

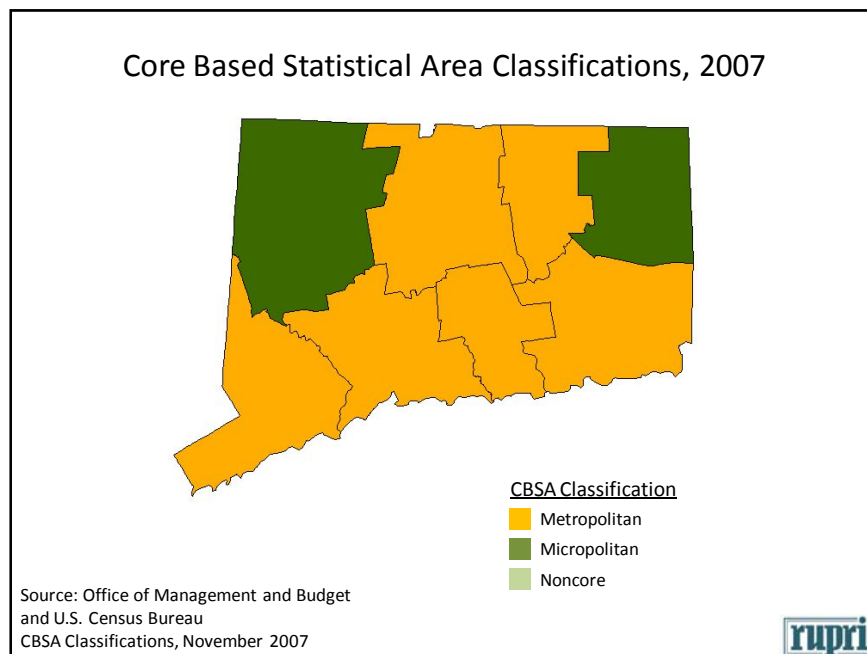
Connecticut

Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for Connecticut. The most recent classifications of core based statistical areas, November 2007, are utilized throughout the report in comparisons of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This report includes updated data on population trends and racial and ethnic composition of the population (2007), updated estimates of county poverty rates (2007), county unemployment rates (2007), and per capita income data (2006). The report also includes some new indicators of entrepreneurship, classifications of health professional shortage areas, and infant mortality rates.

Metro and Nonmetro Counties

Based on county Core Based Statistical Area classifications, there are 6 metropolitan counties in Connecticut, and 2 micropolitan counties. Based on population estimates for 2007, 91 percent of Connecticut residents live in metropolitan areas, and 9 percent live in micropolitan areas. There are no noncore counties in Connecticut.



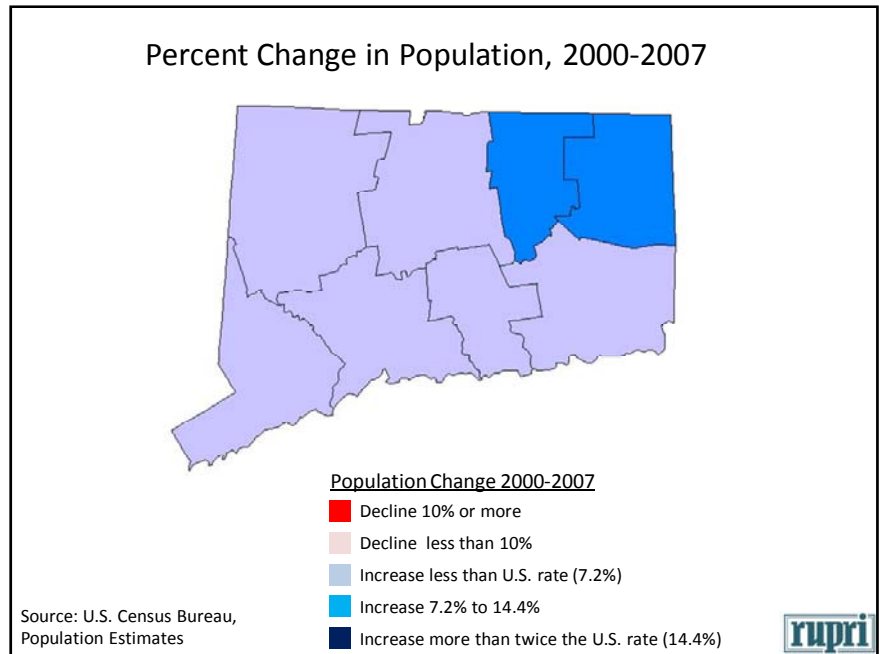
Population Change

Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 2.8 percent in Connecticut. Within Connecticut, the fastest growth was in the micropolitan areas. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population grew by one percent, while the Connecticut population increased by 0.2 percent.

