

# The Connecticut Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Report

**Our troops are carrying an unfair burden of deficit cuts.** To date our Defense budget has absorbed **over 50%** of deficit reduction – yet it accounts for **less than 20%** of federal spending.

**Our military's burden will be worse under the Sequestration Budget Cuts – unless Congress takes action this year.** A 2011 law requires the Defense budget be cut by another \$500 billion over the next 10 years – about 18% a year.

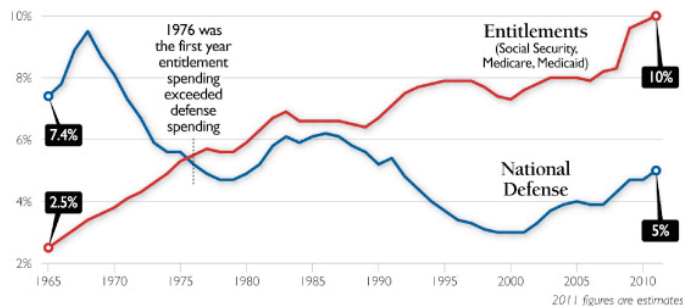
## Connecticut will lose jobs and businesses under Sequestration Defense cuts.

**Sequestration will destroy jobs and businesses in Connecticut in 2013.** This report shows how “National Average” defense budget reductions of at least **9%** and the additional Sequestration cuts of up to **18%** could affect **Connecticut**, using actual 2010 and 2011 Connecticut data. **Connecticut counties, cities and industries will be hit by these cuts.**

### Defense Spending Has Declined While Entitlement Spending Has Increased

Spending on national defense, a core constitutional function of government, has declined significantly over time, despite wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spending on the three major entitlements—Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid—has more than tripled.

PERCENTAGE OF GDP



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.

Federal Spending Chart 7 • 2011 Budget Chart Book [heritage.org](http://heritage.org)

**Jobs gone. Businesses broke. America's military defenses devastated.**

If left in place, Sequestration will cut our military to its smallest size since before World War II – while we face growing threats from Iran and North Korea, a rising China, regional threats in the Middle East, and an ongoing war in Afghanistan.

- **9%:** In 2012, President Obama limited U.S. military capability to fighting one “regional conflict” and one “holding action.” Defense budgets for 2013-2021 were cut **\$487 billion – a 9% cut, at a minimum.**
- **18%:** “Sequestration,” required by law in 2011, mandates **\$500 billion more** in 2013-2021 defense cuts – **an 18% cut, at a minimum.** President Obama said he will veto any changes Congress makes.

**Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta:** “If the maximum sequestration is triggered, the total cut will rise to about \$1 trillion compared with the FY 2012 plan...The impacts of these cuts would be **devastating**... Rough estimates suggest that after ten years of these cuts, we would have the smallest ground force since 1940, the smallest number of ships since 1915, and the smallest Air Force in its history.” 11/14/2011



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# Connecticut job losses under Sequestration could be permanent.

## Connecticut businesses will not escape the 9% and 18% cuts.

Connecticut defense prime contractors earned over \$12.58 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face **18% revenue cuts** under Sequestration - starting in 2013.

Connecticut **defense contractor revenue losses** could be greater than **\$2.27 billion** – each year.

Connecticut defense contractors may have to **lay off workers or even shut down under Sequestration cuts.**

## ***Gone.*** Many Connecticut public sector jobs will be eliminated under Sequestration.

Congressional experts estimate Connecticut could lose DOD military active-duty and DOD civilian jobs:

- Under Sequestration, 319 **military active-duty employees** could lose their jobs.
- Under Sequestration, 656 **civilian DOD employees** could lose their jobs.

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## ***Gone.*** Connecticut private sector jobs will be cut, as well as state earnings.

A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University predicts that Connecticut could lose tens of thousands of private sector jobs and billions of dollars under the Sequestration law:

- Connecticut could lose **34,215 jobs**.
- Connecticut's economy could lose **\$1.99 billion** in lost earnings. Connecticut could see a **\$2.90 billion** decrease in Gross State Product (GSP).

***The Bottom Line:*** Projected Job Loss for Connecticut is at least **35,190 jobs**.

## America's defenses under Sequestration – "*a hollow force.*"

**General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff:** "Sequestration leaves me three places to go to find the additional money: operations, maintenance and training. That's the definition of *a hollow force.*" 2/14/2012

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### ***"Catastrophic."***

**General Ray Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army:** "Cuts of this magnitude would be *catastrophic* to the military...my assessment is that the nation would incur an unacceptable level of strategic and operational risk." 9/22/2011

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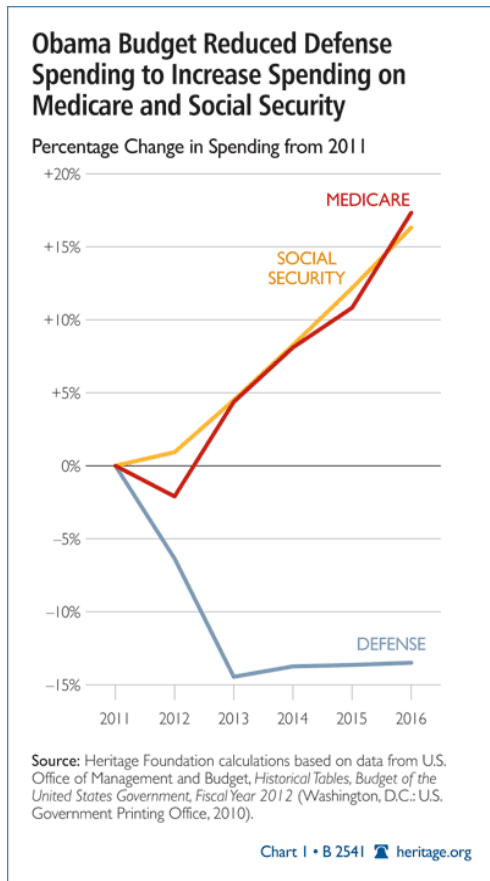


# Connecticut defense business revenue losses from Sequestration budget cuts could be permanent.

These Connecticut counties could lose the most revenues:

## Connecticut Top 5 Counties Projected Contract Revenue Reductions Based On National Average

County Name	2000-2011 Revenue	2011 Revenue (Baseline)	2013-2021 Annual Revenue Reduced By At Least 9%	Under Sequestration: 2013-2021 Annual Revenue Reduced By At Least 18%
Fairfield	\$33,847,138,581	\$4,546,362,389	-\$409,172,631	-\$818,345,263
New London	\$32,806,674,103	\$4,459,496,148	-\$401,354,669	-\$802,709,339
Hartford	\$37,566,807,490	\$3,291,570,996	-\$296,241,401	-\$592,482,803
New Haven	\$1,785,258,334	\$149,049,055	-\$13,414,415	-\$26,828,831
Middlesex	\$709,591,680	\$60,423,823	-\$5,438,144	-\$10,876,289



**“Very dangerous cuts across the board.”**

**Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta:** “But if [sequestration] happened – and, God willing, that would not be the case – but if it did happen, it would result in a further round of *very dangerous cuts* across the board -- defense cuts that I believe would do real damage to our security, our troops and their families, and our military's ability to protect the nation.” 8/4/2011

“We’d be shooting ourselves in the head.” 9/22/2011

**“Dire consequences.”**

**General Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff:** “Even the most thoroughly deliberated strategy may not be able to overcome *dire consequences*.” 11/2/2011



# Connecticut small businesses could be first to go when Sequestration defense budget cuts arrive.

**With at least 9% or Sequestration’s 18% in planned budget cuts, Connecticut’s businesses – especially small businesses – will be at risk.**

From 2000-2011, **2,845 Connecticut businesses** provided goods and services for America’s national defense. In 2011, many Connecticut businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses:

- **59 minority-owned businesses**, including 6 owned by Black Americans, 22 owned by Hispanic Americans, 11 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 20 owned by other minority Americans.
- **51 small businesses** including 38 “8A” and **small disadvantaged businesses** (SDB’s)
- **108 woman-owned** businesses
- **102 veteran-owned** businesses, including 16 owned by **service-disabled veterans**

## Connecticut Defense Businesses Projected Revenue Reductions Based On National Average

Type of Business	Numbers of This Business Type 2011	Revenue for This Business Type 2011	Revenue Losses for Business Type 2011 - at Least 9% Reduction	Revenue Losses for Business Type 2011 - at Least 18% Reduction
Minority Owned	59	\$84,852,771	-\$7,636,750	-\$15,273,499
Small Businesses	13	\$184,529,219	-\$16,607,630	-\$33,215,261
Small Disadvantaged	38	\$17,531,384	-\$1,577,825	-\$3,155,649
Veteran-Owned	86	\$58,011,811	-\$5,221,063	-\$10,442,126
Service-Disabled Veteran	16	\$31,223,930	-\$2,810,154	-\$5,620,308
Black American	6	\$827,914	-\$74,512	-\$149,025
Hispanic American	22	\$56,552,737	-\$5,089,747	-\$10,179,493
Asian-Pacific Owned	11	\$10,521,307	-\$946,918	-\$1,893,835
Women-Owned	108	\$78,435,834	-\$7,059,225	-\$14,118,451

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