

Orange

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 1822

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	13,237	761,337	3,107,580	White	11,599	627,554	2,648,212
1990	12,830	804,219	3,287,116	Black	126	82,801	274,213
1998	12,362	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	450	2,378	73,304
2003	12,124	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	5	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-1.93%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	8	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	174	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	17.19	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.32%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	719.14	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$35,264	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	4,264	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,048	22.7%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	43.8	36.9	37.2	Some College	2,117	23.4%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	3,906	43.2%	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	324 5%	951 16%	553 9%	1,909 32%	1,245 21%	1,053 17%	6,035
Female	308 5%	904 14%	452 7%	2,007 32%	1,337 21%	1,319 21%	6,327
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	28	2.7%	115	1.2%	Baker Properties LP	\$12,243,770	1.07%
Const. and Mining	128	12.5%	482	5.0%	Baker Properties	\$11,577,090	1.01%
Manufacturing	44	4.3%	1,221	12.7%	Orange Improvements	\$7,481,160	0.66%
Trans. And Utilities	37	3.6%	772	8.1%	Bayer Corporation	\$7,426,670	0.65%
Trade	335	32.6%	3,870	40.4%	Four Hundred Forty Boston Post Rd	\$6,904,760	0.61%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	95	9.3%	767	8.0%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,140,918,109	
Services	357	34.8%	2,294	23.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	3	0.3%	66	0.7%	Sears	Dichello Distributors	
Total	1,027	100.0%	9,587	100.0%	Southern CT Gas Company	Bindly Western Industries	
					Shaws Supermarket		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$164,121,576	\$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	2,233	461,203		Reading	72 55	84 60	83 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,997	\$8,300		Math	87 59	74 52	65 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$49,779	\$48,598		Writing	87 46	77 46	58 51		
Students Attending Public School	88.1%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.8	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	94.5%	75.8%		Verbal		540	503		
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	4.6%		Math		540	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 20.5	Grade 2 19.2								
Grade 5 19.1	Grade 7 18.6	High School 18.5							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,312,224
		As % of Expenditures	4.2%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$32,007,963	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$31,516,444
Tax Revenue	\$27,965,915	Education	\$18,220,479
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,432,139	Other	\$13,295,965
Intergovernmental	\$1,609,909	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$18,737,202
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$2,176	As % of Expenditures	59.5%
As % of State Average	152.8%	Per Capita	\$1,504
		As % of State Average	144.5%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,312,224
		As % of Expenditures	4.2%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$1,510,654,392
		Per Capita	\$121,297
		As % of State Average	155.6%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	23.78
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.38
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	22.8%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	4,714	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	96.3%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	14	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	24	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	75	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.51%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	81	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	4	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	14	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	193	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	9	167	4,036
Average Price	\$225,532	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$210,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	4,157	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	17.3%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	77	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	6,454	414,075	1,723,300	1. West Haven	1828	New Haven 1207
Employed	6,232	391,311	1,635,400	2. Orange	1056	Orange 1056
Unemployed	222	22,764	87,900	3. Milford	874	Milford 984
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	5.5%	5.1%	4. New Haven	644	West Haven 560
Total Employment	8,370	354,930	1,581,700	5. Hamden	296	Stratford 301
Manufacturing	70	60,020	265,850	6. Stratford	179	Bridgeport 238
'92-'97 Growth Rate	17.7%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Branford	170	Hamden 210
Daytime Population	8,679	371,178	1,740,247	8. East Haven	154	Derby 160
				9. Meriden	137	Stamford 139
				10. Shelton	134	Fairfield 128

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	11	1,378	Total Volumes	72,503	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	10.2	United Illuminating
Day Care Facilities (1998)	9	1,651			1-800-257-0141
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	43.3	40	Hartford	38	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	44.4%	68.8%	Boston	127	203-382-8111
			New York City	64	Water Provider
			Providence	92	South Central Regional Water Authority
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			203-562-4020
Total Beds	0	2,462			Cable Provider
					Cablevision Systems of Southern CT
					203-336-2225