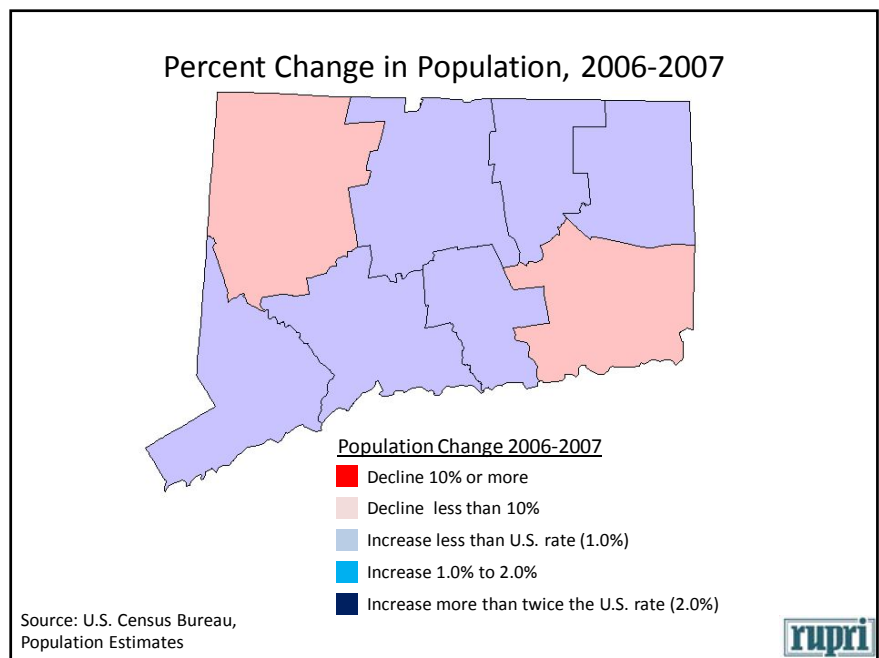
Percent Change in Population		
	2000-2007	2006-2007
U.S.	7.2%	1.0%
Connecticut	2.8%	0.2%
Metropolitan	2.7%	0.2%
Micropolitan	4.8%	0.2%
Noncore	n/a	n/a

source: U.S. Census Bureau

No counties in Connecticut lost population from 2000 to 2007. The fastest growth was in Tolland County, part of the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford Metropolitan Area.

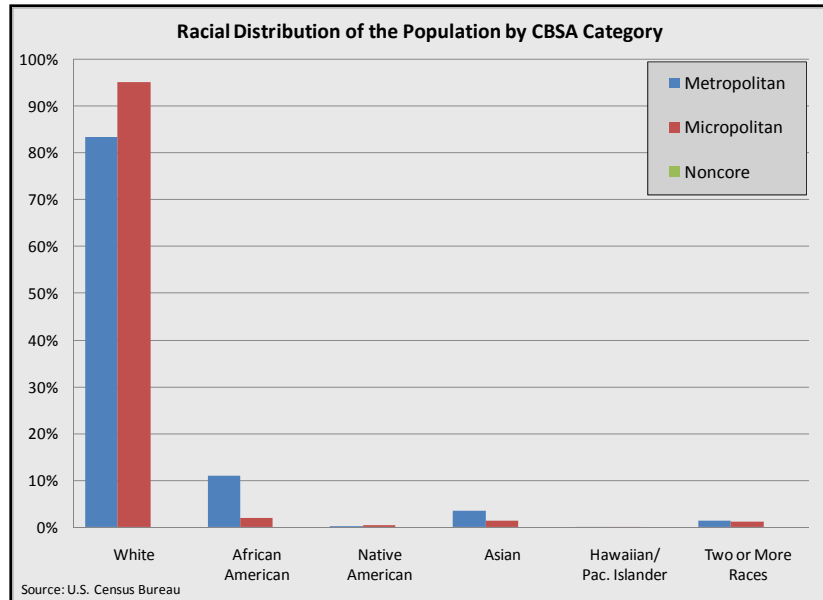


From 2006 to 2007, 2 Connecticut counties lost population. The fastest growth during this time was in Windham County, representing the Willimantic Micropolitan Area.



