

# Franklin

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
New London County  
New London Labor Market Area  
Southeast Economic Dev. Region  
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1786

### 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	1,592	238,410	3,107,580	White	1,804	221,517	2,648,212
1990	1,810	254,957	3,287,116	Black	3	12,225	274,213
1998	1,827	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	8	4,718	73,304
2003	1,848	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	0	1,321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.15%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	1	438	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	11	10,958	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	19.51	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.89%	6.37%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	93.64	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$23,673	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	655	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	484	39.4%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.0	35.4	37.2	Some College	279	22.7%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	199	16.2%	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	57 6%	165 18%	86 9%	346 38%	162 18%	101 11%	917
Female	55 6%	140 15%	73 8%	334 37%	168 18%	140 15%	910
County Total	17,896 7%	43,485 17%	24,337 10%	97,191 39%	35,483 14%	32,785 13%	251,177
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	8.0%	592	35.4%	Franklin Mushroom Farms, Inc.	\$4,539,740	3.60%
Const. and Mining	37	24.7%	161	9.6%	Hidden Acres Three LLC	\$1,487,570	1.18%
Manufacturing	7	4.7%	161	9.6%	Dora Rytman	\$1,466,680	1.16%
Trans. And Utilities	11	7.3%	111	6.6%	Nathan P & Nathan R Cushman	\$1,156,850	0.92%
Trade	40	26.7%	293	17.5%	Seymour Adelman	\$1,056,300	0.84%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10	6.7%	123	7.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$126,178,965	
Services	31	20.7%	201	12.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	1.3%	31	1.9%	Franklin Mushroom Farm	USA Waste Services Inc.	
Total	150	100.0%	1,673	100.0%	Plant Group	Kahn Tractor and Equipment	
					K & L Seed		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$95,643,958	\$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	198	461,203		Reading	57 55	73 60	75 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,516	\$8,300		Math	87 59	72 52	72 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$46,048	\$48,598		Writing	70 46	65 46	72 51		
Students Attending Public School	89.6%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	11.8	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.2%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	4.9%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>				<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Kindergarten 12.0	Grade 2	14.0		Verbal		504	503		
Grade 5 12.0	Grade 7	11.5	High School	23.4		523	499		

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$596,841	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$3,948,835	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$3,851,755	As % of Expenditures	15.5%
Tax Revenue	\$2,627,046	Education	\$2,491,380	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$148,436,195
Non-tax Revenue	\$101,175	Other	\$1,360,375	Per Capita	\$83,532
Intergovernmental	\$1,220,614	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$3,771,633	As % of State Average	107.1%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$2,004	As % of Expenditures	97.9%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	140.8%	Per Capita	\$2,122	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	203.9%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	20.95
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	17.13
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	19.9%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	691	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	89.7%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	7	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	5	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	18	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.72%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	2	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	26	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$132,953	\$127,398	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$125,000	\$114,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	579	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	28.3%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	15	11,508	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	1,113	133,951	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	1,064	126,435	1,635,400	1. Norwich	232	Norwich	289
Unemployed	49	7,516	87,900	2. Windham	208	Franklin	137
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.6%	5.1%	3. Franklin	137	Groton	109
Total Employment	800	126,990	1,581,700	4. Montville	63	Windham	44
Manufacturing	80	20,790	265,850	5. Sprague	54	Hartford	32
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-5.9%	16.7%	4.3%	6. Killingly	44	Waterford	32
Daytime Population	972	119,632	1,740,247	7. Bozrah	38	New London	28
				8. Griswold	37	Sprague	24
				9. Lebanon	36	Bozrah	23
				10. Plainfield	36	Mansfield	19

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	0	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	0.0	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	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Gas Provider	
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	44.2	40	Hartford	30	Yankee Gas Company	
% Open Land (1990)	73.1%	68.8%	Boston	76	1-800-989-0900	
			New York City	115	Water Provider	
			Providence	40	Municipal Provider	
					Contact local provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	563			Century Norwich Corporation	
					860-889-5676	