Fairfield County Economic Indicators

Located just outside New York City in Connecticut, Fairfield is a slowly growing county with a population of around 950,000. Bridgeport is the county's largest city, while Stamford is the primary business hub; the county's other major cities include Norwalk, Danbury, and Greenwich. In contrast to New York City's employment boom, Fairfield had seen little job growth in the years leading up to the pandemic, but it has reversed all the pandemic job losses. Historically, Fairfield County has been a major hub for durable goods manufacturing; though such activity has shrunk in recent years, it remains an important sector. As in New York City, the finance sector plays an outsized role in the regional economy, though it has not grown in recent years. The education and health and leisure and hospitality sectors had been the strongest contributors to growth in the area leading up to the pandemic, and they have shown a fair degree of resilience since. The county's educational attainment and median income rank among the highest in the nation. While Fairfield is one of the nation's most affluent counties, it is also one of the most unequal.

	FAIRFIELD	POUGHKEEPSIE METRO*	PUTNAM-ROCKLAND WESTCHESTER*	CONNECTICUT	USA
Population 2024	972,680	711,730	1,453,000	3,675,069	340,110,988
Population growth 2024, 10-year change	2.9%	5.0%	3.2%	1.7%	6.5%
GDP 2023, billions	$116	$44	$139	$342	$27,812
Job growth 2024, 5-year change	1.7%	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%	4.7%
Median household income 2023	$107,500	$92,500	$111,200	$90,000	$76,170
Median home price 2023	$500,000	$400,000	$565,000	$350,000	$325,000
Population share age 25+ with BA+	52.0%	35.6%	51.0%	43.0%	36.2%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; NYSDOL; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; IPUMS USA-University of Minnesota.
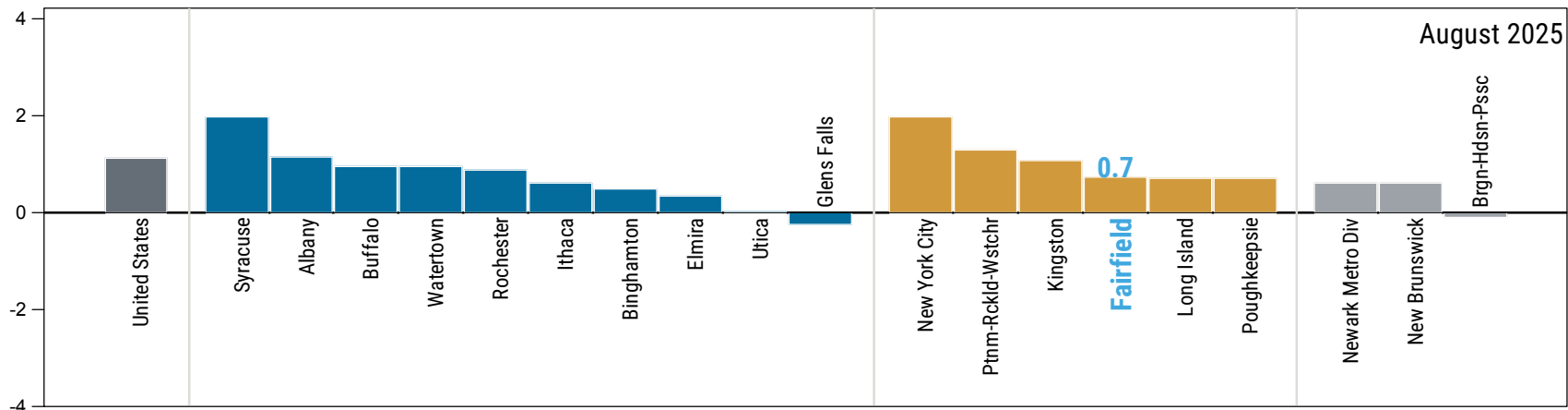Data retrieved through data.census.gov, Moody's Economy.com, or directly from source.
*Note: These are neighboring metro areas.
Connecticut is divided into planning regions, which do not correspond exactly to county boundaries. Fairfield County figures are best available approximation of the county.

