

Morris

Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1859

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	1,799	156,768	3,107,580	White	2,061	174,776	2,648,212
1990	2,039	174,092	3,287,116	Black	9	1,786	274,213
1998	2,117	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	17	2,258	73,304
2003	2,151	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	7	321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.61%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	2	140	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	21	2,593	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	17.19	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.07%	3.97%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	123.15	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$22,386	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	831	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	392	27.4%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	40.2	38.3	37.2	Some College	374	26.1%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	382	26.7%	597,693
<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	73 7%	162 16%	60 6%	395 38%	184 18%	155 15%	1,029
Female	78 7%	193 18%	69 6%	386 35%	182 17%	180 17%	1,088
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. Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	
Agriculture	7	8.2%	19	6.2%	White Memorial Foundation	\$13,019,820	7.88%
Const. and Mining	31	36.5%	79	25.9%	City of Waterbury	\$3,340,930	2.02%
Manufacturing	3	3.5%	26	8.5%	White Flower Farm, Inc.	\$2,364,530	1.43%
Trans. And Utilities	3	3.5%	15	4.9%	Zampini Family LLC	\$1,632,640	0.99%
Trade	17	20.0%	85	27.9%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,577,640	0.95%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	7	8.2%	19	6.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$165,244,805	
Services	16	18.8%	62	20.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	White Flower Farm	Popeye's	
Total	85	100.0%	305	100.0%	American Backplane	New Milford Savings Bank	
					Sun Corporation		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$3,398,844	\$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	401	461,203		Reading	57	55	72	60	74	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,258	\$8,300		Math	49	59	78	52	64	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,450	\$48,598		Writing	55	46	60	46	66	51
Students Attending Public School	91.8%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.8	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.1%	75.8%		Verbal			561	503		
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	4.6%		Math			555	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 13.8	Grade 2	14.6								
Grade 5 14.2	Grade 7	18.0	High School	18.9						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$0
				As % of Expenditures	0.0%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$4,581,104	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$4,225,915	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$232,027,198
Tax Revenue	\$3,762,429	Education	\$3,051,686	Per Capita	\$105,419
Non-tax Revenue	\$116,132	Other	\$1,174,229	As % of State Average	135.2%
Intergovernmental	\$702,543	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$573,000	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,732	As % of Expenditures	13.6%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	
As % of State Average	121.7%	Per Capita	\$260	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	23.13
		As % of State Average	25.0%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.10
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,146	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	91.6%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	12	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	7	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	28	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.61%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	3	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	44	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	121	4,036
Average Price	\$129,022	\$157,833	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	649	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	39.8%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	24	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	1,133	99,974	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	1,096	95,692	1,635,400	1. Torrington	274	Litchfield	163
Unemployed	37	4,282	87,900	2. Morris	126	Morris	126
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Litchfield	80	Torrington	115
Total Employment	240	63,800	1,581,700	4. New Milford	41	Waterbury	113
Manufacturing	0	17,490	265,850	5. Goshen	39	Thomaston	66
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-66.2%	5.5%	4.3%	6. Thomaston	33	Watertown	51
Daytime Population	481	75,784	1,740,247	7. Watertown	27	Washington	35
				8. Plymouth	23	Southbury	33
				9. Waterbury	19	Woodbury	32
				10. Southbury	18	New Milford	32

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	15,079	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.2	Connecticut Light & Power	1-800-286-2000
Day Care Facilities (1998)	1	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	12.9	40	Hartford	28	na	
% Open Land (1990)	64.3%	68.8%	Boston	121	Water Provider	
			New York City	80	Municipal Provider	
			Providence	93	Contact local provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	276			Laurel Cablevision, Inc.	860-567-3103