

# Voluntown

## Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1721

### 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	1,637	238,410	3,107,580	White	2,250	221,517	2,648,212	
1990	2,113	254,957	3,287,116	Black	7	12,225	274,213	
1998	2,291	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	19	4,718	73,304	
2003	2,392	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	5	1,321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	4.41%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	0	438	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	10	10,958	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	39.02	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.23%	6.37%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	58.71	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$20,435	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	843	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	542	39.5%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	35.9	35.4	37.2	Some College	320	23.3%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	196	14.3%	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	82 7%	225 19%	100 9%	483 42%	152 13%	114 10%	1,156	
Female	85 7%	221 19%	98 9%	448 39%	148 13%	135 12%	1,135	
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	7	6.3%	21	7.8%	Agri-Blends, Inc.	\$562,170	0.65%
Const. and Mining	44	39.3%	113	42.0%	Mini-Mall, Fred Gataco	\$543,550	0.63%
Manufacturing	3	2.7%	5	1.9%	SPAFAS	\$363,930	0.42%
Trans. And Utilities	3	2.7%	11	4.1%	Bronsons Hardware	\$275,720	0.32%
Trade	16	14.3%	34	12.6%	Post Office, Aristedes Johnson	\$200,550	0.23%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4	3.6%	10	3.7%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$86,736,642	
Services	32	28.6%	71	26.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	3	2.7%	4	1.5%	Bronson Pools	Voluntown Town Hall	
Total	112	100.0%	269	100.0%	Better Value	Town Pizza	
					Voluntown Elementary School		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$1,949,552	\$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	354	461,203		Reading	68 55	49 60	59 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,397	\$8,300		Math	76 59	43 52	68 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$36,030	\$48,598		Writing	43 46	46 46	62 51		
Students Attending Public School	92.7%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.1	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.2%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	4.9%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>				<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Kindergarten 12.0	Grade 2 16.5			Verbal		504	503		
Grade 5 18.0	Grade 7 20.5	High School 23.4		Math		523	499		

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$414,101	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$4,377,773	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$4,579,129	As % of Expenditures	9.0%
Tax Revenue	\$1,755,492	Education	\$3,348,407	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$124,300,025
Non-tax Revenue	\$54,288	Other	\$1,230,722	Per Capita	\$55,049
Intergovernmental	\$2,567,993	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$3,123,704	As % of State Average	70.6%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$713	As % of Expenditures	68.2%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
As % of State Average	50.1%	Per Capita	\$1,383	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	132.9%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	24.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.20
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	4.8%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	984	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	90.5%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	22	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	13	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	15	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.32%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	0	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	37	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$105,570	\$127,398	\$194,596	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$115,000	\$114,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	618	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	29.9%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	57	11,508	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	1,323	133,951	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	1,198	126,435	1,635,400	1. Voluntown	113	Groton	174
Unemployed	125	7,516	87,900	2. Griswold	44	Norwich	169
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	5.6%	5.1%	3. Norwich	21	Voluntown	113
Total Employment	270	126,990	1,581,700	4. New Britain	16	Griswold	73
Manufacturing	0	20,790	265,850	5. Montville	8	Plainfield	66
'92-'97 Growth Rate	92.9%	16.7%	4.3%	6. Plainfield	8	Rhode Island	56
Daytime Population	251	119,632	1,740,247	7. Groton	7	New London	45
				8. Rhode Island	7	Montville	31
				9. Bozrah	6	Killingly	31
				10. Canterbury	6	Ledyard	27

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	5,040	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	1.2	Connecticut Light & Power	1-800-286-2000
Day Care Facilities (1998)	0	1,651			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	na	
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	12.6	40	Hartford	46	na	
% Open Land (1990)	90.3%	68.8%	Boston	67	Water Provider	
			New York City	127	Municipal Provider	
			Providence	27	Contact local provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	563			Comcast Cablevision of Groton, Inc.	860-445-8116