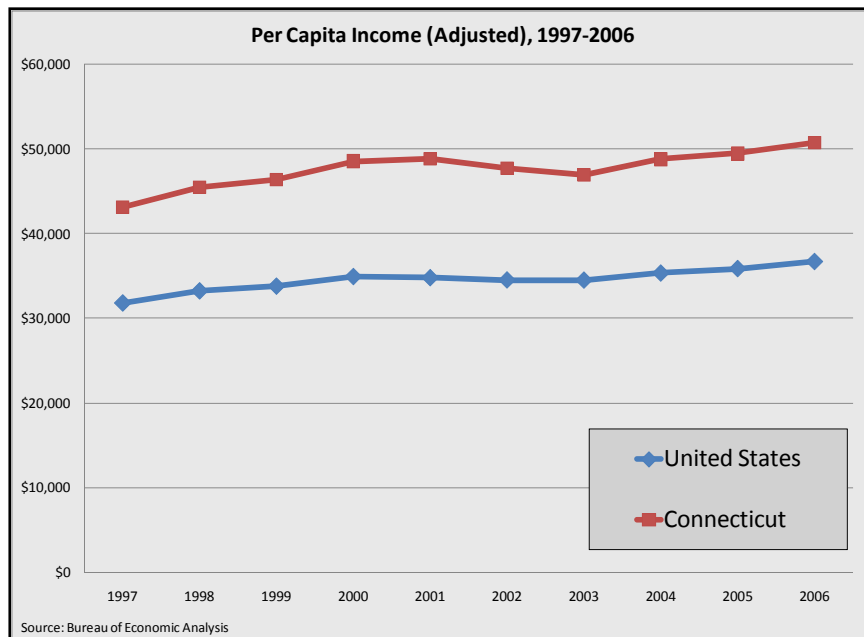
Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non Hispanics of that race. The population of Connecticut is 84.5 percent white and 10.3 percent African American. Hispanics make up 11.5 percent of Connecticut's population.

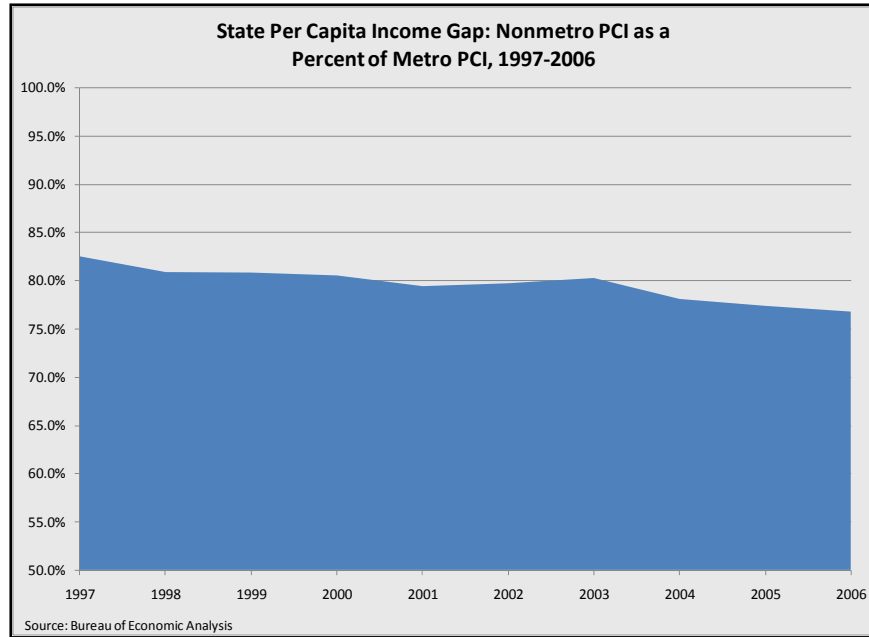


Per Capita Income

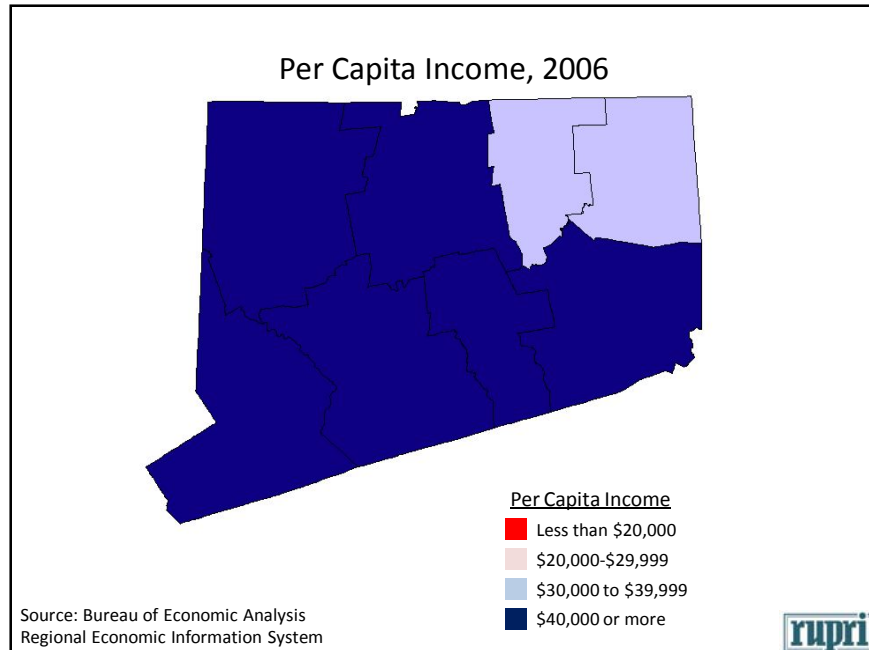
Over the past 10 years, the per capita income in Connecticut has exceeded the U.S. per capita income. In 2006, per capita income was \$36,714 in the U.S. and \$50,762 in Connecticut.



The metro-nonmetro per capita income gap in Connecticut has persisted over the past 10 years, and in 2006, nonmetro per capita income was 76.8 percent of metro per capita income. However, per capita income in both metro and nonmetro areas in Connecticut exceeds the national income. In 2006, nonmetropolitan per capita income was \$39,798 and the metropolitan per capita income was \$51,762.

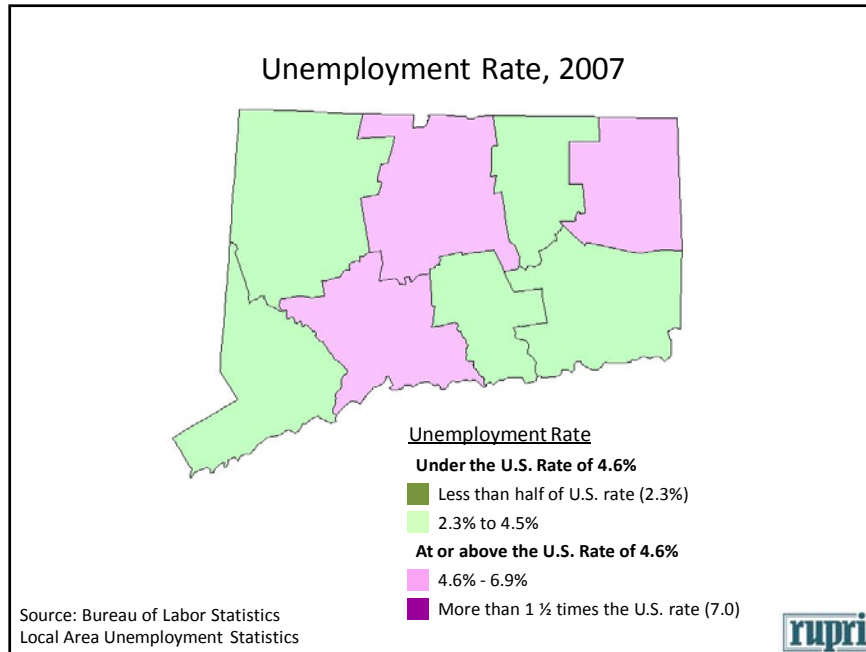


Within Connecticut, per capita income ranged from \$32,007 in Windham County to \$74,281 in Fairfield County.



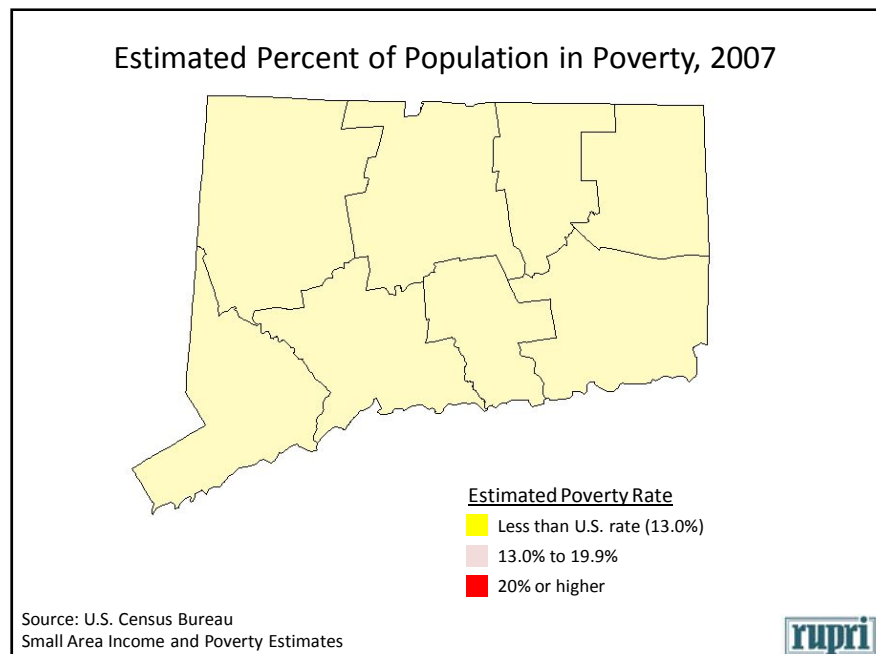
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and in Connecticut. Three counties in Connecticut had per capita income over the U.S. level in 2007.



