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September 2009 Data

State Loses 6,600 Jobs, Unemployment Rate Increases to 8.4 Percent

WETHERSFIELD, Oct. 20, 2009 – The state’s nonfarm employment in September was 1,622,600, a decrease of 6,600 jobs from the revised August 2009 figure of 1,629,200, the Connecticut Department of Labor announced today. On a seasonally adjusted basis, this is a decrease of 76,300 from the September 2008 total of 1,698,900 jobs.

“As with the rest of the nation, Connecticut saw greater job losses in September than in recent months and unemployment continued to rise to a level not seen here in nearly 33 years,” noted Labor Statistics Supervisor Salvatore DiPillo. “However, there is a bright spot with construction adding 1,200 jobs – the largest monthly gain in nearly two years of job losses – while the leisure and hospitality sector also added employment and is holding up fairly well in the course of this recession.”

Nonfarm Employment

In September, Connecticut experienced job losses in six of the ten major industry sectors and gained in three, while employment remained stable in one. The state’s most significant losses occurred in the **trade, transportation and utilities** sector, down 3,400 jobs, and in **professional and business services**, down 2,900 jobs. The **education and health services** sector lost 2,200 jobs while **other services** was off by 1,000. Job losses were also seen in the **manufacturing** and **financial activities** sectors, each down 500 jobs. Those sectors showing an increase were seen in **leisure and hospitality**, with a gain of 1,400 jobs and **government** added another 1,300 jobs. The **construction** sector added 1,200 while the **information** sector job level remained unchanged from the previous month.

With 52,000 jobs in September, **construction** was up by 1,200 from August’s number – the largest increase in a mostly-down year. This industry sector has experienced the largest percentage of job loss, and despite September’s gain, its employment is down 25 percent from October 2007 when it first began to shed jobs. Despite a loss of 500 jobs in September, losses in the **manufacturing** sector have eased off a bit in recent months, following several months of substantial losses. This sector, with 171,600 jobs, is down 8.3 percent from last September.

Nearly all of September’s 3,400 job losses in the **trade, transportation and utilities** sector, were found in **retail** and **transportation, warehousing and utilities**, while **wholesale trade** was mostly unchanged. Job loss in this sector since January 2008, when it first began to shed jobs, number 20,400 – a decrease of 6.5 percent.

The **information** sector employment was unchanged in September, at 35,100 jobs. This sector, which had lost jobs in six of the past eight months, is now down by 1,900, or 5.1 percent from its September 2008 level.

All of September’s 500 job losses reported in the **financial activities** sector are in the **finance and insurance** industry. Employment in the **financial activities** sector, at 137,900, is down 5.1 percent from one year ago.

The **professional and business** sector, which includes **temporary help agencies**, was down by 2,900 over the month and 17,800 over the year. With September’s employment at 186,200, this sector has lost 8.7 percent of its jobs in the past year.

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The **leisure and hospitality** sector added 1,400 jobs in September, with the majority of these in the **accommodations and foods services** industry. These gains partly reverse August's jobs losses. The **leisure and hospitality** sector has weathered the recession fairly well in Connecticut and is down by only 400 jobs from last September.

The **other services** sector, which includes **repair and maintenance services, personal and laundry services** and **religious, grantmaking, civic, and professional organizations**, employed 61,800 in September, down 1,000 from August's level. Over the year, this sector has lost 1,400 jobs.

Many of the 1,300 jobs added in September in the **government** sector were found in **local government**, though employment in municipal government is down 2,700 over the year. Employment in **federal government** was mostly unchanged from August, while **state government** added 300 jobs over the month.

Labor Market Areas: Job losses in three of the six major Labor Market Areas (LMAs) between August and September overshadowed the smaller gains in the other three LMAs. The Bridgeport-Stamford LMA dropped 3,800 jobs, the Hartford LMA was down 3,400 jobs, and the Waterbury LMA lost 200. Gains were found in the New Haven LMA, with 600 new jobs, while the Danbury and Norwich-New London LMAs each gained 500 jobs. However, all of the state's LMAs reported job losses over the year.

