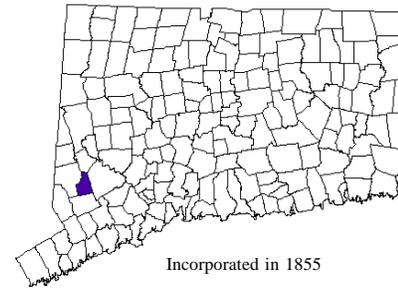


Bethel

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Incorporated in 1855

Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	17,541	827,645	3,287,116	White	17,376	755,029	2,997,210
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565	Black	235	84,532	266,880
2001	18,100	887,208	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	398	18,550	52,248
2006	18,280	909,248	3,465,947	Native American	18	1,277	6,660
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	0.20%	0.49%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	742	102,912	318,289
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.6%	6.1%	6.6%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	1,078	1,418	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$32,536	\$42,304	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2001)	6,444	328,770	1,285,210	High School Graduate	3,422	30.3%	648,366
Median Age (2001)	35	38	37	Some College	2,719	24.1%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	3,642	32.3%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</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	628 3%	1,883 10%	665 4%	3,659 20%	1,327 7%	708 4%	8,870
Female	555 3%	1,854 10%	572 3%	3,820 21%	1,346 7%	1,083 6%	9,230
County Total	54,022 6%	151,969 17%	64,937 7%	339,459 38%	154,350 17%	122,471 14%	887,208
State Total	213,561 6%	597,220 17%	279,666 8%	1,294,651 38%	544,994 16%	484,692 14%	3,414,784

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>	<i>% of Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>% of Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	42	4.0%	129	1.7%	Duracell	\$59,568,790	
Const. and Mining	193	18.3%	734	9.7%	Steiner, Inc.	\$22,455,340	
Manufacturing	95	9.0%	2,229	29.6%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$11,243,710	
Trans. and Utilities	31	2.9%	281	3.7%	Tony's Restaurant, Inc.	\$8,749,190	
Trade	234	22.1%	1,278	17.0%	Hoya Lens	\$5,740,090	
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	53	5.0%	239	3.2%	Net Grand List ()		
Services	400	37.8%	2,499	33.2%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	9	0.9%	147	2.0%	Eaton Corporation	Burndy Corporation	
Total	1,057	100.0%	7,536	100.0%	Duracell	Stonyhill Inn	
					Kamthal		
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$204,584,406	\$76,264,820,474

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>					
Total Students	3,221	461,203	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,691	\$8,300	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Average Teacher's Salary	\$49,654	\$48,598	Reading	65 55	68 60	74 64		
Students Attending Public School	88.3%	89.2%	Math	68 59	54 59	58 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	21.9	14.5	Writing	42 46	51 46	70 51		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	72.1%	75.8%	<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	2.4%	4.6%	Verbal		523	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>			Math		528	499		
Kindergarten 19.3	Grade 2 22.0							
Grade 5 22.3	Grade 7 21.7	High School 23.0						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$2,890,287
				As % of Expenditures	7.7%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$38,277,958	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$37,380,726	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$1,824,293,760
Tax Revenue	\$26,621,799	Education	\$23,979,259	Per Capita	\$101,666
Non-tax Revenue	\$11,656,159	Other	\$13,401,467	As % of State Average	0.6%
Intergovernmental	\$10,553,442	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$19,110,000	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1999
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,484	As % of Expenditures	51.1%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	A1
As % of State Average	95.8%	Per Capita	\$1,065	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	21.37
		As % of State Average	77.3%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	16.77
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	16.1%

Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	6,754	339,145	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	75.2%	64.4%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	16	1,797	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	46	2,362	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	141	4,820	24,349
As % Existing Units	0.68%	0.70%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	128	3,386	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	1	517	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	36	2,197	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	345	17,115	56,032	\$400,001 or More	24	4,915	6,256
Average Price		\$0	\$0	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$175,000	\$224,900	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	4,630	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	23.4%	34.2%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	272	30,502	148,930

Labor Force

(2000)	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	9,813	452,843	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	9,671	444,068	1,707,150	Bethel	1,763	Danbury	3,338
Unemployed	142	8,775	39,353	Danbury	1,479	Bethel	1,763
Unemployment Rate	1.4%	1.9%	2.3%	Newtown	322	New York	656
Total Employment	5,920	430,560	1,693,400	New Milford	302	Norwalk	504
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	-0.7%	1.3%	1.3%	New Fairfield	227	Stamford	420
Manufacturing	1,930	69,920	268,400	Brookfield	221	Ridgefield	336
				Waterbury	209	Brookfield	260
				Southbury	138	Wilton	259
				New York	133	New Milford	178

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2000)	8	1,183	Total Volumes	82,657	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.2	Connecticut Light & Power (800) 286-2000	
Day Care Facilities (1999)	10	1,722			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Yankee Gas Company (800) 989-0900	
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	11	33	Hartford	46	Water Provider	
% Open Land (1990)	66.0%	68.7%	Boston	140	Municipal Provider	
			New York City	56	Contact local	
Hospitals (1999)	0	7	Providence	107	Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	1,954			Comcast Cablevision of Danbury, Inc. 203-792-0900	