SCOREBOARD: CONNECTICUT vs. SELECT HIGH-GROWTH STATES - NOVEMBER 2026

NUTMEG RESEARCH INITIATIVE

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U.S. METRICS - FREQUENT UPDATES	Source	Date / Period	Denomination	Recent Period				
GDP - Seasonally Adjd Real GDP ($); Growth Over Prior Quarter (%)	BEA	**Last 5 Quarters: Q3/26 - Q3/25** (R=Revisn #)	$ Billions Annl % Grow Rate, Seas Adj	$24,611 / 3.4%	$24,408 / 2.2% R3	$24,274/ 2.5%	$24,125 / 0.2%	$24,113 / 3.9%
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION - Southwest Border Encounters	CBP	**Fiscal Years: FYTD 26,** FY25, FY24, FY23, FY22	K	128	444	2,135	2,476	2,379
OVERALL NET IMMIGRATION Census Population Estimates and Projections	NST-EST[YEAR]-ALLDATA U.S. Census Blogs	**Yrs Ending 6/30: 2026 Prjtn** Est: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022	K	321	1,262	2,734	2,264	1,672
INFLATION: Cons Px Inx (CPI);	BLS	**Last 5 months**	% Chng ovr Month a Yr Ago	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	4.2%
Persl Consump Exp (PCE)	BEA			3.6%	3.3% R3	3.4%	3.5%	4.1%
FEDERAL REVENUE: INDIV INC TAXES / TARIFFS	Monthly Treasury Statemt	**Federal Fiscal Years:** YTD 27, 26, 25, 24, 23	$ Billion	295 /26	2,846 / 173	2,656 / 194	2,426 / 77	2,176 / 80
FEDERAL: NET INTEREST / DEFICIT	Daily Treasury Statemt			NA	1,052 / 1,992	970 / 1,775	882 / 1,833	659 / 1,695