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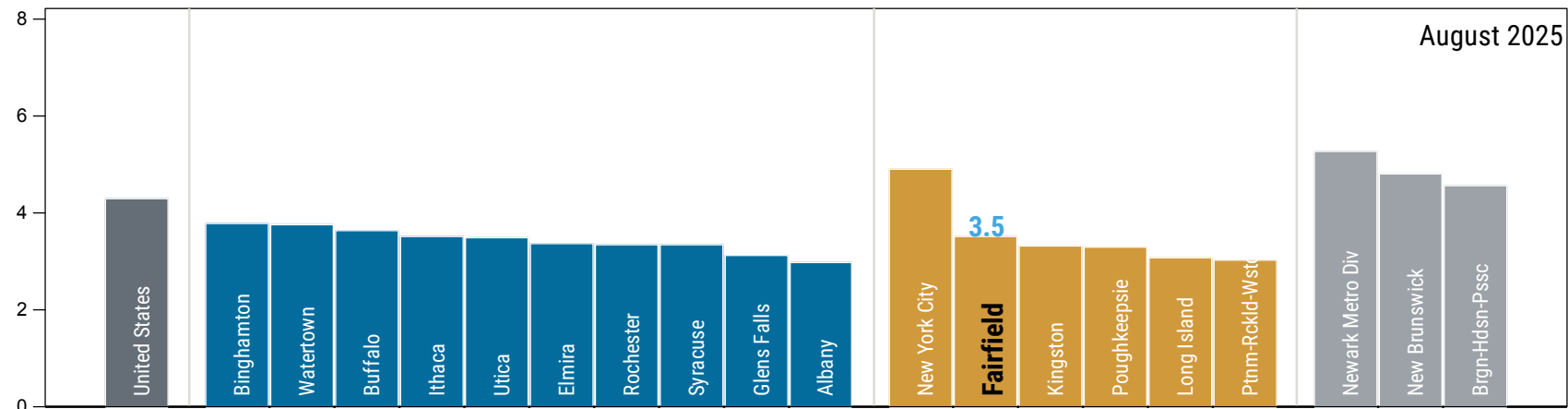
Annual Employment Change by Metro Area
Percent

August 2025

Bars (left to right): United States; Syracuse; Albany; Buffalo; Watertown; Rochester; Ithaca; Binghamton; Elmira; Utica; Glens Falls; New York City; Ptnm-Rckld-Wstchr; Kingston; **Fairfield (0.7)**; Long Island; Poughkeepsie; Newark Metro Div; New Brunswick; Brgn-Hdsn-Pssc

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com; NYS Department of Labor; NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
Notes: Data are early benchmarked by New York Fed staff. Employment change calculated as last 12 months over previous 12 months.

## Unemployment Rate by Metro Area
Percent

August 2025

Bars (left to right): United States; Binghamton; Watertown; Buffalo; Ithaca; Utica; Elmira; Rochester; Syracuse; Glens Falls; Albany; New York City; **Fairfield (3.5)**; Kingston; Poughkeepsie; Long Island; Ptnm-Rckld-Wstc; Newark Metro Div; New Brunswick; Brgn-Hdsn-Pssc

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com.
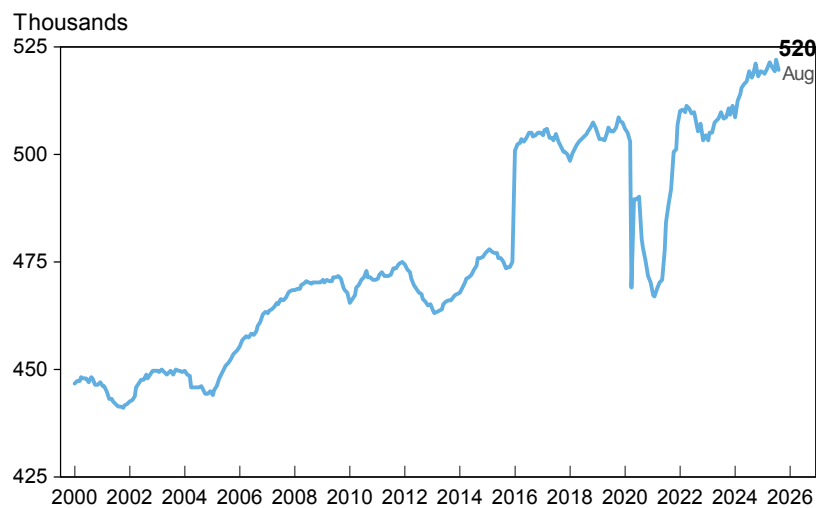
Fairfield County Economic Indicators