Hours and Earnings: The manufacturing production workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 40.8 hours, down 1.9 hours from the September 2008 figure of 42.7. Average hourly earnings at \$23.44, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$1.74 from a year ago at this time when the number was \$21.70. This resulted in an average weekly wage for manufacturing of \$956.35, up \$29.46, which is an increase of approximately 3.2 percent over the year.

Labor Force Data

Connecticut's seasonally adjusted labor force was up 1,500 from last month, bringing September's total to 1,885,300; this represents an increase of 3,400 people from the September 2008 figure.

Unemployment: Based on the household survey, the estimate of people unemployed, seasonally adjusted, increased in September 2009 by 6,600 to 158,800 while the unemployment increased from the August 2009 rate of 8.1 percent to 8.4 percent. This is 1.4 percentage points lower than the national rate of 9.8 percent. In comparison with the state's September 2008 unemployment rate of 6.0 percent, this month's unemployment number represents an increase of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The number of people unemployed increased by 46,100 from last year at this time. Average weekly initial unemployment claims in September 2009 for first-time filers decreased over the month by 379 to 6,785, up 14.0 percent, or 834 claims from last year.

Unemployment rates and the number of unemployed people, not seasonally adjusted, were up over the year in all of the state's nine labor market areas in September 2009. The Danbury LMA had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, followed by the Norwich-New London LMA at 7.8 percent, and the Bridgeport-Stamford and Torrington LMAs, both at 7.9 percent. The Waterbury LMA had the highest rate at 10.9 percent.

Note: The nonfarm employment estimate, derived from a survey of businesses, is a measure of jobs in the state; the unemployment rate, based on a household survey, is a measure of the work status of people who live in Connecticut.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs - by Place of Work

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	Sept. 2009	Aug. 2009	July 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2008	Over Month Change	Rate	Over Year Change	Rate
CONNECTICUT	1,622,600	1,629,200	1,634,000	1,636,200	1,698,900	-6,600	-0.4%	-76,300	-4.5%
Goods Producing Industries									
Construction	52,000	50,800	50,500	50,900	64,600	1,200	2.4%	-12,600	-19.5%
Manufacturing	171,600	172,100	172,100	173,300	187,100	-500	-0.3%	-15,500	-8.3%
Service Providing Industries									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	293,700	297,100	297,400	298,300	310,300	-3,400	-1.1%	-16,600	-5.3%
Wholesale	66,500	66,600	66,900	68,000	69,200	-100	-0.2%	-2,700	-3.9%
Retail	176,400	177,800	177,800	178,700	188,100	-1,400	-0.8%	-11,700	-6.2%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	50,800	52,700	52,700	51,600	53,000	-1,900	-3.6%	-2,200	-4.2%
Information	35,100	35,100	35,200	35,500	37,000	0	0.0%	-1,900	-5.1%
Financial Activities	137,900	138,400	139,200	139,500	143,100	-500	-0.4%	-5,200	-3.6%
Finance & Insurance	118,500	119,000	119,700	119,800	122,700	-500	-0.4%	-4,200	-3.4%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	19,400	19,400	19,500	19,700	20,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-4.9%
Professional & Business Services	186,200	189,100	189,500	188,800	204,000	-2,900	-1.5%	-17,800	-8.7%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	86,800	87,600	88,000	87,600	92,700	-800	-0.9%	-5,900	-6.4%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	74,100	75,800	75,600	75,700	84,700	-1,700	-2.2%	-10,600	-12.5%
Educational & Health Services	299,100	301,300	299,800	300,200	297,900	-2,200	-0.7%	1,200	0.4%
Educational Services	58,000	60,000	58,700	58,600	57,800	-2,000	-3.3%	200	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	241,100	241,300	241,100	241,600	240,100	-200	-0.1%	1,000	0.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	137,900	136,500	139,400	136,200	138,300	1,400	1.0%	-400	-0.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	24,300	24,200	25,700	24,600	24,200	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	113,600	112,300	113,700	111,600	114,100	1,300	1.2%	-500	-0.4%
Other Services	61,800	62,800	63,000	63,300	63,200	-1,000	-1.6%	-1,400	-2.2%
Government**	246,600	245,300	247,200	249,500	252,600	1,300	0.5%	-6,000	-2.4%
UNITED STATES	130,947,000	131,210,000	131,411,000	131,715,000	136,732,000	-263,000	-0.2%	-5,785,000	-4.2%

