

Norwalk

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Stamford Labor Market Area
Southwestern Economic Dev. Region
South Western Planning Area

Incorporated in 1651

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	77,722	807,143	3,107,580	White	53,373	636,147	2,648,212	
1990	78,331	827,645	3,287,116	Black	12,857	82,879	274,213	
1998	77,833	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	1,918	25,592	73,304	
2003	77,847	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	63	939	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	0.02%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	188	1,610	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	9,434	89,040	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	22.80	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.20%	6.09%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	3,413.73	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$32,479	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	30,362	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	14,860	27.1%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	37.8	38.1	37.2	Some College	12,872	23.5%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	16,390	29.9%	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	2,560 7%	6,363 17%	2,408 6%	16,405 44%	5,701 15%	4,160 11%	37,597	
Female	2,475 6%	5,800 14%	2,461 6%	16,973 42%	6,328 16%	6,199 15%	40,236	
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	102	1.9%	545	0.9%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$70,420,235	2.12%
Const. and Mining	730	13.8%	3,496	5.7%	Merritt 7 Ventures	\$53,555,121	1.62%
Manufacturing	343	6.5%	11,300	18.6%	U.S. Surgical	\$33,371,847	1.01%
Trans. And Utilities	193	3.6%	2,697	4.4%	Calif. State Empl.	\$28,004,960	0.84%
Trade	1,213	22.9%	15,777	25.9%	Prudential Insurance Company	\$26,712,970	0.81%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	410	7.7%	4,001	6.6%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$3,315,438,093	
Services	2,283	43.1%	21,813	35.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	27	0.5%	1,229	2.0%	Olin	Oxford Health Plans, Inc.	
Total	5,301	100.0%	60,858	100.0%	United States Surgical	McGladrey & Pullen	
					The Perkin-Elmer Corporation		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$1,211,216,042	\$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	10,592	461,203		Reading	51	55	47	60	51	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,030	\$8,300		Math	58	59	49	52	46	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$56,752	\$48,598		Writing	32	46	27	46	55	51
Students Attending Public School	87.1%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	76.7	14.5								
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	76.7%	75.8%								
High School Dropout Rate	5.7%	4.6%								
<i>Average Class Size</i>				<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Kindergarten 21.8	Grade 2	20.7		Verbal		472		503		
Grade 5 20.2	Grade 7	23.3	High School 22.0	Math		472		499		

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Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$16,592,797
		As % of Expenditures	8.7%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$187,121,166	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$190,155,078
Tax Revenue	\$148,217,266	Education	\$91,938,113
Non-tax Revenue	\$10,247,338	Other	\$98,216,965
Intergovernmental	\$28,656,562	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$75,169,942
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,869	As % of Expenditures	39.5%
As % of State Average	131.3%	Per Capita	\$943
		As % of State Average	90.6%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$16,592,797
		As % of Expenditures	8.7%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$7,799,133,098
		Per Capita	\$97,817
		As % of State Average	125.5%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/83
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa1
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	46.45
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.80
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	25.9%

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)	32,863	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	53.9%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	227	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	98	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	613	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.30%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	394	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	33	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	150	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	1,495	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	111	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$205,815	\$314,650	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$185,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	18,940	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	34.0%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	3,859	30,502	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	48,857	446,996	1,723,300	1. Norwalk	20330	Norwalk	20330
Employed	47,024	427,779	1,635,400	2. Bridgeport	3691	Stamford	7202
Unemployed	1,833	19,217	87,900	3. Stamford	2565	New York	4012
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Fairfield	2253	Westport	2091
Total Employment	48,550	411,650	1,581,700	5. New York	2041	Greenwich	1748
Manufacturing	9,990	75,610	265,850	6. Westport	1432	Darien	1601
'92-'97 Growth Rate	12.2%	5.7%	4.3%	7. Stratford	1349	Wilton	1286
Daytime Population	60,650	472,065	1,740,247	8. Wilton	1100	New Canaan	1048
				9. Trumbull	932	Bridgeport	809
				10. Danbury	912	Fairfield	502

Quality of Life

<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1996-1997)</i>		<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	26	1,378	Total Volumes	280,956	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.5	Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Coop.
Day Care Facilities (1998)	42	1,651			860-889-4088
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	2.504	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	56.3	40	Hartford	60	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	25.5%	68.8%	Boston	151	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	41	Water Provider
			Providence	115	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	1	16			Cable Provider
Total Beds	328	2,184			Cablevision of CT
					203-348-9211