Population

Thousands

973
2024
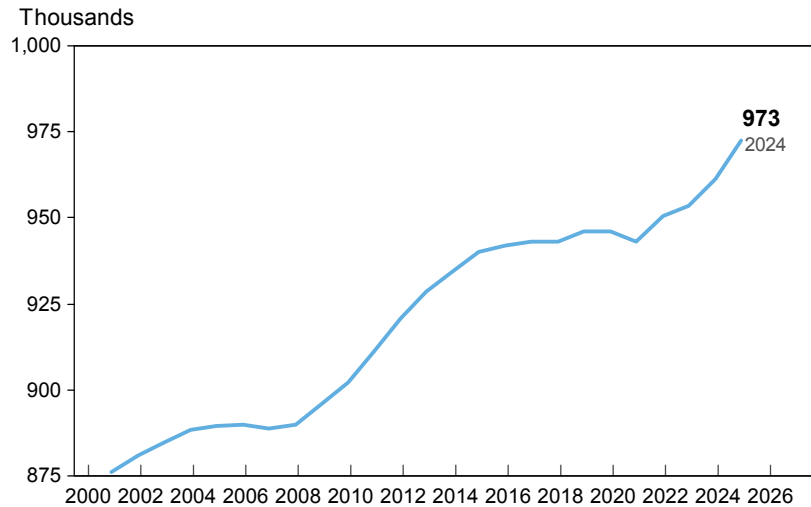
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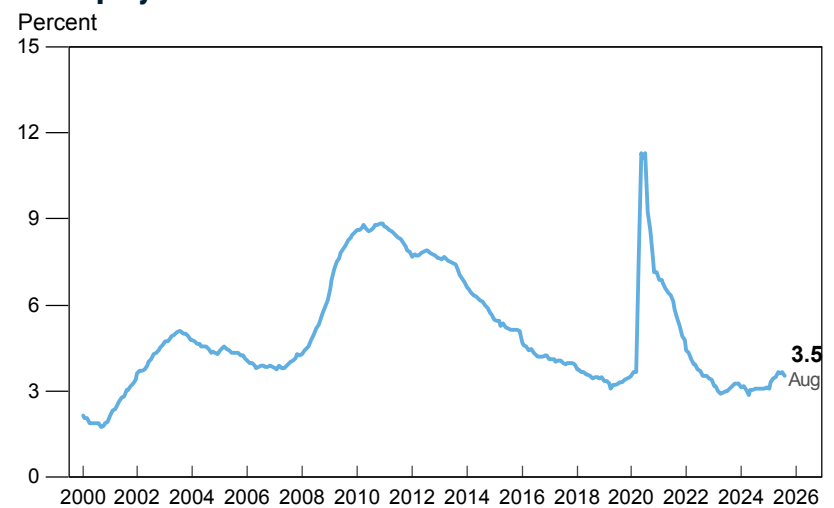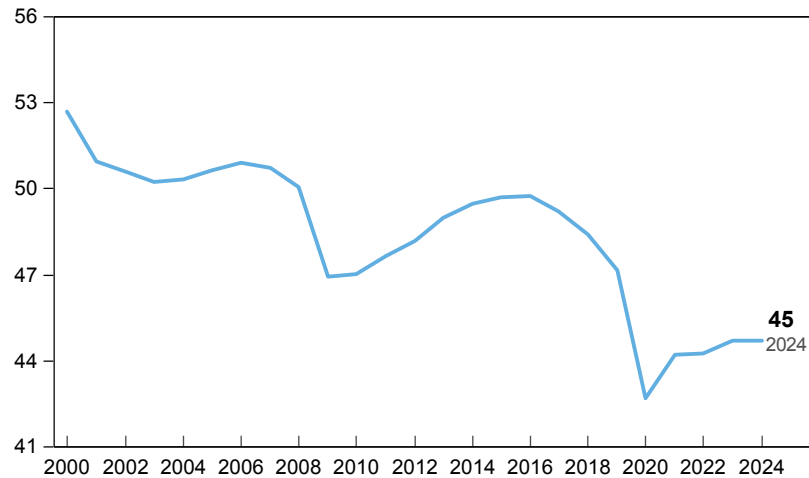
Employment

Thousands

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Aug
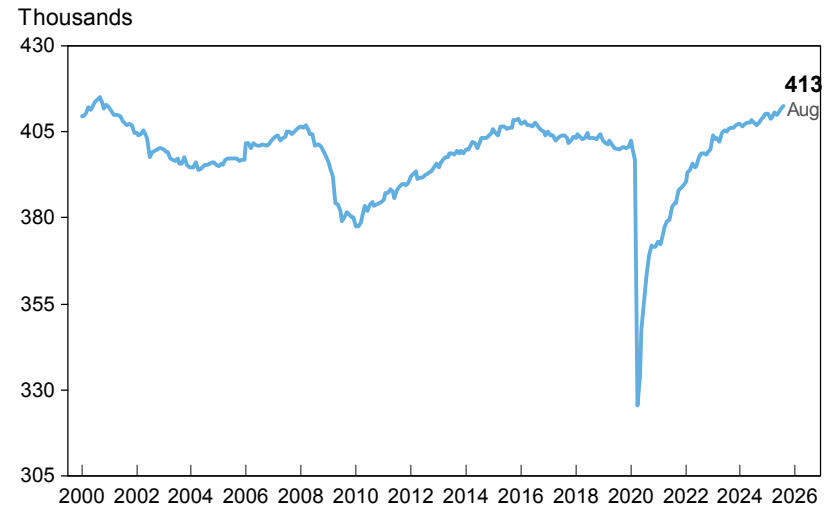
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Labor Force

Thousands

520
Aug

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com.

