

Bethany

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
New Haven Labor Market Area
South Central Economic Dev. Region
South Central Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1832

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	4,330	761,337	3,107,580	White	4,481	627,554	2,648,212
1990	4,608	804,219	3,287,116	Black	141	82,801	274,213
1998	4,795	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	99	2,378	73,304
2003	4,889	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	5	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.96%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	5	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	64	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	20.97	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.06%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	228.66	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$30,802	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,618	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	725	23.7%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.6	36.9	37.2	Some College	724	23.7%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	1,266	41.5%	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	160 7%	434 18%	214 9%	840 35%	430 18%	300 13%	2,378
Female	153 6%	424 18%	204 8%	884 37%	447 18%	305 13%	2,417
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	12	5.1%	58	5.2%	Laticrete International	\$3,574,810	1.20%
Const. and Mining	46	19.7%	182	16.3%	Uniroyal Chemical Co.	\$1,397,510	0.47%
Manufacturing	19	8.1%	166	14.9%	Brinton, Robert H. & Janet L.	\$1,315,000	0.44%
Trans. And Utilities	11	4.7%	108	9.7%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,060,900	0.36%
Trade	48	20.5%	124	11.1%	Oren-Ron Ojalvo	\$1,028,200	0.35%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8	3.4%	16	1.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$297,602,875	
Services	85	36.3%	445	39.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	2.1%	16	1.4%	Laticrete International Inc.	Uniroyal Chemical	
Total	234	100.0%	1,115	100.0%	Sorensen Transportation	Keystone Kennels	
					Mason-Madison		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$10,320,593	\$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	922	461,203		Reading	64 55	85 60	83 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,294	\$8,300		Math	68 59	76 52	65 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$42,578	\$48,598		Writing	60 46	74 46	58 51		
Students Attending Public School	87.2%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.5	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	94.5%	75.8%		Verbal		540	503		
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	4.6%		Math		540	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 19.3	Grade 2 21.0								
Grade 5 18.8	Grade 7 18.6	High School 18.5							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,074,722	
			As % of Expenditures	10.3%	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$9,765,985	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$10,464,667		
Tax Revenue	\$7,369,226	Education	\$7,378,487	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$423,666,339
Non-tax Revenue	\$499,396	Other	\$3,086,180	Per Capita	\$86,852
Intergovernmental	\$1,897,363	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$6,608,250	As % of State Average	111.4%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,423	As % of Expenditures	63.1%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	99.9%	Per Capita	\$1,355	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		As % of State Average	130.2%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	25.05
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	17.06
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	7.0%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	1,753	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	94.0%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	12	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	21	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	29	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.20%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	17	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	2	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	61	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	167	4,036
Average Price	\$196,779	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$181,500	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,398	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	21.8%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	3	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	2,703	414,075	1,723,300	1. Bethany	380	New Haven	486
Employed	2,616	391,311	1,635,400	2. Woodbridge	125	Bethany	380
Unemployed	87	22,764	87,900	3. Hamden	108	Hamden	203
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	5.5%	5.1%	4. New Haven	97	Woodbridge	166
Total Employment	990	354,930	1,581,700	5. Seymour	76	North Haven	117
Manufacturing	220	60,020	265,850	6. West Haven	41	Milford	105
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-8.3%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Beacon Falls	32	Naugatuck	99
Daytime Population	1,390	371,178	1,740,247	8. Cheshire	31	Waterbury	97
				9. Milford	28	Cheshire	86
				10. North Branfor	21	Orange	77

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	33,706	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	10.3	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	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	13.1	40	Hartford	29	na	
% Open Land (1990)	83.7%	68.8%	Boston	120	na	
			New York City	71	Water Provider	
			Providence	86	Connecticut Water Company	
					1-800-286-5700	
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	2,462			Tele-Media Company of Western CT	
					203-735-9504	