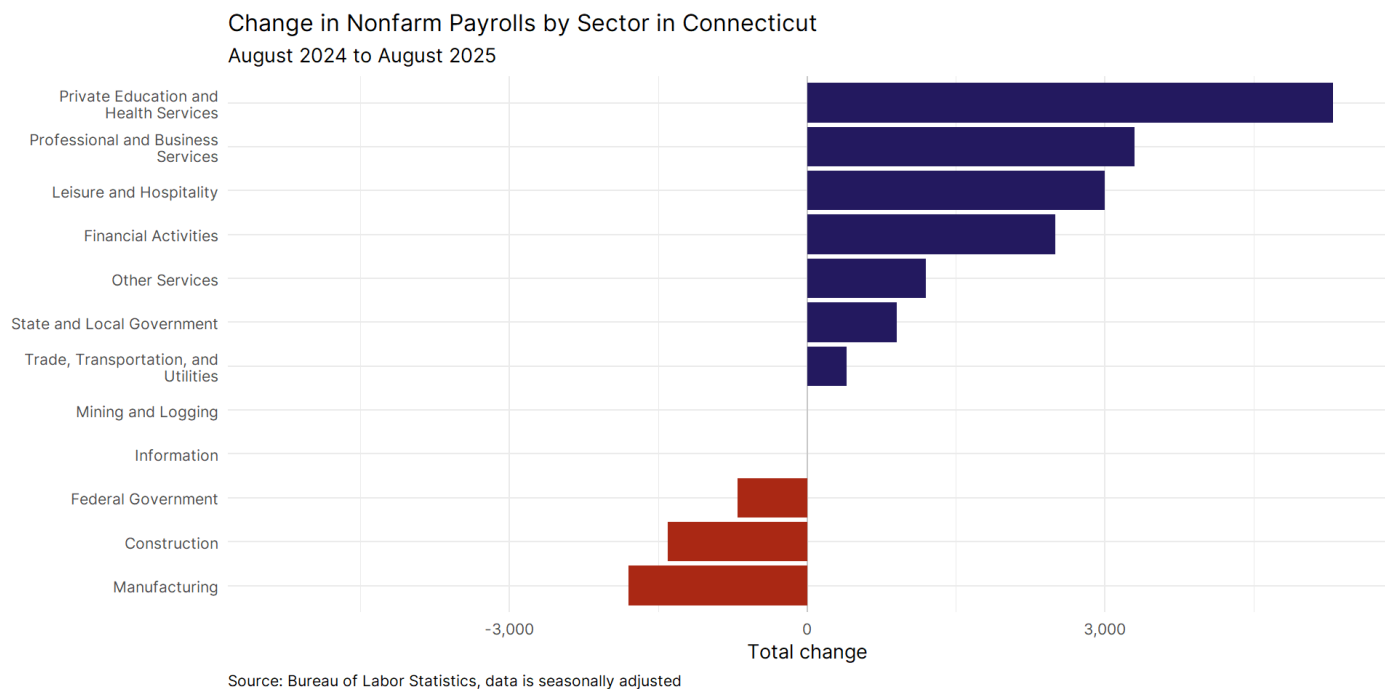
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+1,700) and **Manufacturing** (+700).
- The worst performing sectors were **Construction** (-600) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-500).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+5,300) and **Professional and Business Services** (+3,300).
- The worst performing sectors were **Manufacturing** (-1,800) and **Construction** (-1,400).

