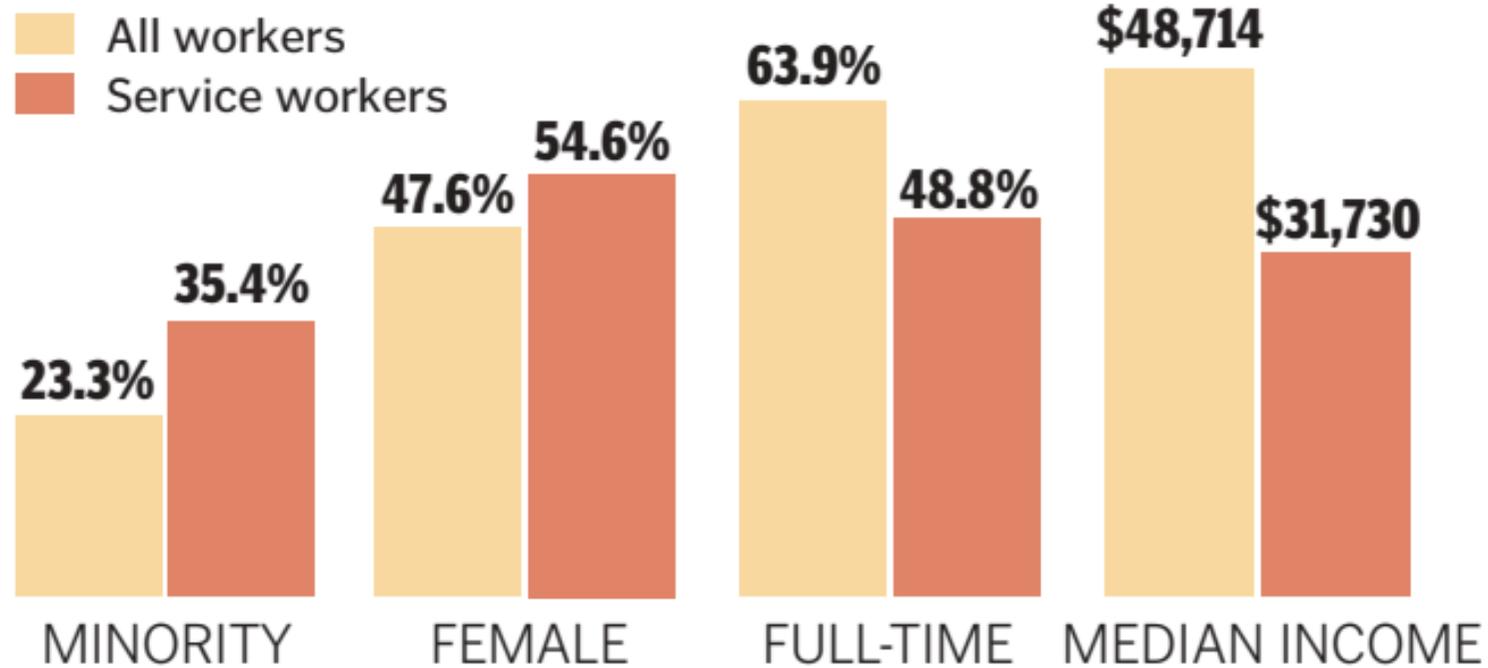


How the U.S. Census Bureau defines service-occupation categories:

- ▶ Health care support workers.
- ▶ Food preparation and service workers.
- ▶ Buildings, grounds, maintenance workers.
- ▶ Personal care workers.
- ▶ Transportation, tourism, lodging attendants.
- ▶ Child care workers.
- ▶ Protective-service workers (firefighters, law enforcement officers).

Who Are They? Service workers in Connecticut are more likely to be minorities and female, and less likely to work full time.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Demand Is Growing

From 2000 through 2006, service occupations accounted for nearly half of the total growth in Connecticut's labor force. Below, a comparison of the growth of various occupations.



Inside Connecticut ...

Workers in service occupations have lower median incomes than workers in any other group in the state.

	All workers	Year round, full time
All occupations	\$37,541	\$48,714
Management, professional	\$56,695	\$66,569
Service	\$20,158	\$31,730
Sales, office	\$30,757	\$41,150
Farming, fishing, forestry	\$27,000	\$36,822
Construction and maintenance	\$40,742	\$46,479
Production, transportation	\$31,313	\$37,454

Compared To Other States ...

Median income for full-time, year-round service workers in Connecticut is the highest in the nation; the state is in the top 10 for all workers.

FULL-TIME SERVICE WORKERS

	Median earnings
Connecticut	31,730
Massachusetts	30,097
Rhode Island	29,693
Maryland	29,552
New Jersey	29,452
Alaska	28,557
New Hampshire	28,363
Nevada	28,362
Hawaii	27,771
New York	27,146
United States	24,505
New England	29,471

ALL SERVICE WORKERS

	Median earnings
Nevada	24,774
Hawaii	23,113
Maryland	20,624
New Jersey	20,204
Connecticut	20,158
New York	19,941
Massachusetts	19,569
Rhode Island	18,964
Alaska	18,583
Delaware	17,444
United States	16,108
New England	18,728

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey