

# Hamden

## 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 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	51,159	761,337	3,107,580	White	45,342	627,554	2,648,212
1990	52,434	804,219	3,287,116	Black	5,009	82,801	274,213
1998	53,468	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	1,454	2,378	73,304
2003	53,917	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	45	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	0.84%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	70	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	1,548	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	32.78	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.36%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,631.12	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,175	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	21,048	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	11,113	30.4%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.8	36.9	37.2	Some College	8,149	22.3%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	11,902	32.6%	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	1,588 6%	4,083 17%	1,991 8%	9,318 38%	3,666 15%	4,038 16%	24,684
Female	1,566 5%	4,025 14%	2,551 9%	9,856 34%	4,186 15%	6,600 23%	28,784
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	53	2.2%	184	0.8%	Avalon Properties	\$26,834,520	1.15%
Const. and Mining	289	11.8%	3,102	14.3%	United Illuminating Company	\$16,356,520	0.70%
Manufacturing	136	5.6%	2,125	9.8%	Apple Hill Apts.	\$11,690,750	0.50%
Trans. And Utilities	59	2.4%	789	3.6%	M C Corp	\$10,998,400	0.47%
Trade	564	23.0%	4,386	20.2%	Whitney Center	\$10,450,480	0.45%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	225	9.2%	1,290	5.9%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$2,331,309,427	
Services	1,102	45.0%	8,989	41.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	19	0.8%	862	4.0%	Quinnipiac College	Hamden Health	
Total	2,447	100.0%	21,727	100.0%	Harborside Health Care	Bradlees	
					Caldor		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$316,895,418	\$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	6,385	461,203		Reading	53 55	61 60	62 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,152	\$8,300		Math	56 59	52 52	47 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$55,688	\$48,598		Writing	50 46	60 46	51 51		
Students Attending Public School	80.4%	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	76.9%	75.8%		Verbal		474	503		
High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	4.6%		Math		488	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 17.5	Grade 2 18.3								
Grade 5 23.4	Grade 7 23.8	High School 17.2							

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## Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$5,375,138
		As % of Expenditures	5.1%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$105,271,272	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$104,734,142
Tax Revenue	\$80,332,035	Education	\$52,053,669
Non-tax Revenue	\$4,471,351	Other	\$52,680,473
Intergovernmental	\$20,467,886	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$31,257,355
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,530	As % of Expenditures	29.8%
As % of State Average	107.5%	Per Capita	\$613
		As % of State Average	58.9%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$5,375,138
		As % of Expenditures	5.1%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$3,082,806,224
		Per Capita	\$60,452
		As % of State Average	77.5%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	34.14
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	25.81
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	20.1%

## Housing

<i>Housing Stock (1997)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution (1996)</i>			
				<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
Existing Units (total)	23,004	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	63.4%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	415	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	75	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	367	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.33%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	47	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	8	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	8	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	839	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	2	167	4,036
Average Price	\$117,489	\$136,734	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$110,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	14,492	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	33.5%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	1,580	42,124	148,930

## Labor Force

<i>1997</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
				<i>Commuters into Town from</i>	<i>Town Residents Commuting to</i>		
Labor Force	28,774	414,075	1,723,300	1. Hamden	7180	New Haven	8870
Employed	27,441	391,311	1,635,400	2. New Haven	3300	Hamden	7180
Unemployed	1,333	22,764	87,900	3. North Haven	1307	North Haven	2001
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.5%	5.1%	4. West Haven	1236	West Haven	818
Total Employment	19,050	354,930	1,581,700	5. Wallingford	1129	Wallingford	735
Manufacturing	1,690	60,020	265,850	6. Cheshire	804	Milford	541
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-2.0%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Branford	714	Bridgeport	505
Daytime Population	20,887	371,178	1,740,247	8. East Haven	636	Stratford	436
				9. North Branford	541	Hartford	414
				10. Meriden	438	Branford	404

## Quality of Life

<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1996-1997)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	23	1,378	Total Volumes	167,848	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	6	756	Circulation Per Capita	9.0	United Illuminating
Day Care Facilities (1998)	27	1,651			1-800-257-0141
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.431	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	44.8	40	Hartford	28	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	57.1%	68.8%	Boston	117	203-382-8111
			New York City	74	Water Provider
			Providence	83	South Central Regional Water Authority
					203-562-4020
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,462			Comcast Cablevision of New Haven, Inc.
					203-865-0096