

Branford

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 1653

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	23,363	761,337	3,107,580	White	25,669	627,554	2,648,212	
1990	27,603	804,219	3,287,116	Black	373	82,801	274,213	
1998	27,233	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	535	2,378	73,304	
2003	27,039	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	24	1,358	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	-0.71%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	27	1,278	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	605	63,019	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	21.99	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.52%	7.86%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,238.43	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$30,220	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	11,558	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	5,874	29.5%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.9	36.9	37.2	Some College	4,834	24.2%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	6,545	32.8%	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	808 6%	2,120 16%	796 6%	5,340 41%	2,107 16%	1,742 13%	12,913	
Female	779 5%	1,897 13%	855 6%	5,775 40%	2,347 16%	2,667 19%	14,320	
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	31	1.5%	86	0.6%	Echlin Mfg. & Automotive Controls	\$36,007,080	1.91%
Const. and Mining	337	16.8%	1,353	9.4%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$11,673,193	0.62%
Manufacturing	133	6.6%	2,699	18.8%	Bus Park Rlty & Charles Weber Jr, et al	\$9,154,530	0.49%
Trans. And Utilities	67	3.3%	437	3.0%	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	\$7,609,018	0.40%
Trade	482	24.0%	3,533	24.6%	Neurogen Corporation	\$7,398,672	0.39%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	133	6.6%	630	4.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,884,115,885	
Services	816	40.7%	5,029	34.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	7	0.3%	624	4.3%	Echlin, Inc	Sandvick Milford Corp.	
Total	2,006	100.0%	14,391	100.0%	Automotive Controls Corp.	CT Hospice Institute	
					Seton Name Plate		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$377,772,074	\$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	3,698	461,203		Reading	68	55	71	60	74	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,934	\$8,300		Math	70	59	57	52	61	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,715	\$48,598		Writing	41	46	78	46	61	51
Students Attending Public School	86.9%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.9	14.5		Verbal		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	79.4%	75.8%		Math		514	503			
High School Dropout Rate	4.4%	4.6%				513	499			
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	16.3	Grade 2	20.9							
Grade 5	24.6	Grade 7	22.2	High School	20.0					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Representative Town Meeti	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$4,627,853
Total Revenue (1996)	\$49,558,646	As % of Expenditures	9.6%
Tax Revenue	\$41,626,022	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$2,500,960,589
Non-tax Revenue	\$3,409,745	Per Capita	\$88,929
Intergovernmental	\$4,522,879	As % of State Average	114.1%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,431	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
As % of State Average	100.5%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$48,109,903	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.56
Education	\$27,503,863	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.45
Other	\$20,606,040	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	17.9%
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$27,020,546		
As % of Expenditures	56.2%		
Per Capita	\$961		
As % of State Average	92.3%		

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	13,576	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	67.0%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	230	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	42	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	252	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.31%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	61	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	21	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	18	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	579	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	18	167	4,036
Average Price	\$149,859	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$127,500	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	8,038	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	24.8%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	429	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	15,799	414,075	1,723,300	1. Branford	4299	Branford 4299
Employed	15,111	391,311	1,635,400	2. East Haven	1229	New Haven 4122
Unemployed	688	22,764	87,900	3. New Haven	1116	North Haven 755
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Guilford	846	Hamden 714
Total Employment	13,920	354,930	1,581,700	5. North Branford	788	West Haven 542
Manufacturing	2,830	60,020	265,850	6. West Haven	589	East Haven 491
'92-'97 Growth Rate	15.8%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Hamden	404	Guilford 477
Daytime Population	15,932	371,178	1,740,247	8. Madison	350	North Branford 316
				9. North Haven	345	Wallingford 305
				10. Wallingford	286	Milford 295

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	9	1,378	Total Volumes	84,499	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	9	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.1	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	13	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.715	0.099	Hartford	34	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	117	203-382-8111
Per 1,000 Residents	23.5	40	New York City	73	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	51.0%	68.8%	Providence	80	South Central Regional Water Authority
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			203-562-4020
Total Beds	0	2,462			Cable Provider
					TCI Cablevision of South Central CT
					203-483-2300