

Sprague

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New London County
New London Labor Market Area
Southeast Economic Dev. Region
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1861

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	2,996	238,410	3,107,580	White	2,811	221,517	2,648,212	
1990	3,008	254,957	3,287,116	Black	35	12,225	274,213	
1998	2,949	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	18	4,718	73,304	
2003	2,953	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	29	1,321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	0.14%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	2	438	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	54	10,958	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	13.21	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	10.85%	6.37%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	223.24	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$20,275	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	1,029	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	743	39.6%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	34.5	35.4	37.2	Some College	446	23.8%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	198	10.5%	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	98 7%	270 19%	145 10%	599 41%	210 14%	131 9%	1,453	
Female	99 7%	273 18%	146 10%	549 37%	236 16%	193 13%	1,496	
County Total	17,896 7%	43,485 17%	24,337 10%	97,191 39%	35,483 14%	32,785 13%	251,177	
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	2	2.7%	5	1.3%	International Paper	\$13,956,091	11.35%
Const. and Mining	19	25.3%	47	11.8%	Federal Paper Board Company	\$6,012,130	4.89%
Manufacturing	5	6.7%	91	22.9%	Amgraph Packaging Inc.	\$5,153,610	4.19%
Trans. And Utilities	3	4.0%	1	0.3%	M. S. Chambers & Son Inc.	\$2,469,216	2.01%
Trade	17	22.7%	60	15.1%	Caraustar Industries, Inc.	\$2,467,054	2.01%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	1	1.3%	3	0.8%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$122,952,885	
Services	26	34.7%	160	40.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	2.7%	30	7.6%	International Paper	Oak Tree	
Total	75	100.0%	397	100.0%	AmGraph	Gas Tech	
					Chambers		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$2,698,311	\$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>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Total Students	386	461,203		Reading	58	55	71	60	80	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,172	\$8,300		Math	71	59	85	52	69	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$39,998	\$48,598		Writing	22	46	88	46	49	51
Students Attending Public School	85.4%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.6	14.5		Verbal			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.2%	75.8%		Math			504	503		
High School Dropout Rate	4.9%	4.6%					523	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 22.0	Grade 2	21.5								
Grade 5 21.0	Grade 7	23.0	High School	23.4						

Connecticut Town Profiles 1998-1999

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$164,128	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$5,178,201	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$4,855,744	As % of Expenditures	3.4%
Tax Revenue	\$2,423,501	Education	\$3,562,606	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$159,947,816
Non-tax Revenue	\$157,079	Other	\$1,293,138	Per Capita	\$53,764
Intergovernmental	\$2,597,621	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$557,500	As % of State Average	69.0%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$748	As % of Expenditures	11.5%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
As % of State Average	52.5%	Per Capita	\$187	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	18.0%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	20.50
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	15.02
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	13.1%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,151	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	55.8%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	11	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	6	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	14	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.52%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	0	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	25	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$101,923	\$127,398	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$99,500	\$114,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	655	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	56.2%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	42	11,508	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	1,704	133,951	1,723,300	1. Sprague	133	Norwich	500
Employed	1,586	126,435	1,635,400	2. Norwich	89	Groton	222
Unemployed	118	7,516	87,900	3. Canterbury	56	Sprague	133
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	5.6%	5.1%	4. Griswold	39	Windham	77
Total Employment	880	126,990	1,581,700	5. Lisbon	35	New London	65
Manufacturing	600	20,790	265,850	6. Plainfield	33	Montville	63
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-4.3%	16.7%	4.3%	7. Montville	25	Franklin	54
Daytime Population	990	119,632	1,740,247	8. Franklin	24	Lisbon	52
				9. Ledyard	19	Griswold	49
				10. Voluntown	19	Waterford	21

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	14,724	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	2.8	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	1	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	12.0	40	Hartford	33	na
% Open Land (1990)	77.6%	68.8%	Boston	73	na
			New York City	118	Water Provider
			Providence	36	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	563			Cable Provider
					Century Norwich Corporation
					860-889-5676