

Sharon

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Litchfield County
Torrington Labor Market Area
Northwestern Economic Dev. Region
Northwestern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1739

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	2,637	156,768	3,107,580	White	2,919	174,776	2,648,212	
1990	2,928	174,092	3,287,116	Black	13	1,786	274,213	
1998	2,979	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	14	2,258	73,304	
2003	3,002	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	6	321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	0.77%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	0	140	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	27	2,593	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	58.70	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.92%	3.97%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	50.75	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$41,731	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	1,257	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	520	24.0%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	43.6	38.3	37.2	Some College	530	24.4%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	839	38.6%	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	80 5%	234 16%	100 7%	513 35%	265 18%	275 19%	1,467	
Female	75 5%	214 14%	73 5%	532 35%	271 18%	347 23%	1,512	
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874	
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	13	5.7%	31	2.1%	Weatherstone Corp	\$3,994,200	1.36%
Const. and Mining	49	21.5%	142	9.8%	Raymond J. Learsy	\$1,867,500	0.63%
Manufacturing	8	3.5%	21	1.5%	Johns Jasper	\$1,719,700	0.58%
Trans. And Utilities	6	2.6%	29	2.0%	Barbara Mae Sinclair	\$1,461,300	0.50%
Trade	37	16.2%	127	8.8%	West Sharon Corp.	\$1,124,600	0.38%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	15	6.6%	60	4.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$294,554,168	
Services	99	43.4%	1,034	71.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	Sharon Hospital Incorporated	Upcountry Services of Sharon	
Total	228	100.0%	1,444	100.0%	Sharon Health Care Center	Assoc. Robert Llc Rosenheim	
					Sharon Pharmacy Incorporated		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$9,732,802	\$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	388	461,203		Reading	68 55	71 60	71 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,048	\$8,300		Math	56 59	69 52	83 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$42,380	\$48,598		Writing	72 46	89 46	88 51		
Students Attending Public School	83.1%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Student/Teacher Ratio	11.3	14.5		Verbal		486	503		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	57.5%	75.8%		Math		520	499		
High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 20.0	Grade 2	14.5							
Grade 5 15.0	Grade 7	11.9	High School	22.3					

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$454,688	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$5,215,193	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$5,193,206	As % of Expenditures	8.8%
Tax Revenue	\$4,686,472	Education	\$3,265,531	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$388,352,308
Non-tax Revenue	\$208,527	Other	\$1,927,675	Per Capita	\$132,634
Intergovernmental	\$320,194	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$3,640,573	As % of State Average	170.1%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,538	As % of Expenditures	70.1%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	108.0%	Per Capita	\$1,243	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		As % of State Average	119.5%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	16.30
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	11.74
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	4.3%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,659	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	88.7%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	26	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	5	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	30	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.30%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	10	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	2	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	10	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	89	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	13	121	4,036
Average Price	\$234,089	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$179,500	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	946	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	47.8%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	27	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	1,918	99,974	1,723,300	1. Sharon	539	Sharon	539
Employed	1,882	95,692	1,635,400	2. New York	406	New York	372
Unemployed	36	4,282	87,900	3. Salisbury	83	Salisbury	169
Unemployment Rate	1.9%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Cornwall	45	Cornwall	82
Total Employment	1,280	63,800	1,581,700	5. Kent	32	Kent	46
Manufacturing	0	17,490	265,850	6. North Canaan	27	North Canaan	29
'92-'97 Growth Rate	47.1%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Massachusetts	26	New Milford	25
Daytime Population	2,105	75,784	1,740,247	8. Goshen	24	Litchfield	23
				9. Canaan	22	Torrington	17
				10. Torrington	19	Windsor Locks	16

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	3	1,378	Total Volumes	24,176	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	8.5	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	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	9.2	40	Hartford	39	na
% Open Land (1990)	73.9%	68.8%	Boston	129	na
			New York City	86	Water Provider
			Providence	104	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	1	3			Contact local provider
Total Beds	82	276			Cable Provider
					TCI Cablevision of Northwest CT
					860-824-3057