LABOR MARKET AREAS

Labor Market Area employment estimates are made independently of Statewide estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted data	Sept. 2009	Aug. 2009	July 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2008	Over Month Change	Rate	Over Year Change	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	400,300	404,100	403,600	404,200	416,800	-3,800	-0.9%	-16,500	-4.0%
Danbury	67,900	67,400	67,500	67,200	69,600	500	0.7%	-1,700	-2.4%
Hartford	535,300	538,700	539,100	540,800	559,700	-3,400	-0.6%	-24,400	-4.4%
New Haven	270,600	270,000	271,800	271,400	277,000	600	0.2%	-6,400	-2.3%
Norwich-New London	131,400	130,900	130,800	131,000	136,400	500	0.4%	-5,000	-3.7%
Waterbury	64,400	64,600	65,100	64,100	66,500	-200	-0.3%	-2,100	-3.2%

Not Seasonally Adjusted data

Enfield	46,200	44,600	45,100	46,500	48,700	1,600	3.6%	-2,500	-5.1%
Torrington	35,600	34,400	34,500	35,900	37,700	1,200	3.5%	-2,100	-5.6%
Willimantic-Danielson	35,200	35,300	35,100	36,100	37,700	-100	-0.3%	-2,500	-6.6%

* Less than 0.05%

** Includes Native American tribal government employment

Data in this publication are benchmarked to March 2008. Current month's nonfarm employment data are preliminary, previous months' data are revised. Nonfarm employment, hours and earnings, and labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

