

Plainfield

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Windham County
New London Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Northeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1699

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	12,774	92,313	3,107,580	White	14,013	96,816	2,648,212	
1990	14,363	102,525	3,287,116	Black	68	1,131	274,213	
1998	14,494	105,074	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	111	1,128	73,304	
2003	14,485	105,698	3,272,149	Native American	29	349	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	-0.06%	0.59%	0.03%	Other	16	119	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	257	5,531	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	42.27	512.80	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	6.76%	8.03%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	342.89	204.90	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$16,932	\$19,067	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	4,988	37,859	1,229,087	High School Graduate	3,592	41.1%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	34.3	35.5	37.2	Some College	1,800	20.6%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	639	7.3%	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	561 8%	1,413 20%	705 10%	2,786 39%	997 14%	705 10%	7,167	
Female	515 7%	1,347 18%	672 9%	2,745 37%	1,001 14%	1,047 14%	7,327	
County Total	7,374 7%	19,288 18%	10,266 10%	39,269 37%	15,064 14%	13,813 13%	105,074	
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	16	2.9%	57	1.1%	Kaman	\$12,021,850	2.53%
Const. and Mining	135	24.3%	366	7.2%	Moosup Road Limited Partnership	\$7,445,690	1.56%
Manufacturing	32	5.8%	1,585	31.0%	CT Yankee Greyhound Racing, Inc.	\$6,721,640	1.41%
Trans. And Utilities	20	3.6%	77	1.5%	CT Yankee Community Ave Assoc.	\$4,562,900	0.96%
Trade	144	25.9%	1,144	22.4%	Boeing	\$3,852,220	0.81%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	31	5.6%	124	2.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$475,803,800	
Services	171	30.8%	1,661	32.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	6	1.1%	98	1.9%	C & M Corp.	CT Yankee Greyhound, Inc.	
Total	555	100.0%	5,112	100.0%	Town of Plainfield	Staples, Inc.	
					Kaman Corp.		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$80,728,180	\$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	2,882	461,203		Reading	38 55	48 60	34 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,112	\$8,300		Math	48 59	36 52	46 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$45,870	\$48,598		Writing	33 46	39 46	63 51		
Students Attending Public School	92.0%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.0	14.5		Verbal	481		503		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	58.3%	75.8%		Math	494		499		
High School Dropout Rate	8.7%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 17.2	Grade 2	19.7							
Grade 5 17.5	Grade 7	27.3	High School	22.1					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$3,914,409	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$29,561,851	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$28,960,328	As % of Expenditures	13.5%
Tax Revenue	\$9,732,027	Education	\$19,783,530	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$618,386,252
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,154,317	Other	\$9,176,798	Per Capita	\$42,480
Intergovernmental	\$18,675,507	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$25,049,781	As % of State Average	54.5%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$667	As % of Expenditures	86.5%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
As % of State Average	46.9%	Per Capita	\$1,721	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	165.3%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	20.50
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	15.78
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	18.3%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	5,622	42,880	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	63.5%	65.0%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	136	909	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	56	323	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	40	411	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.00%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	3	27	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	6	28	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	6	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	179	1,355	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	2	4,036
Average Price	\$90,811	\$99,084	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$90,000	\$93,825	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	3,386	24,954	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	37.1%	36.4%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	687	5,189	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	8,048	55,776	1,723,300	1. Plainfield	2376	Plainfield	2376
Employed	7,392	52,071	1,635,400	2. Killingly	498	Killingly	861
Unemployed	656	3,705	87,900	3. Brooklyn	284	Groton	585
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	6.6%	5.1%	4. Sterling	215	Norwich	487
Total Employment	4,770	34,800	1,581,700	5. Griswold	201	Windham	228
Manufacturing	1,810	8,480	265,850	6. Canterbury	175	Putnam	226
'92-'97 Growth Rate	16.6%	7.7%	4.3%	7. Norwich	138	Brooklyn	181
Daytime Population	4,727	42,607	1,740,247	8. Rhode Island	123	Griswold	156
				9. Lisbon	89	New London	139
				10. Voluntown	66	Canterbury	128

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	7	1,378	Total Volumes	29,399	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	1.6	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.073	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	14.0	40	Hartford	40	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	74.5%	68.8%	Boston	63	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	128	Water Provider
			Providence	26	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	234			Cable Provider
					Eastern CT Cable Television, Inc.
					860-739-5437