Poverty

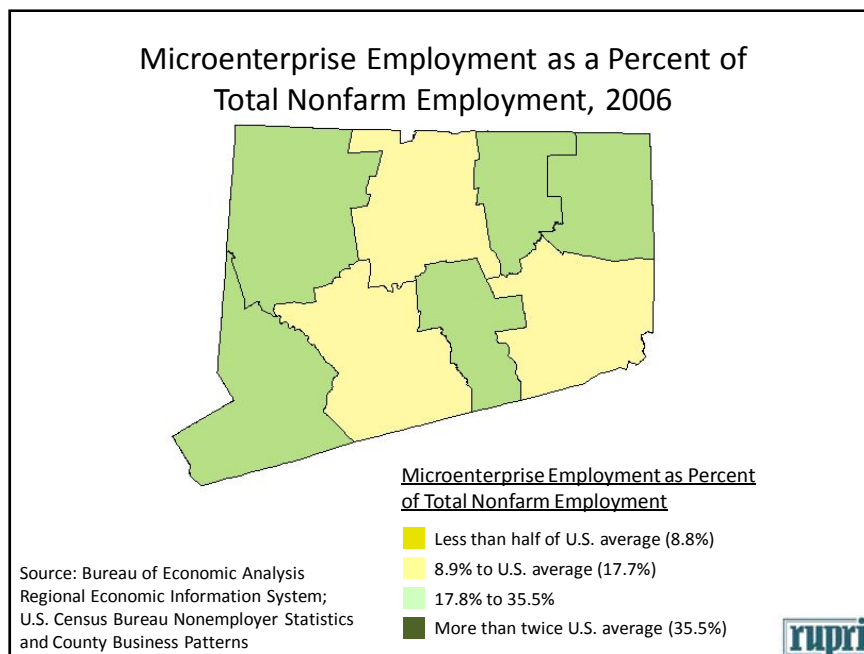
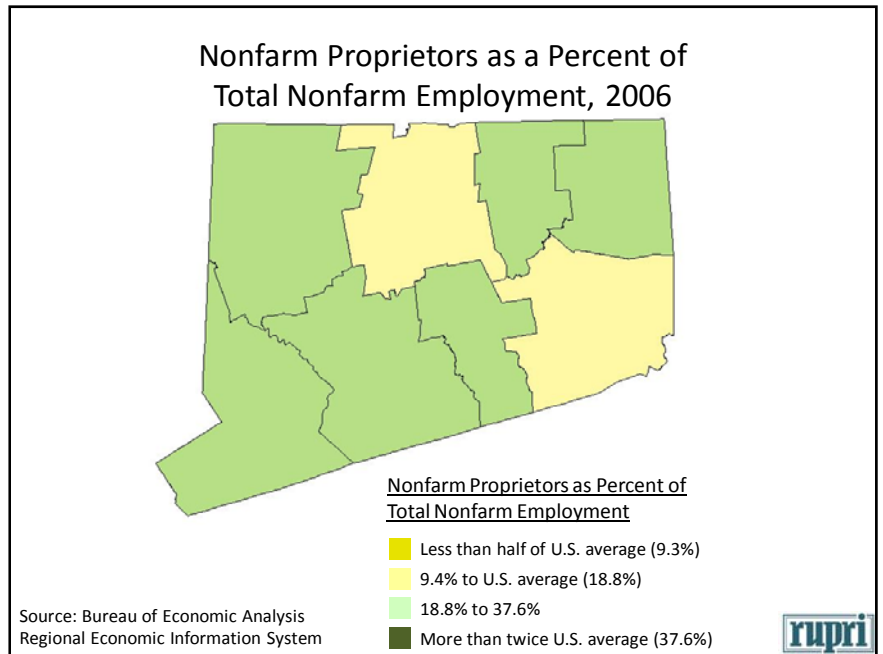
Poverty estimates for 2007 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. was 13 percent, compared to 7.9 percent in Connecticut. Within Connecticut, poverty rates ranged from 5.2 percent in Middlesex County to 9.5 percent in New Haven County.



