

Bethlehem

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Litchfield County
Waterbury Labor Market Area
Naugatuck Valley Economic Dev. Region
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1787

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	2,573	156,768	3,107,580	White	3,225	174,776	2,648,212		
1990	3,071	174,092	3,287,116	Black	15	1,786	274,213		
1998	3,292	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	15	2,258	73,304		
2003	3,388	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	0	321	5,952		
'98-'03 Growth	2.92%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	1	140	5,336		
				Hispanic (any race)	36	2,593	264,222		
Land Area (sq. miles)	19.36	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.89%	3.97%	6.61%		
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	170.04	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>					
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$26,777	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>	
Households (1998)	1,203	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	570	27.4%	648,366	29.7%	
Median Age (1997)	39.7	38.3	37.2	Some College	746	35.8%	495,696	22.7%	
				Bachelors or More	514	24.7%	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	103 6%	294 18%	152 9%	633 39%	280 17%	172 11%	1,634		
Female	99 6%	270 16%	120 7%	650 39%	285 17%	234 14%	1,658		
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874		
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	17	9.1%	43	6.3%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,140,543	0.50%
Const. and Mining	45	24.1%	124	18.0%	Watertown Fire District	\$1,102,100	0.48%
Manufacturing	8	4.3%	10	1.5%	Harold & Ruth Ann Leever	\$783,320	0.34%
Trans. And Utilities	11	5.9%	34	4.9%	John A. & Gale L. Dimartino	\$714,790	0.31%
Trade	37	19.8%	123	17.9%	The Carmel Hill Farm Revocable Tr.	\$714,150	0.31%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11	5.9%	30	4.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$229,170,801	
Services	55	29.4%	303	44.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	3	1.6%	20	2.9%	Wellspring Foundation Inc.	Woodhall School, Inc.	
Total	187	100.0%	687	100.0%	Regina Laudis Abbey	Bethlehem Elementary School	
					Town of Bethlehem		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$4,028,851	\$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	616	461,203		Reading	70	55	81	60	76	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,246	\$8,300		Math	78	59	75	52	61	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,841	\$48,598		Writing	61	46	68	46	77	51
Students Attending Public School	91.1%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.2	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	79.3%	75.8%		Verbal			495	503		
High School Dropout Rate	0.8%	4.6%		Math			507	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 19.0	Grade 2	22.0								
Grade 5 23.4	Grade 7	25.0	High School	23.0						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$28,760	
			As % of Expenditures	0.5%	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$5,855,898	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$5,288,316		
Tax Revenue	\$4,470,667	Education	\$3,812,645	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$275,925,299
Non-tax Revenue	\$214,522	Other	\$1,475,671	Per Capita	\$81,226
Intergovernmental	\$1,170,709	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$1,016,663	As % of State Average	104.2%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,313	As % of Expenditures	19.2%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	92.2%	Per Capita	\$299	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	
		As % of State Average	28.8%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	20.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.07
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	2.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	1,356	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	89.1%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	8	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	8	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	29	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.59%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	11	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	2	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	51	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	121	4,036
Average Price	\$163,109	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$168,750	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	930	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	19.5%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	25	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	1,967	99,974	1,723,300	1. Bethlehem	267	Waterbury	293
Employed	1,874	95,692	1,635,400	2. Litchfield	48	Bethlehem	267
Unemployed	93	4,282	87,900	3. Torrington	25	Woodbury	158
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Waterbury	20	Watertown	123
Total Employment	420	63,800	1,581,700	5. Mansfield	16	Southbury	106
Manufacturing	0	17,490	265,850	6. Woodbury	15	Middlebury	79
'92-'97 Growth Rate	20.0%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Morris	11	Litchfield	63
Daytime Population	1,354	75,784	1,740,247	8. Southbury	11	Danbury	57
				9. Watertown	10	New York	42
				10. Plymouth	10	Naugatuck	39

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	23,210	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	9.6	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	1	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	5.9	40	Hartford	29	na	
% Open Land (1990)	63.1%	68.8%	Boston	123	na	
			New York City	77	Water Provider	
			Providence	93	Municipal Provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Contact local provider	
Total Beds	0	276			Cable Provider	
					Charter Communications of Western CT	
					860-355-1131	