

Kent

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	2,487	156,768	3,107,580	White	2,869	174,776	2,648,212	
1990	2,918	174,092	3,287,116	Black	23	1,786	274,213	
1998	3,095	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	102	2,258	73,304	
2003	3,173	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	17	321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	2.52%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	0	140	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	84	2,593	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	48.47	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	6.42%	3.97%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	63.85	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$27,417	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	1,232	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	553	27.6%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	40.1	38.3	37.2	Some College	437	21.8%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	707	35.3%	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	92 6%	282 18%	154 10%	541 35%	282 18%	183 12%	1,534	
Female	92 6%	239 15%	107 7%	552 35%	287 18%	284 18%	1,561	
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	6	2.2%	30	2.4%	Brian J. Foley	\$5,647,060	2.11%
Const. and Mining	57	21.3%	154	12.2%	Ore Three of CT, Inc.	\$2,471,880	0.92%
Manufacturing	11	4.1%	80	6.3%	Kent School Corporation	\$2,359,190	0.88%
Trans. And Utilities	10	3.7%	29	2.3%	Ken Mont & Ken Wood, Inc.	\$291,590	0.11%
Trade	81	30.3%	336	26.6%	Kent School Housing	\$2,008,060	0.75%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	18	6.7%	51	4.0%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$267,510,930	
Services	81	30.3%	580	45.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	3	1.1%	4	0.3%	The Kent Inc.	Kent Greenhouse	
Total	267	100.0%	1,264	100.0%	Cyberian Outpost	Kent School	
					Davis IGA		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$24,960,628	\$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>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Students	389	461,203		65	55	68	60	83	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,806	\$8,300		64	59	42	52	67	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$46,985	\$48,598		55	46	77	46	100	51
Students Attending Public School	86.1%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.7	14.5		<i>Verbal</i>		<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>	
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	57.5%	75.8%				486		503	
High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	4.6%		<i>Math</i>		520		499	
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 18.5	Grade 2	22.5							
Grade 5 18.0	Grade 7	17.5	High School	22.3					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$213,108
				As % of Expenditures	4.1%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$5,854,507	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$5,160,730	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$314,170,153
Tax Revenue	\$5,074,638	Education	\$3,389,641	Per Capita	\$99,673
Non-tax Revenue	\$410,668	Other	\$1,771,089	As % of State Average	127.8%
Intergovernmental	\$369,201	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$901,689	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,794	As % of Expenditures	17.5%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
As % of State Average	126.0%	Per Capita	\$286	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	18.69
		As % of State Average	27.5%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.65
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	10.0%

Housing

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>Housing Stock (1997)</i>				Number of Sales			
Existing Units (total)	1,520	78,684	1,374,566	Less than \$100,000	19	1,251	22,254
% Single Unit	82.4%	74.6%	62.9%	\$100,001-\$200,000	30	1,355	20,713
New Permits Auth. (1997)	12	732	9,349	\$200,001-\$300,000	13	367	6,600
As % Existing Units	0.79%	0.93%	0.68%	\$300,001-\$400,000	3	98	2,730
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$400,001 or More	6	121	4,036
Residential Sales (1996)	71	3,192	56,333	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Average Price	\$195,121	\$157,833	\$194,596	Owner Occupied Dwellings	733	48,584	807,559
Median Price	\$142,000	\$130,000	\$138,000	Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	35.9%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	37	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
<i>1997</i>				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	1,944	99,974	1,723,300	1. Kent	629	Kent	629
Employed	1,902	95,692	1,635,400	2. New Milford	113	New Milford	197
Unemployed	42	4,282	87,900	3. New York	105	New York	172
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Sharon	46	Danbury	103
Total Employment	1,170	63,800	1,581,700	5. Cornwall	42	Washington	45
Manufacturing	140	17,490	265,850	6. Sherman	40	Sharon	32
'92-'97 Growth Rate	14.7%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Warren	24	Cornwall	31
Daytime Population	1,569	75,784	1,740,247	8. Litchfield	20	Brookfield	29
				9. Waterbury	11	Warren	26
				10. Cheshire	9	Litchfield	19

Quality of Life

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>
Banks (1997)	3	1,378	Library (1996-1997)		Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	10	756	Total Volumes	22,004	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	1,651	Circulation Per Capita	9.4	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	17.0	40	Hartford	40	na
% Open Land (1990)	81.6%	68.8%	Boston	132	na
			New York City	78	Water Provider
			Providence	105	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	276			Charter Communications of Western CT
					860-355-1131