

# Monroe

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Bridgeport Labor Market Area  
Greater Bridgeport Economic Dev. Region  
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area

Incorporated in 1823

### 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	14,010	807,143	3,107,580	White	17,109	636,147	2,648,212	
1990	16,896	827,645	3,287,116	Black	336	82,879	274,213	
1998	18,378	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	379	25,592	73,304	
2003	19,156	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	23	939	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	4.23%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	2	1,610	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	529	89,040	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	26.12	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.09%	6.09%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	703.60	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$29,934	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	5,885	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	3,081	28.6%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	37.3	38.1	37.2	Some College	2,670	24.8%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	3,913	36.3%	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	645 7%	1,783 20%	866 9%	3,431 38%	1,623 18%	776 9%	9,124	
Female	623 7%	1,649 18%	797 9%	3,553 38%	1,617 17%	1,015 11%	9,254	
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207	
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	39	4.0%	145	2.5%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$15,265,110	1.25%
Const. and Mining	214	21.8%	652	11.3%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$8,692,100	0.71%
Manufacturing	53	5.4%	576	10.0%	Vitramon, Inc.	\$6,419,430	0.53%
Trans. And Utilities	20	2.0%	282	4.9%	Tartaglia/Salce LLC #1	\$4,837,840	0.40%
Trade	220	22.4%	1,420	24.6%	One Eleven Century Plaza LLC	\$4,626,090	0.38%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	63	6.4%	241	4.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,220,541,840	
Services	367	37.4%	2,239	38.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	0.5%	210	3.6%	Town of Monroe & Schools	Stelco Industries	
Total	981	100.0%	5,765	100.0%	Vitramon, Inc.	U.S. Post Office	
					Big Y		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$75,608,746	\$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	1,802	461,203		Reading	74	55	69	60	75	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,644	\$8,300		Math	70	59	57	52	59	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$53,056	\$48,598		Writing	64	46	38	46	70	51
Students Attending Public School	90.2%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.5	14.5		Verbal		Town		State		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	83.6%	75.8%				502		503		
High School Dropout Rate	0.5%	4.6%		Math		505		499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 20.8	Grade 2	22.2								
Grade 5 24.2	Grade 7	22.1	High School	26.5						

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,878,063
Total Revenue (1996)	\$38,905,386	As % of Expenditures	5.0%
Tax Revenue	\$27,143,794	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$1,591,622,182
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,955,883	Per Capita	\$88,655
Intergovernmental	\$8,805,709	As % of State Average	113.7%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,386	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/88
As % of State Average	97.4%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$37,816,881	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.99
Education	\$25,030,832	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.85
Other	\$12,786,049	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	8.4%
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$7,256,707		
As % of Expenditures	19.2%		
Per Capita	\$404		
As % of State Average	38.8%		

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	6,275	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	92.0%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	34	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	125	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	145	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.99%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	143	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	52	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	384	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	10	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$224,583	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$221,250	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	4,940	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	11.4%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	45	30,502	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	9,573	446,996	1,723,300	1. Monroe	1498	Bridgeport 1552
Employed	9,152	427,779	1,635,400	2. Bridgeport	396	Monroe 1498
Unemployed	421	19,217	87,900	3. Trumbull	384	Trumbull 890
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Shelton	364	Stamford 632
Total Employment	5,850	411,650	1,581,700	5. Newtown	233	Stratford 618
Manufacturing	1,080	75,610	265,850	6. Stratford	121	Fairfield 575
'92-'97 Growth Rate	62.0%	5.7%	4.3%	7. Fairfield	100	Norwalk 529
Daytime Population	5,525	472,065	1,740,247	8. Milford	99	Milford 269
				9. Waterbury	75	Shelton 264
				10. Danbury	45	Danbury 222

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	7	1,378	Total Volumes	69,789	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	8.4	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	11	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	12.3	40	Hartford	40	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	73.4%	68.8%	Boston	133	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	60	Water Provider
			Providence	99	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			1-800-732-9678
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cable Provider
					Charter Communications of Western CT
					860-355-1131