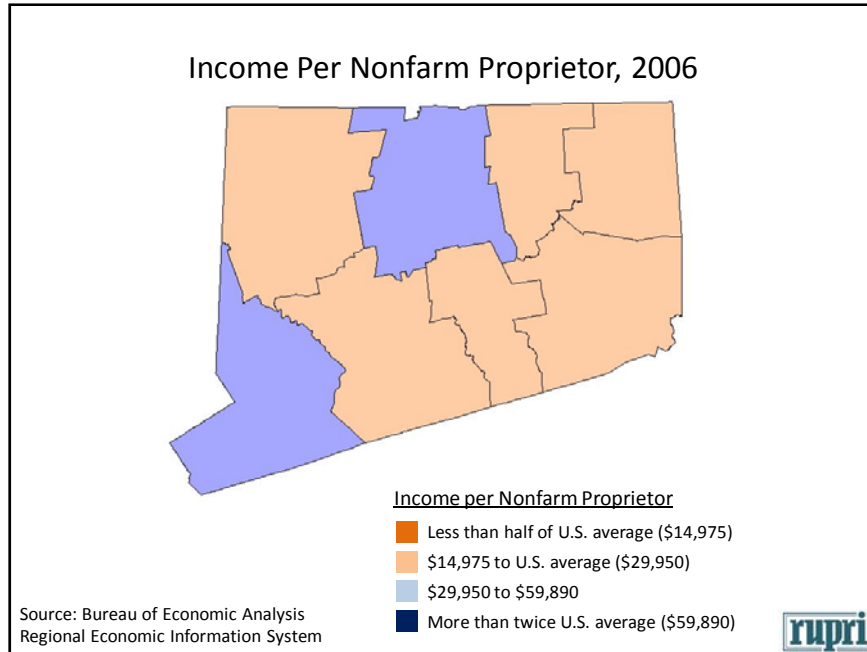
Entrepreneurship Indicators

Entrepreneurship plays a key role in the economic development of communities, but entrepreneurship is a difficult concept to measure. Four indicators of entrepreneurship are presented here: (1) nonfarm proprietors as a proportion of total nonfarm employment and (2) microenterprise employment (calculated as the number of self employed individuals plus the number of employees in establishments with less than 5 employees) as a proportion of total nonfarm employment; (3) income per nonfarm proprietor; and (4) nonfarm proprietors income as a proportion of county total personal income.

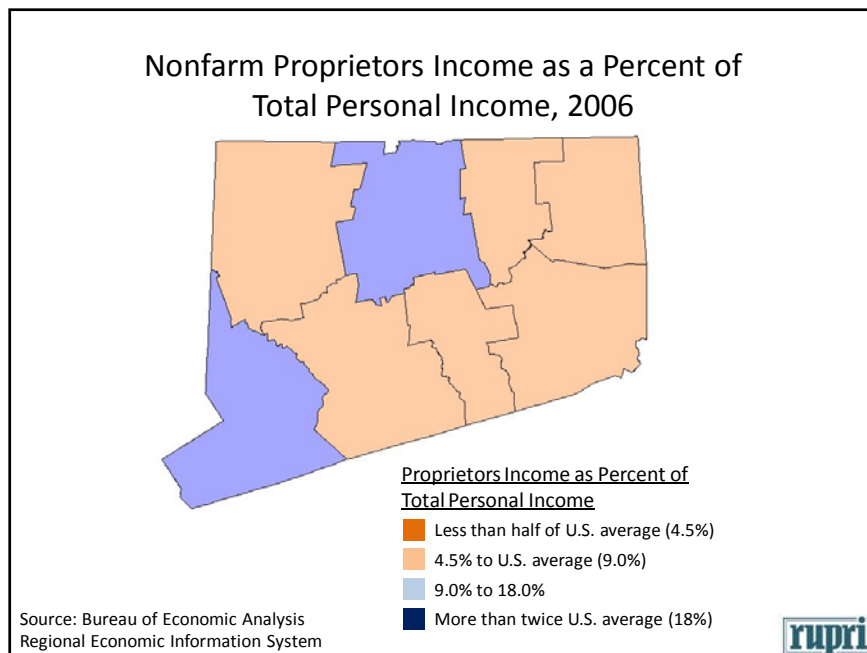
Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In Connecticut, this figure is 20.7 percent, and within Connecticut, this figure ranges from 16.0 percent to 32.0 percent. Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S nonfarm employment and 16.9 percent of Connecticut nonfarm employment. Within Connecticut, this ranges from 13.1 percent to 25.2 percent.



Average income per proprietor in the U.S was \$29,950, compared to \$39,052 in Connecticut. Within Connecticut, this ranged from \$17,140 per proprietor to \$56,933 per proprietor.



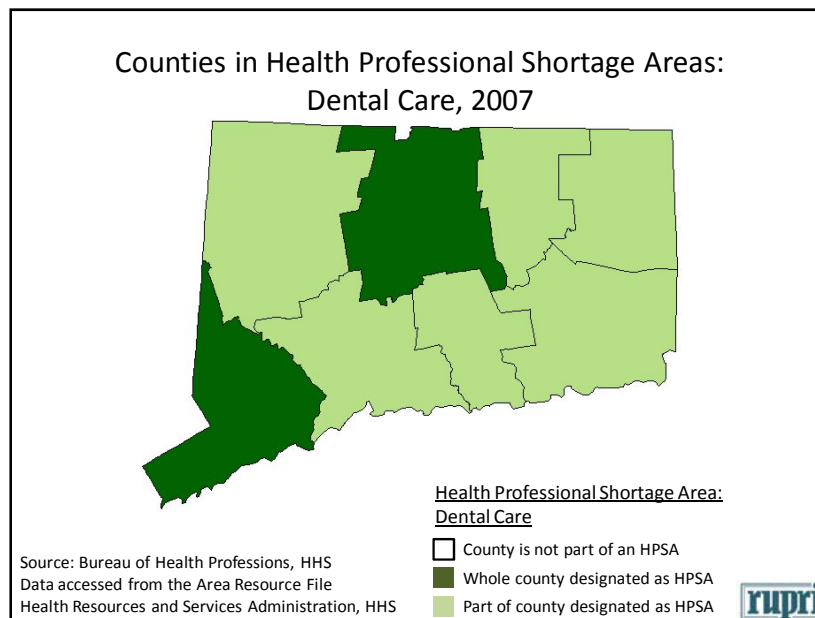
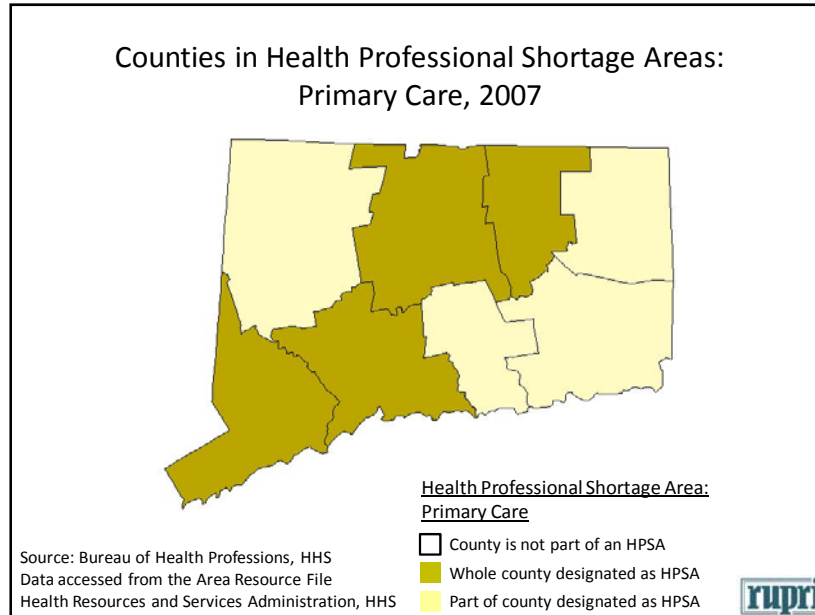
Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In Connecticut, this figure was 10.2 percent, and ranged from 5.2 percent to 12.8 percent in Connecticut counties.

