

# Seymour

## Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1850

### 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	13,434	761,337	3,107,580	White	13,546	627,554	2,648,212	
1990	14,288	804,219	3,287,116	Black	143	82,801	274,213	
1998	14,139	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	181	2,378	73,304	
2003	14,083	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	12	1,358	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	-0.40%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	1	1,278	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	256	63,019	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	14.57	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.56%	7.86%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	970.42	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$23,609	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	5,556	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	3,675	37.2%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	38.1	36.9	37.2	Some College	2,307	23.4%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	1,840	18.6%	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	455 7%	1,183 17%	501 7%	2,859 41%	1,041 15%	855 12%	6,894	
Female	452 6%	1,149 16%	488 7%	2,846 39%	1,074 15%	1,236 17%	7,245	
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	15	2.6%	66	1.5%	The Kerite Company	\$14,706,650	3.65%
Const. and Mining	141	24.2%	410	9.5%	Hoekenga Family Partnership	\$4,862,680	1.21%
Manufacturing	33	5.7%	1,230	28.4%	Rafferty Realty Co.	\$4,079,080	1.01%
Trans. And Utilities	18	3.1%	282	6.5%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$3,405,360	0.85%
Trade	129	22.1%	1,099	25.4%	Shady Knoll Health Center	\$2,995,340	0.74%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	32	5.5%	120	2.8%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$402,440,245	
Services	207	35.5%	1,021	23.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	8	1.4%	106	2.4%	Kerite Co.	R&R Manufacturing Co.	
Total	583	100.0%	4,334	100.0%	Microboard Processing Inc.	Thule of Sweden	
					Town Seymour		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$171,782,006	\$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	1,101	461,203		Reading	63	55	66	60	65	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,441	\$8,300		Math	68	59	57	52	51	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$50,363	\$48,598		Writing	70	46	71	46	75	51
Students Attending Public School	91.6%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.5	14.5		Verbal	<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.1%	75.8%		Math	478		503			
High School Dropout Rate	2.5%	4.6%			498		499			
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	21.1	Grade 2	21.9							
Grade 5	23.9	Grade 7	21.8	High School	23.2					

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,021,660
		As % of Expenditures	7.7%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$28,302,890	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$26,375,865
Tax Revenue	\$16,448,680	Education	\$16,678,178
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,580,168	Other	\$9,697,687
Intergovernmental	\$10,274,042	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$16,826,216
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,082	As % of Expenditures	63.8%
As % of State Average	76.0%	Per Capita	\$1,176
		As % of State Average	113.0%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,021,660
		As % of Expenditures	7.7%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$880,587,022
		Per Capita	\$61,536
		As % of State Average	78.9%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/93
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	40.54
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.21
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	11.6%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	6,206	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	67.2%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	262	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	66	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	98	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.06%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	24	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	384	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	167	4,036
Average Price	\$130,256	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$130,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	4,006	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	29.6%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	283	42,124	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	7,614	414,075	1,723,300	1. Seymour	1389	Seymour 1389
Employed	7,161	391,311	1,635,400	2. Ansonia	413	Shelton 709
Unemployed	453	22,764	87,900	3. Naugatuck	281	Stratford 695
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Oxford	277	Derby 624
Total Employment	4,050	354,930	1,581,700	5. Shelton	246	Ansonia 506
Manufacturing	1,050	60,020	265,850	6. Bridgeport	188	Bridgeport 487
'92-'97 Growth Rate	12.5%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Waterbury	167	New Haven 384
Daytime Population	4,731	371,178	1,740,247	8. Derby	142	Milford 321
				9. Beacon Falls	97	Waterbury 275
				10. West Haven	84	Oxford 219

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	4	1,378	Total Volumes	46,379	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.7	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	6	1,651			1-800-286-2000
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	20.2	40	Hartford	35	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	64.5%	68.8%	Boston	126	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	66	Water Provider
			Providence	92	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