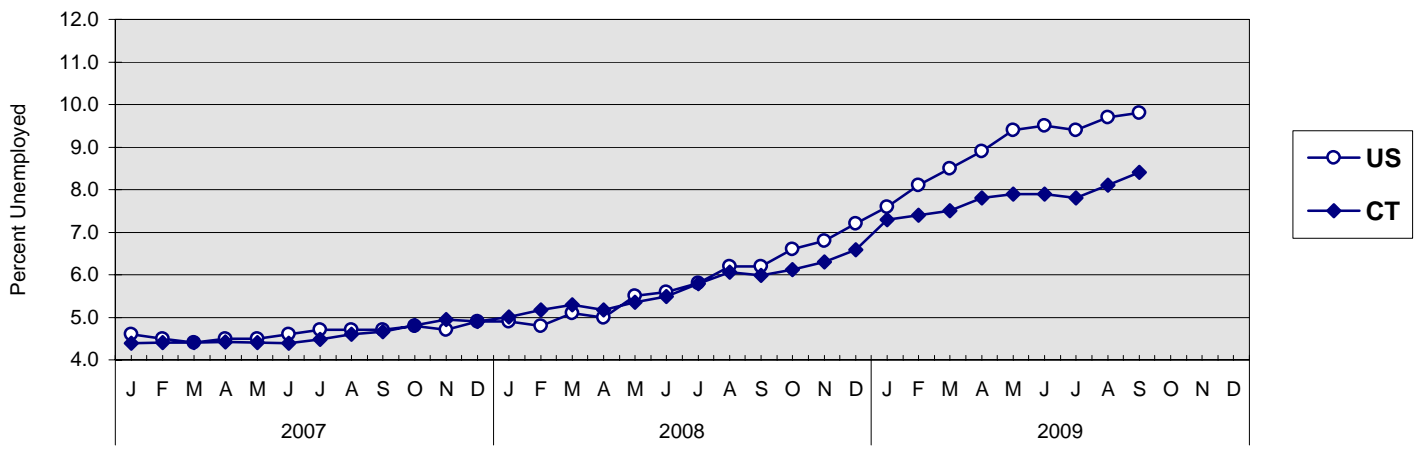
UNEMPLOYMENT

Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	September 2009		September 2008		Change		August 2009	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
CONNECTICUT								
Unemployed	158,800	8.4	112,700	6.0	46,100	2.4	152,200	8.1
Labor Force	1,885,300		1,881,900		3,400		1,883,800	
UNITED STATES								
Unemployed	15,142,000	9.8	9,592,000	6.2	5,550,000	3.6	14,928,000	9.7
Labor Force	154,006,000		154,621,000		-615,000		154,577,000	

U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2007 - 2009



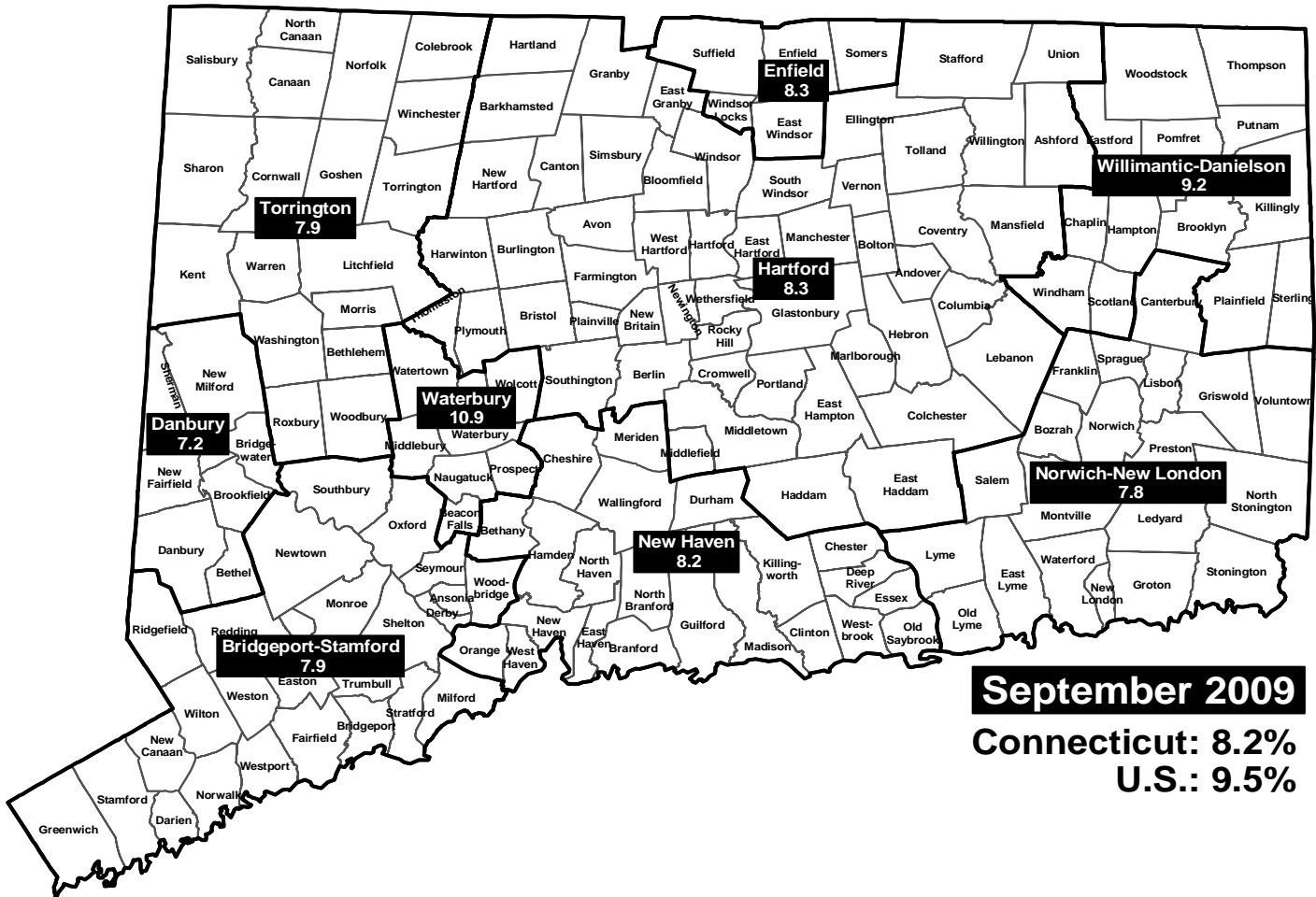
LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	September 2009		September 2008		Change		August 2009	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	37,500	7.9	26,000	5.5	11,500	2.4	37,200	7.6
Danbury	6,600	7.2	4,200	4.6	2,400	2.6	6,800	7.2
Enfield	4,200	8.3	2,800	5.7	1,400	2.6	3,900	7.9
Hartford	48,700	8.3	34,800	5.9	13,900	2.4	48,700	8.2
New Haven	25,600	8.2	18,800	6.0	6,800	2.2	25,400	8.0
Norwich-New London	11,900	7.8	9,000	5.8	2,900	2.0	11,800	7.6
Torrington	4,300	7.9	2,700	4.9	1,600	3.0	4,400	8.0
Waterbury	11,200	10.9	7,600	7.6	3,600	3.3	11,200	10.8
Willimantic-Danielson	5,400	9.2	4,000	6.9	1,400	2.3	5,200	8.7
CONNECTICUT	154,200	8.2	109,000	5.8	45,200	2.4	153,300	8.0
UNITED STATES	14,538,000	9.5	9,199,000	6.0	5,339,000	3.5	14,823,000	9.6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LABOR MARKET AREAS