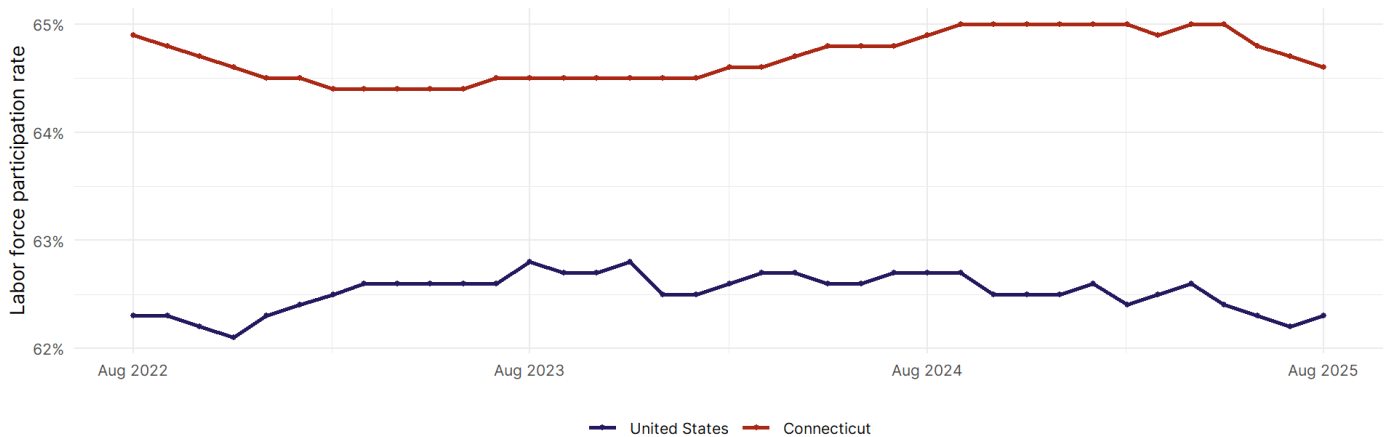


## Connecticut Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

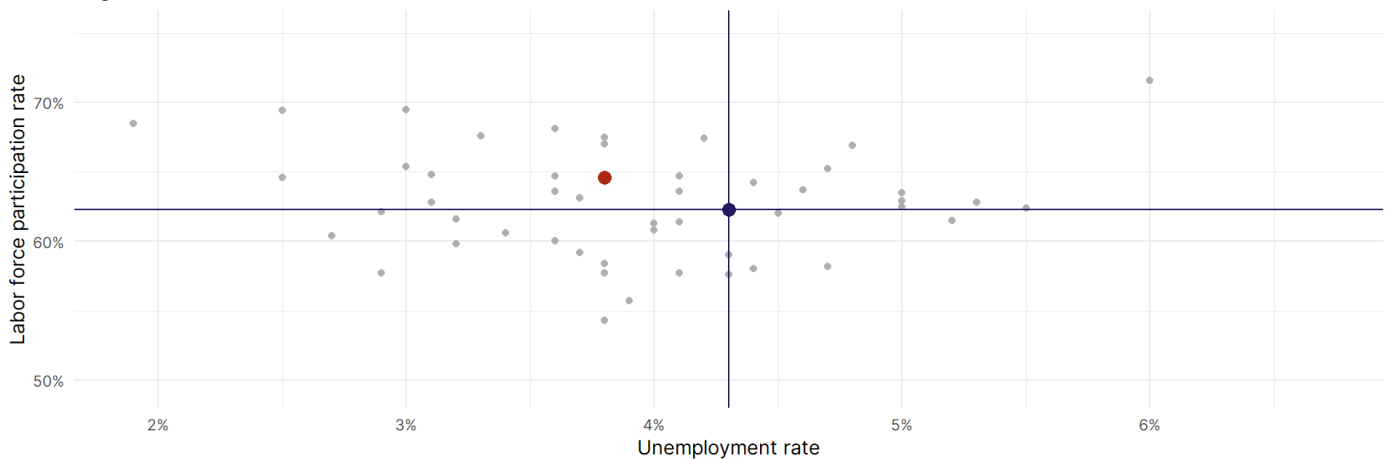
- The labor force participation rate in **Connecticut fell to 64.6 percent in August from 64.7 percent in the prior month.**
- **Connecticut is tied for 17th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Connecticut was **66.6 percent** occurring in December 2019, and the 10-year low was **61.8 percent** in May 2021.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Connecticut  
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State  
August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted