

Ashford

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Windham County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Windham Planning Area

Incorporated in 1714

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	3,221	92,313	3,107,580	White	3,751	96,816	2,648,212
1990	3,765	102,525	3,287,116	Black	46	1,131	274,213
1998	3,934	105,074	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	47	1,128	73,304
2003	3,996	105,698	3,272,149	Native American	14	349	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.58%	0.59%	0.03%	Other	0	119	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	76	5,531	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	38.81	512.80	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.18%	8.03%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	101.37	204.90	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$22,289	\$19,067	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,452	37,859	1,229,087	High School Graduate	766	31.7%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	35.9	35.5	37.2	Some College	677	28.0%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	669	27.6%	597,693 27.4%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	153 8%	363 19%	175 9%	823 42%	281 14%	160 8%	1,955
Female	136 7%	352 18%	154 8%	821 41%	310 16%	206 10%	1,979
County Total	7,374 7%	19,288 18%	10,266 10%	39,269 37%	15,064 14%	13,813 13%	105,074
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	6	4.9%	11	2.5%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,441,250	1.32%
Const. and Mining	39	31.7%	103	23.1%	Fairfield Gardens III LLC	\$1,124,810	1.03%
Manufacturing	4	3.3%	6	1.3%	Cadlerock Properties Joint Venture	\$856,420	0.79%
Trans. And Utilities	2	1.6%	9	2.0%	Select Equity LP	\$797,310	0.73%
Trade	19	15.4%	73	16.4%	Ashford Motel	\$738,800	0.68%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	1	0.8%	2	0.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$108,997,930	
Services	50	40.7%	220	49.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	1.6%	22	4.9%	Town of Ashford	Midway Restaurant	
Total	123	100.0%	446	100.0%	Yegale Technology	Terry's Transmission	
					Cumberland Farms		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$4,536,205	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Students	741	461,203		Reading	70 55	69 60	85 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,862	\$8,300		Math	76 59	39 52	80 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$41,525	\$48,598		Writing	54 46	39 46	81 51		
Students Attending Public School	97.0%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.7	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	82.5%	75.8%		Verbal		563	503		
High School Dropout Rate	2.3%	4.6%		Math		555	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 17.0	Grade 2	20.0							
Grade 5 17.7	Grade 7	22.3	High School	19.1					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$534,052	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$7,751,298	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$7,402,138	As % of Expenditures	7.2%
Tax Revenue	\$3,839,277	Education	\$5,302,869	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$189,979,557
Non-tax Revenue	\$226,616	Other	\$2,099,269	Per Capita	\$47,013
Intergovernmental	\$3,685,405	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$3,373,144	As % of State Average	60.3%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$832	As % of Expenditures	45.6%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/95
As % of State Average	58.5%	Per Capita	\$835	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	80.2%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	27.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.93
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.2%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,708	42,880	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	75.8%	65.0%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	33	909	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	16	323	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	21	411	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.94%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	0	27	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	2	28	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	6	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	54	1,355	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	2	4,036
Average Price	\$106,109	\$99,084	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$105,000	\$93,825	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	985	24,954	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	14.4%	36.4%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	80	5,189	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	2,117	55,776	1,723,300	1. Ashford	247	Mansfield	493
Employed	2,016	52,071	1,635,400	2. Windham	41	Ashford	247
Unemployed	101	3,705	87,900	3. Mansfield	32	Hartford	211
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	6.6%	5.1%	4. Woodstock	30	Windham	142
Total Employment	410	34,800	1,581,700	5. Coventry	24	Manchester	123
Manufacturing	0	8,480	265,850	6. Stafford	24	Vernon	84
'92-'97 Growth Rate	13.9%	7.7%	4.3%	7. Ledyard	14	East Hartford	69
Daytime Population	760	42,607	1,740,247	8. New Jersey	13	Massachusetts	65
				9. New Britain	11	Tolland	52
				10. Willington	9	Stafford	51

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	24,096	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	8.1	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	12.4	40	Hartford	28	na
% Open Land (1990)	85.2%	68.8%	Boston	66	na
			New York City	125	Water Provider
			Providence	39	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	234			Charter Communications of Northeastern CT
					800-872-7299