HOURS AND EARNINGS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers

CONNECTICUT - Not Seasonally Adjusted

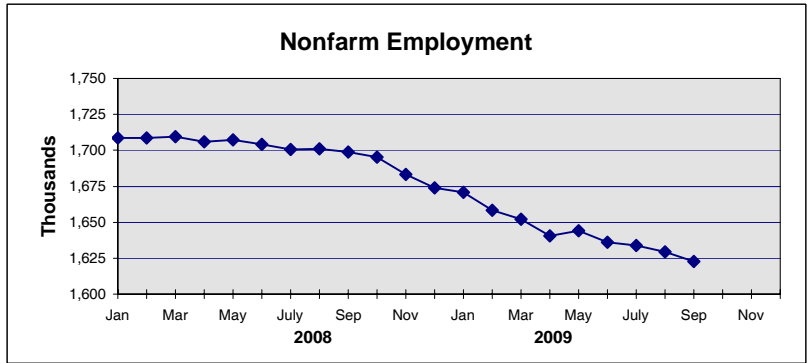
	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	Sept. 2009	Sept. 2008	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2009	Sept. 2009	Sept. 2008	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2009	Sept. 2009	Sept. 2008	Change over Yr.	Aug. 2009
CONNECTICUT	\$956.35	\$926.59	\$29.76	\$958.23	40.8	42.7	-1.9	40.5	\$23.44	\$21.70	\$1.74	\$23.66

Note: Due to federal budget cuts to state-federal statistical programs conducted by the Connecticut Department of Labor in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the development and publication of production worker hours and earnings data for labor market areas has been suspended.

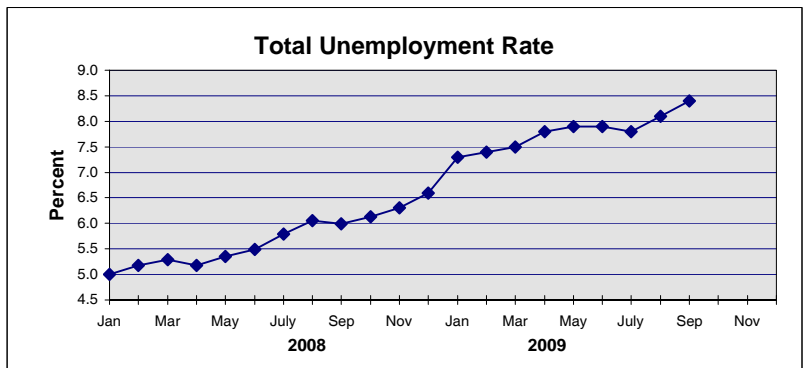
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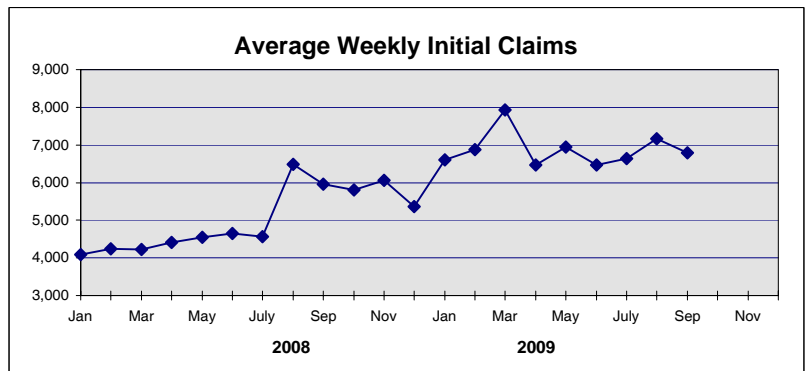
	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
2008		
Jan	1,708.6	5.0
Feb	1,708.5	5.2
Mar	1,709.4	5.3
Apr	1,706.0	5.2
May	1,707.3	5.4
Jun	1,704.3	5.5
July	1,700.4	5.8
Aug	1,701.1	6.1
Sep	1,698.9	6.0
Oct	1,695.1	6.1
Nov	1,683.2	6.3
Dec	1,673.9	6.6



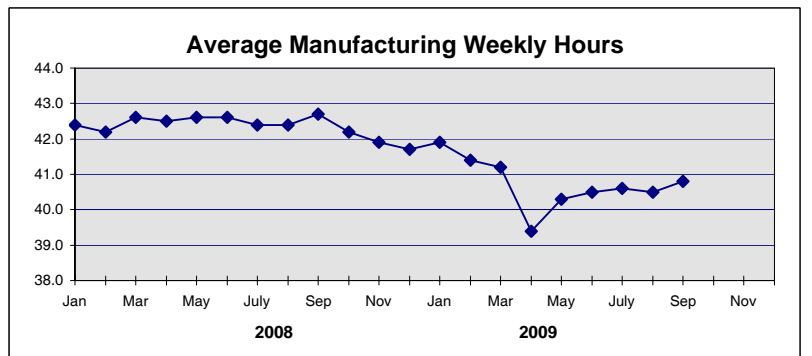
2009		
Jan	1,670.8	7.3
Feb	1,658.5	7.4
Mar	1,652.2	7.5
Apr	1,640.3	7.8
May	1,644.0	7.9
Jun	1,636.2	7.9
July	1,634.0	7.8
Aug	1,629.2	8.1
Sep	1,622.6	8.4
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	Avg Manufacturing Weekly Hours*
2008		
Jan	4,092	42.4
Feb	4,244	42.2
Mar	4,227	42.6
Apr	4,403	42.5
May	4,553	42.6
Jun	4,644	42.6
July	4,569	42.4
Aug	6,485	42.4
Sep	5,951	42.7
Oct	5,808	42.2
Nov	6,068	41.9
Dec	5,354	41.7



2009		
Jan	6,599	41.9
Feb	6,873	41.4
Mar	7,931	41.2
Apr	6,464	39.4
May	6,945	40.3
Jun	6,459	40.5
July	6,643	40.6
Aug	7,164	40.5
Sep	6,785	40.8
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



* Not Seasonally Adjusted
** Labor-management dispute