

Beacon Falls

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
Bridgeport Labor Market Area
Naugatuck Valley Economic Dev. Region
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1871

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	3,989	761,337	3,107,580	White	5,030	627,554	2,648,212	
1990	5,083	804,219	3,287,116	Black	59	82,801	274,213	
1998	5,165	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	5	2,378	73,304	
2003	5,215	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	0	1,358	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	0.97%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	3	1,278	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	68	63,019	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	9.78	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.73%	7.86%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	528.12	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$23,996	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	1,924	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,108	32.8%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	36.3	36.9	37.2	Some College	907	26.8%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	753	22.3%	597,693	27.4%
	<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	187 7%	469 18%	194 8%	1,052 41%	408 16%	239 9%	2,549	
Female	183 7%	477 18%	203 8%	1,062 41%	376 14%	315 12%	2,616	
County Total	52,870 7%	133,675 17%	69,164 9%	300,354 38%	114,260 14%	120,638 15%	790,961	
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	2	1.1%	2	0.2%	Kirsch Inc	\$3,789,310	1.86%
Const. and Mining	57	31.0%	173	19.9%	Murtha Enterprises Inc	\$3,014,300	1.48%
Manufacturing	19	10.3%	173	19.9%	Pines Bridge Associates	\$2,573,430	1.26%
Trans. And Utilities	8	4.3%	31	3.6%	Connecticut Development Authority	\$2,506,400	1.23%
Trade	40	21.7%	272	31.3%	Packing House At Beacon Mill Vil.	\$2,498,110	1.22%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6	3.3%	14	1.6%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$204,042,993	
Services	47	25.5%	180	20.7%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	2.7%	25	2.9%	Kirsch, Inc.	Knapp Container Manufacturer	
Total	184	100.0%	870	100.0%	C.R. Gibson Distribution Center	Beacon Falls Town & Schools	
					Baker Choice Products		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$3,027,643	\$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	1,338	461,203		Reading	58	55	65	60	70	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,859	\$8,300		Math	70	59	50	52	59	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$46,622	\$48,598		Writing	53	46	67	46	81	51
Students Attending Public School	94.4%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.4	14.5		Verbal	488		503			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	75.7%	75.8%		Math	495		499			
High School Dropout Rate	2.6%	4.6%								
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	15.1	Grade 2	19.3							
Grade 5	22.8	Grade 7	25.6	High School	21.1					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$223,012
				As % of Expenditures	2.7%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$8,074,331	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$8,156,837	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$314,711,979
Tax Revenue	\$4,969,450	Education	\$5,595,528	Per Capita	\$58,627
Non-tax Revenue	\$166,994	Other	\$2,561,309	As % of State Average	75.2%
Intergovernmental	\$2,937,887	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$6,093,523	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/92
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$845	As % of Expenditures	74.7%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A3
As % of State Average	59.4%	Per Capita	\$1,135	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	26.25
		As % of State Average	109.1%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.17
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	12.8%

Housing

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>Housing Stock (1997)</i>				Number of Sales			
Existing Units (total)	2,143	339,524	1,374,566	Less than \$100,000	42	6,241	22,254
% Single Unit	70.7%	57.8%	62.9%	\$100,001-\$200,000	34	4,654	20,713
New Permits Auth. (1997)	25	2,030	9,349	\$200,001-\$300,000	2	1,188	6,600
As % Existing Units	1.17%	0.60%	0.68%	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	262	2,730
Demolitions (1997)	2	296	1,193	\$400,001 or More	0	167	4,036
Residential Sales (1996)	78	12,512	56,333	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Average Price	\$106,663	\$136,734	\$194,596	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,466	191,583	807,559
Median Price	\$110,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	35.7%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	32	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>		
<i>1997</i>				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	2,856	414,075	1,723,300	1. Beacon Falls	292	Beacon Falls 292
Employed	2,697	391,311	1,635,400	2. Waterbury	169	Waterbury 265
Unemployed	159	22,764	87,900	3. Naugatuck	157	Shelton 204
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Oxford	109	Ansonia 169
Total Employment	790	354,930	1,581,700	5. Seymour	71	Bridgeport 169
Manufacturing	270	60,020	265,850	6. Southbury	36	Stratford 166
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-1.3%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Prospect	32	Derby 145
Daytime Population	920	371,178	1,740,247	8. Ansonia	29	Seymour 97
				9. Watertown	16	Naugatuck 92
				10. Danbury	15	Milford 88

Quality of Life

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Library (1996-1997)		Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Total Volumes	6,800	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	1	1,651	Circulation Per Capita	1.8	1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	14.6	40	Hartford	30	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	78.4%	68.8%	Boston	122	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	71	Water Provider
			Providence	89	CT Water Company/Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.
					1-800-286-5700 /1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,462			Tele-Media Company of Western CT
					203-735-9504