

Canaan

Connecticut

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Belongs to
 Litchfield County
 Torrington Labor Market Area
 Northwestern Economic Dev. Region
 Northwestern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1739

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	1,020	156,768	3,107,580	White	1,014	174,776	2,648,212	
1990	1,057	174,092	3,287,116	Black	24	1,786	274,213	
1998	1,054	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	11	2,258	73,304	
2003	1,052	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	0	321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	-0.19%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	0	140	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	5	2,593	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	32.95	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.30%	3.97%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	31.99	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,665	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	432	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	231	31.7%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	41.0	38.3	37.2	Some College	154	21.2%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	201	27.6%	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	31 6%	103 20%	36 7%	188 36%	101 19%	59 11%	518	
Female	29 5%	91 17%	34 6%	197 37%	103 19%	82 15%	536	
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	10	10.3%	55	11.9%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$5,047,955	7.09%
Const. and Mining	20	20.6%	57	12.4%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$2,717,855	3.82%
Manufacturing	5	5.2%	14	3.0%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$2,447,816	3.44%
Trans. And Utilities	3	3.1%	13	2.8%	Canaan Pine Grove Associates, Inc.	\$919,709	1.29%
Trade	12	12.4%	71	15.4%	Edward R. Hamilton	\$830,101	1.17%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6	6.2%	18	3.9%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$71,193,973	
Services	40	41.2%	233	50.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	1	1.0%	0	0.0%	Regional School District #1	McDonalds	
Total	97	100.0%	461	100.0%	Tele-Monitor Co. Inc.	Lee H. Kellogg Elementary Sch.	
					Housatonic Valley Regional H.S.		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$23,165,014	\$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	203	461,203		Reading	67	55	100	60	76	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,501	\$8,300		Math	46	59	71	52	76	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,263	\$48,598		Writing	33	46	77	46	100	51
Students Attending Public School	91.5%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.6	14.5		Verbal			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	57.5%	75.8%		Math			486	503		
High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	4.6%				520	499			
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 15.0	Grade 2	16.0								
Grade 5 16.0	Grade 7	21.0	High School	22.3						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$9,788
				As % of Expenditures	0.4%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$2,323,093	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$2,352,253	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$103,922,918
Tax Revenue	\$1,929,623	Education	\$1,560,644	Per Capita	\$78,432
Non-tax Revenue	\$86,320	Other	\$791,609	As % of State Average	100.6%
Intergovernmental	\$307,150	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$79,693	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,749	As % of Expenditures	3.4%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	
As % of State Average	122.9%	Per Capita	\$60	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	30.50
		As % of State Average	5.8%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.56
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.2%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	604	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	93.4%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	7	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	2	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	10	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.33%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	2	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	1	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	20	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	121	4,036
Average Price	\$158,250	\$157,833	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$132,500	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	355	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	45.0%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	8	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	665	99,974	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	640	95,692	1,635,400	1. Canaan	163	Canaan	163
Unemployed	25	4,282	87,900	2. Salisbury	83	North Canaan	100
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%	5.1%	3. North Canaan	45	Salisbury	64
Total Employment	890	63,800	1,581,700	4. Cornwall	13	New York	39
Manufacturing	70	17,490	265,850	5. Kent	11	Torrington	32
'92-'97 Growth Rate	9.9%	5.5%	4.3%	6. Goshen	9	Sharon	22
Daytime Population	396	75,784	1,740,247	7. New York	9	Massachusetts	16
				8. Norfolk	8	Cornwall	9
				9. Torrington	8	Rhode Island	7
				10. Ridgefield	7	Hartford	6

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	25,853	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.1	Connecticut Light & Power	1-800-286-2000
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	1,651			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	na	
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	18.1	40	Hartford	35	na	
% Open Land (1990)	81.8%	68.8%	Boston	120	Water Provider	
			New York City	95	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	1-800-732-9678
			Providence	98	Cable Provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			TCI Cablevision of Northwest CT	860-824-3057
Total Beds	0	276				