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STATE & NATIONAL METRICS - FREQUENTLY UPDATED								
ENERGY & HOUSING								
ENERGY: Avg Electric Cost Per Household	Energy Info Admin	LTM 2026	Per Household (annual)	$ 2,712	$ 3,567	$ 2,636	$ 2,117	$ 2,799
ENERGY: Electric Rates: Residentl (R) / Commercl (C)	Choose Energy (source data from U.S. EIA)	Aug-26	Cents per Kilowatt Hour	24.31 (R) 19.29 (C)	15.91 (R) 8.96 (C)	13.42 (R) 13.13 (C)	13.31 (R) 10.39 (C)	18.16 (R) 14.47 (C)
ENERGY: Natl Avg Cost of Gas; Diesel	AAA / EIA	10/20/26	Dollars per Gallon	$4.30 ; $6.42	$3.71 ; $5.73	$3.80 ; $5.96	$4.62 ; $6.41	$4.28 ; $6.28
HOUSING: Median Home Val (Prop Tax)	Yahoo Finance	10/20/26	K	$518 ($7.98)	$337 ($4.72)	$385 ($2.0)	$570 ($2.74)	$393 (N/A)
PUBLIC SAFETY								
VIOLENT CRIME: No. of Incidents	FBI NIBRS METHODOLOGY	LTM as of Sept 2026 vs. LTM as of Sep 2025	(000) for U.S.	3,839; 4,693	108,766; 124,029	34,822; 42,698	7,679; 8,752	1,003; 1,232
SHOOTINGS: Urban Fatal & Non-Fatal	FBI METHODOLOGY	LTM through Sept 2026	Number	437	29,741	13,894	680	209,618
SHOOTINGS: Statewide Fatal Shootings	FBI METHODOLOGY	LTM through Sept 2026	Number	49	894	341	34	7,613
SHOOTINGS: Urban Shootings per 100K	Calculated	LTM 2026	Rate per 100,000	12	94	190	19	61
DRUG OD DEATHS:	CDC NCHS / VSRR	LTM March 2026	Total; Rate/100K	787 / 21	4,372 / 14	1,961 / 27	638 / 18	65,351 / 19
STATE & NATIONAL - OTHER METRICS								
COST OF LIVING - KEY ITEMS								
STATE INC TAX: Avg Pd Per Household	U.S. Census: Annual Survey of State Tax Collections	FY 2025	Calculated Per Household	$7,684	$0	$0	$5,062	$3,963
SALES TAX: Avg Paid Per Houseold		FY 2025	Calculated Per Household	$6,317	$6,722	$6,871	$4,941	$5,342
PROPERTY TAX: Median Per Home Ownr		2024	Per Home Owner	$6,357	$1,888	$921	$1,742	$1,627
ENERGY: Avg Electric Cost Per Household	Energy Info Admin	LTM to August 2026	Per Household (annual)	$2,712	$3,567	$2,636	$2,117	$2,799
TOTAL				$23,070	$12,177	$10,429	$13,862	$13,731
DEMOGRAPHICS								
POPULATION	U.S. Census	7/1/25	K	3,688	31,710	7,315	3,539	341,785
NET MIGRATION - DOMESTIC	U.S. Census	2025; 2024; 2023	K	-6.0 -3.8 -6.5	67.3 86.1 188.7	42.4 46.5 60.4	3.3 2.9 0.5	NA
NET MIGRATION - FOREIGN, inc P Rico	U.S. Census	2025; 2024; 2023	K	17.5 35.5 27.7	167.5 354.9 251.7	18.0 48.0 26.1	7.5 26.7 30.5	1,262.2
RACIAL MIX - % WHITE ONLY	U.S. Census	2025	(% of total)	61%	37%	70%	73%	56%
HOUSEHOLDS: Number of Households	U.S. Census	2025 (estimated)	K	1,460	11,593	2,954	1,196	130,551
TAX BASE: Individls on IRS Tax Returns	IRS	2022	K	3,203	26,776	6,113	3,103	293,617
AGI: Averge Fedl Adj Gros Inc	IRS	2022	Per Individuals on Return	$67,845	$46,762	$43,766	$45,515	$50,346
ECONOMY								
GDP: Real Gross Domestic Product	U.S. BEA	Q2 2025 / Q2 2026	Current $ Billions	304 / 296	2,376 / 2,337	454 / 447	249 / 243	24,408 / 23,885
GDP: Real GDP Growth	U.S. BEA	LTM Q2 2026	% Chng over period	3.0%	2.2%	1.7%	3.4%	2.2%
Civilian Labor Force: Annual Change	U.S. BLS	From Sep 2025 to Sep 2026	(000); % Change	-50.8 -2.63%	+3,6 +0.02	-51,2 -1.44%	-10,3 -0.56%	-1,218 -0.71%
TAXATION								
STATE INCOME TAX: Top Indiv Rate	Tax Foundation	2026	Tax Rate	6.99%	0.00%	0.00%	4.50%	NA
SALES TAX: Combo State & Local Rate	Tax Foundation	Mid-2026	Tax Rate	6.35%	8.20%	9.61%	7.42%	NA
PROPERTY TAXES: On Owner-Occupied Homes	Tax Foundation	2026	Tax Rate (Rank)	1.54% (#3)	1.40% (#7)	0.52% (#41)	0.48% (#48)	NA
STATE GAS TAX: Excise Tax at Pump	Tax Foundation	8/1/26	Cents per Gallon	25.0¢	20.0¢	27.4¢	32.55¢	NA
BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS								
CORP TAX RATE: CT w 10% Surcharge	Tax Foundation	1/1/26	Tax Rate	8.25%	0.00%	6.50%	4.50%	NA
INTERSTATE HWAY CONGESTION: Number of Top 100 Bottlenecks	Amer. Transpo Research Inst	2026	No. of Top 100 in State	4	12	8	-	90 in 20 states
STATE FINANCES								
STATE DEBT: Bonded Debt	ACFR	FY 2025	$Billion / $ Per Capita	$28.5 / $7,728	$65.6 / $2,069	$1.7 / $238	$3.5 / $995	NA
GENERAL FUND SPENDING	NASBO	FY 2026 (Enacted)	$Billion / $ Per Capita	$24.0 / $6,508	$95.9 / $3,024	$25.8 / $3,500	$11.8 / $3,334	$1,410 / $4,125
UNFUNDED PENSIONS & OPEBs	ACFR	FY 2025 / FY 2026	$Billion / $ Per Capita	$50.9 / $13,499	$74.8 / $2,359	$1.8 / $246	$3.8 / $1,074	NA
MEDICAID-CHIP ENROLLMENT	Kaiser (KFF)	Mid-2026	K; % of population	845K / 22.9%	3,950K / 12.5%	1,360K / 18.6%	318K / 9.0%	73.2M / 21.4%
MEDICAID SPENDING:	Kaiser (KFF)	Fed FY 2024 / FY 2025	$Billions / % of State Gen Fund	$4.5 / 18.6%	$16.4 / 17.1%	$4.4 / 17.1%	$1.3 / 11.0%	$318 / 22.6%
RAINY DAY FUND	NASBO	FY 2026 (Enacted)	$B / % of Genl Fund	$4.6 / 18.0%	$28.5 / 29.7%	$2.2 / 8.5%	$1.5 / 12.7%	$189 / 15.1%
LT FISCAL SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)	Truth in Accounting	2026 Report	$B; $ Per Taxpayer; Rank	($58) / ($41,400) / #49	($4) / ($400) / #27	$27 / $11,400 / #5	$17 / $14,900 / #4	NA
STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION								
STATE GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE	U.S. Census	As of March 2025	Headcount / Payroll in $B	60,000 / $6.1	338,000 / $28.4	81,000 / $6.2	75,000 / $6.4	4.7 Miln / $412
STATE WAGES: Avg Wage / Wage Rank in 50	U.S. Census	As of March 2025	$Actual / Rank (1=Hi'st)	$102,528 / #2	$83,943 / #19	$76,657 / #28	$85,865 / #15	$412B / $87,700
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE	U.S. Census	As of March 2025	Headcount / Payroll in $B	130,000 / $10.4	1,303,000 / $84.5	271,000 / $16.1	105,000 / $7.5	12,8 Miln / $969
LOCAL WAGES: Avg Wage / Wage Rank in 50	U.S. Census	As of March 2025	$Actual / Rank (1=Hi'st)	$80,500 / #11	$65,000 / #31	$59,000 / #40	71,000 / #20	$76,000 / NA
PUBL & PRIV WORKERS: Avg Wage	U.S. Census	2024	Per Individual	$56,190	$41,614	$40,729	$41,806	$45,256
STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND: Funded Ratio; Unfunded Liability (UAAL)	BC Retirement Center	2024	%; $Billions	66%; $20.97B	76%; $32.02B	80%; $0.91B	96%; $2.85B	NA
EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS								
NAEP SCORE & RANK: 8th Grade Math & 8th Grade Reading	NAEP Test	2024	Score / Rank	277 (#17); 263 (#5)	269 (#34); 252 (#44)	276 (#19); 259 (#20)	282 (#4); 261 (#8)	272; 257
SPENDING: Per Pupil, Pre-K - 12	U.S. Census	FY 2024 (May 2026 Release)		$26,316	$12,731	$12,895	$11,347	$17,619
SPECIAL ED: Student Headcount / % of Total School Population	IDEA ClicData	2023	Headcount (000)	84 (16%)	735 (13.5%)	125 (15%)	87 (14%)	7301 (15%)