

# Oxford

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
New Haven County  
Bridgeport Labor Market Area  
Naugatuck Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1798

### 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	6,634	761,337	3,107,580	White	8,842	627,554	2,648,212
1990	8,685	804,219	3,287,116	Black	18	82,801	274,213
1998	9,151	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	73	2,378	73,304
2003	9,377	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	21	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	2.47%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	3	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	194	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	32.89	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.69%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	278.23	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$24,513	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	2,970	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,803	32.5%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	36.9	36.9	37.2	Some College	1,585	28.6%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	1,568	28.3%	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	329 7%	987 21%	437 9%	1,713 37%	788 17%	367 8%	4,621
Female	317 7%	923 20%	341 8%	1,738 38%	735 16%	476 11%	4,530
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	19	5.4%	54	2.8%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$6,166,220	1.43%
Const. and Mining	124	35.1%	448	23.0%	Airport Executive Center, Inc.	\$2,574,420	0.60%
Manufacturing	26	7.4%	239	12.3%	H F Industrial Park Limited Partnership	\$2,328,045	0.54%
Trans. And Utilities	14	4.0%	247	12.7%	William Joyce	\$1,702,480	0.40%
Trade	65	18.4%	325	16.7%	Alpha Star	\$1,476,370	0.34%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	20	5.7%	108	5.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$430,165,416	
Services	80	22.7%	463	23.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	1.4%	64	3.3%	Lewis Corporation	DeSantis	
Total	353	100.0%	1,948	100.0%	PTA Corporation	Eastern Water Development	
					Advance Research, Robotics		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$19,383,034	\$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	1,279	461,203		Reading	59 55	58 60	74 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,499	\$8,300		Math	66 59	62 52	72 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,946	\$48,598		Writing	36 46	69 46	80 51		
Students Attending Public School	87.0%	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	81.1%	75.8%		Verbal		478	503		
High School Dropout Rate	2.5%	4.6%		Math		498	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 19.5	Grade 2 18.0								
Grade 5 19.3	Grade 7 22.0	High School 23.2							

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,018,700	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$17,794,812	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$17,273,488	As % of Expenditures	11.7%
Tax Revenue	\$11,612,390	Education	\$11,295,862	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$700,718,349
Non-tax Revenue	\$544,281	Other	\$5,977,626	Per Capita	\$74,719
Intergovernmental	\$5,638,141	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$13,453,588	As % of State Average	95.8%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,209	As % of Expenditures	77.9%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
As % of State Average	85.0%	Per Capita	\$1,435	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		As % of State Average	137.8%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	29.94
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	17.10
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.8%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	3,282	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	96.5%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	33	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	59	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	68	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.80%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	33	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	4	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	1	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	137	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	2	167	4,036
Average Price	\$172,287	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$172,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,590	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	17.6%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	45	42,124	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	4,815	414,075	1,723,300	1. Oxford	469	Oxford	469
Employed	4,587	391,311	1,635,400	2. Seymour	219	Bridgeport	320
Unemployed	228	22,764	87,900	3. Southbury	112	Derby	309
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Derby	76	Shelton	292
Total Employment	1,580	354,930	1,581,700	5. Waterbury	73	Seymour	277
Manufacturing	310	60,020	265,850	6. Naugatuck	60	Stratford	248
'92-'97 Growth Rate	17.9%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Beacon Falls	49	Southbury	236
Daytime Population	2,023	371,178	1,740,247	8. Newtown	41	New Haven	205
				9. Woodbury	41	Ansonia	173
				10. Shelton	33	Waterbury	173

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Total Volumes	35,375	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	4.9	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	5	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	16.7	40	Hartford	33	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	82.9%	68.8%	Boston	126	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	68	Water Provider
			Providence	93	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			1-800-732-9678
Total Beds	0	2,462			Cable Provider
					Tele-Media Company of Western CT
					203-735-9504