

# Shelton

## Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1789

### 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	31,314	807,143	3,107,580	White	35,264	636,147	2,648,212	
1990	35,418	827,645	3,287,116	Black	407	82,879	274,213	
1998	37,707	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	762	25,592	73,304	
2003	38,970	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	79	939	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	3.35%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	11	1,610	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	1,184	89,040	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	30.56	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.50%	6.09%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,233.87	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$28,837	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	13,294	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	8,141	34.0%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	38.6	38.1	37.2	Some College	6,071	25.4%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	5,746	24.0%	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	1,243 7%	3,276 18%	1,519 8%	7,312 39%	3,197 17%	2,021 11%	18,568	
Female	1,201 6%	3,125 16%	1,333 7%	7,261 38%	3,183 17%	3,036 16%	19,139	
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207	
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	35	2.1%	134	0.7%	Pitney Bowes Inc	\$61,471,930	2.95%
Const. and Mining	362	22.2%	1,639	8.8%	Scinto Robert	\$46,458,910	2.23%
Manufacturing	130	8.0%	4,059	21.8%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$40,807,310	1.96%
Trans. And Utilities	60	3.7%	993	5.3%	PHS Real Estate II Inc.	\$23,457,750	1.13%
Trade	308	18.9%	4,044	21.7%	Armstrong Park Associates	\$19,050,850	0.91%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	119	7.3%	1,716	9.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$2,083,270,100	
Services	602	37.0%	5,746	30.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	12	0.7%	297	1.6%	Landstar Systems Inc.	Inline Plastics	
Total	1,628	100.0%	18,628	100.0%	Physicians Health Services	Philips Medial Systems	
					Emhart Industrial Division		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$137,150,087	\$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	2,840	461,203		Reading	54	55	68	60	73	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,072	\$8,300		Math	67	59	57	52	55	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$52,770	\$48,598		Writing	54	46	38	46	63	51
Students Attending Public School	84.1%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.4	14.5		Verbal			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	73.7%	75.8%		Math			481	503		
High School Dropout Rate	2.2%	4.6%					501	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 21.0	Grade 2	20.1								
Grade 5 22.3	Grade 7	25.3	High School	22.0						

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## Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$4,640,603
				As % of Expenditures	7.5%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$60,213,538	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$61,483,269	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$3,253,493,317
Tax Revenue	\$45,558,845	Education	\$37,182,469	Per Capita	\$90,423
Non-tax Revenue	\$5,743,505	Other	\$24,300,800	As % of State Average	116.0%
Intergovernmental	\$8,911,188	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$25,319,000	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/93
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,209	As % of Expenditures	41.2%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
As % of State Average	84.9%	Per Capita	\$704	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.77
		As % of State Average	67.6%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	13.88
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	17.0%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	14,135	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	77.5%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	119	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	168	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	367	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.19%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	199	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	10	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	32	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	730	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	13	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$178,538	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$175,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	9,898	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	19.9%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	411	30,502	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	19,728	446,996	1,723,300	1. Shelton	4471	Shelton 4471
Employed	18,749	427,779	1,635,400	2. Bridgeport	1513	Bridgeport 3075
Unemployed	979	19,217	87,900	3. Ansonia	1050	Stratford 2154
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Stratford	872	Milford 883
Total Employment	19,480	411,650	1,581,700	5. Derby	855	Norwalk 876
Manufacturing	6,390	75,610	265,850	6. Seymour	709	Trumbull 800
'92-'97 Growth Rate	28.2%	5.7%	4.3%	7. Milford	651	Fairfield 766
Daytime Population	16,944	472,065	1,740,247	8. Trumbull	629	Derby 621
				9. Naugatuck	498	Stamford 601
				10. Fairfield	367	New Haven 526

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	18	1,378	Total Volumes	144,536	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.9	United Illuminating
Day Care Facilities (1998)	17	1,651			1-800-257-0141
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	18.7	40	Hartford	40	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	56.1%	68.8%	Boston	131	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	60	Water Provider
			Providence	96	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			1-800-732-9678
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cable Provider
					Tele-Media Company of Western CT
					203-735-9504