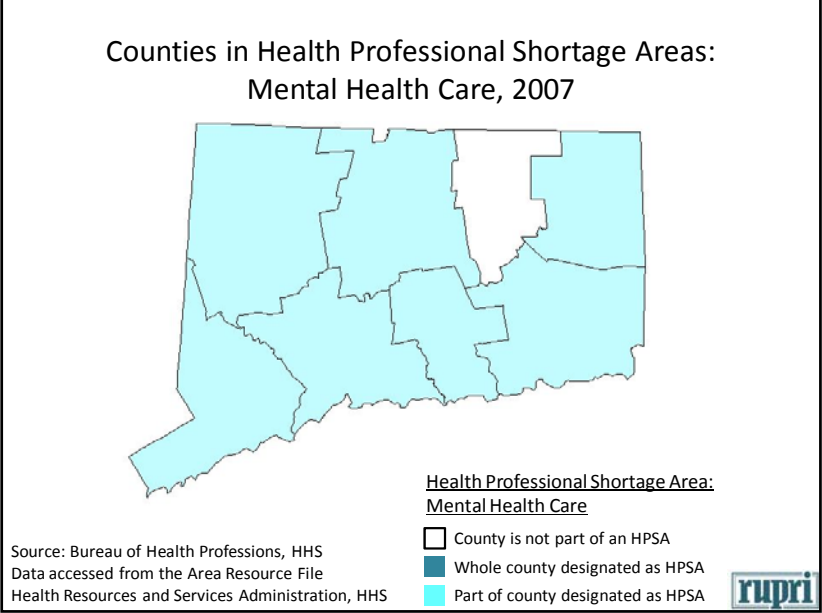


Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated for primary medical care, dentists, and mental health professionals. The designations are made by the Bureau of Health Professions within the Department of Health and Human Services. The maps below present the status of counties as being whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

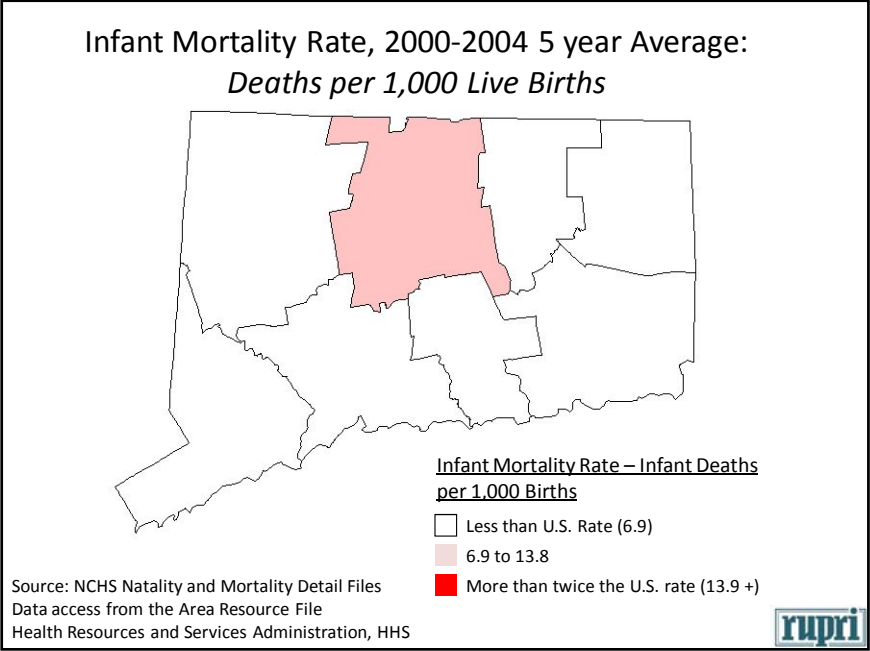
Within Connecticut, all 8 counties were either whole or in part designated as a primary care and/or a dental care HPSA. Seven counties were designated in part as mental health care HPSAs.





Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 6.9 for the U.S. and 6.0 for Connecticut. Only 1 county in Connecticut had an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. average.



Data Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

<http://www.bea.gov/beat/regional/reis/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm>

**Department of Health and Human Services , Health Resources and Services Administration
Area Resource File**

<http://www.arfsys.com/>

U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Classifications

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metrodef.html>

Nonemployer Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

County Business Patterns

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/index.html>

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

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Make Your Own Maps with the CARES/RUPRI Interactive Map Room

A national level interactive mapping application jointly developed by the Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES) and RUPRI is available at

<http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/Connecticutlist.asp>

This three step map-making process allows you to select from over 500 GIS layers and create custom maps for your Connecticut or the whole U.S.

Step 1: In the first step, select your Connecticut of interest or the whole U.S.



Step 2: Select the indicators you would like to see mapped. Included are over 500 data layers, including demographic and economic indicators, health and human services indicators, health and education facility locations, emergency preparedness, and many others. We are working constantly to keep these data sets as up to date as possible.

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