Unemployment Rate

Percent

3.5
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Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com.

Fairfield County Economic Indicators

Retail Trade Employment

Thousands

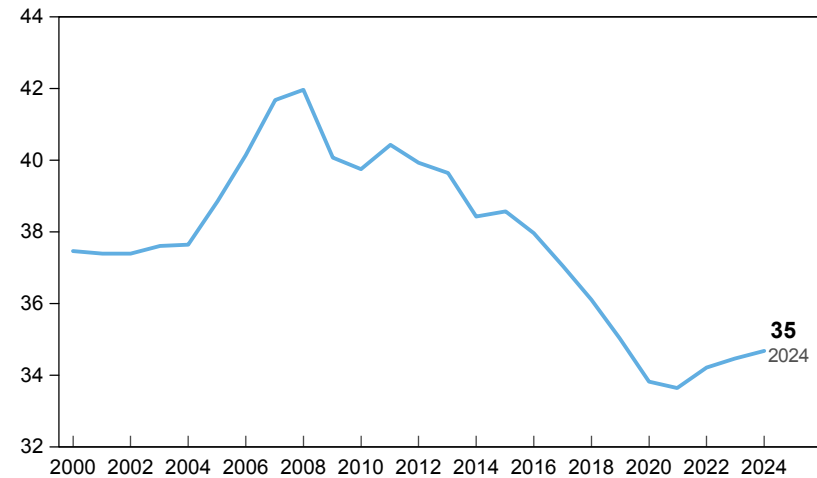**45**
2024

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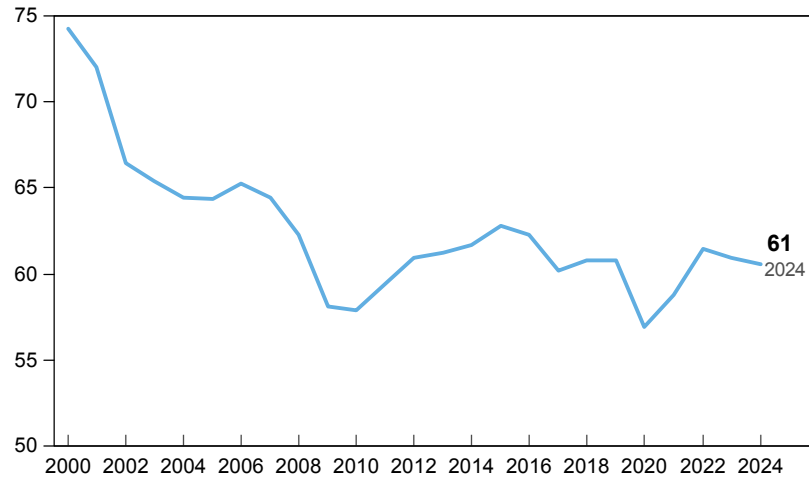
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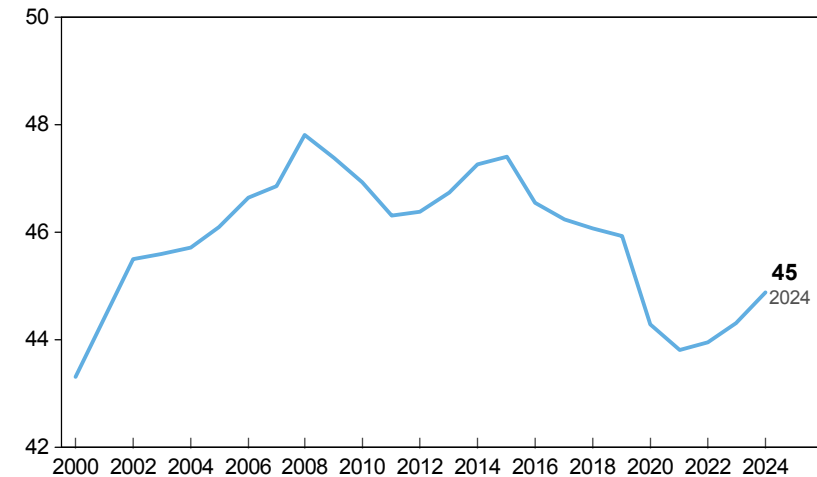
Professional & Business Services Employment

Thousands

61
2024

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com.

Government Employment

Thousands

45
2024

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com.