

Wethersfield

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Hartford County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Capitol Area Economic Dev. Region
Capitol Region Planning Area

Incorporated in 1634

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	26,008	807,769	3,107,580	White	23,646	633,007	2,648,212
1990	25,651	851,783	3,287,116	Black	322	84,182	274,213
1998	24,984	824,956	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	310	18,711	73,304
2003	24,633	811,828	3,272,149	Native American	33	1,196	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-1.40%	-1.59%	0.03%	Other	20	1,531	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	653	86,329	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	12.39	735.50	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.70%	7.90%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	2,016.46	1,121.63	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$28,144	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	10,218	315,031	1,229,087	High School Graduate	5,915	31.1%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	44.5	37.4	37.2	Some College	4,006	21.0%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	5,420	28.5%	597,693 27.4%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<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	622 5%	1,661 14%	794 7%	4,024 35%	2,206 19%	2,286 20%	11,593
Female	594 4%	1,613 12%	777 6%	4,208 31%	2,571 19%	3,628 27%	13,391
County Total	53,562 6%	137,485 17%	68,473 8%	316,772 38%	126,906 15%	121,758 15%	824,956
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	25	2.1%	109	1.2%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$16,909,400	0.97%
Const. and Mining	242	20.1%	784	8.8%	Wethersfield Associates LP	\$14,302,000	0.82%
Manufacturing	32	2.7%	294	3.3%	Putnam Park Associates	\$13,610,500	0.78%
Trans. And Utilities	26	2.2%	216	2.4%	Executive Square LP	\$12,268,800	0.70%
Trade	266	22.1%	2,549	28.5%	Connecticut Mutual Life	\$10,832,100	0.62%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	108	9.0%	758	8.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,751,714,455	
Services	487	40.5%	3,322	37.2%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	15	1.2%	909	10.2%	State of Connecticut	Mediplex	
Total	1,201	100.0%	8,941	100.0%	Town of Wethersfield	Nortel Communications	
					Northeast Utilities		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$141,652,646	\$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	3,151	461,203		Reading	66 55	80 60	74 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,796	\$8,300		Math	70 59	73 52	66 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$53,390	\$48,598		Writing	49 46	54 46	67 51		
Students Attending Public School	86.3%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.8	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	89.0%	75.8%		Verbal		499	503		
High School Dropout Rate	2.5%	4.6%		Math		513	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 19.3	Grade 2	21.7							
Grade 5 22.6	Grade 7	19.7	High School	20.5					

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Government

Government Form	Council- Manager		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,422,157	
			As % of Expenditures	3.5%	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$43,844,254	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$40,112,789		
Tax Revenue	\$37,923,605	Education	\$23,620,461	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$1,940,161,149
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,777,671	Other	\$16,492,328	Per Capita	\$81,413
Intergovernmental	\$4,142,978	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$13,873,825	As % of State Average	104.4%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,455	As % of Expenditures	34.6%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	102.2%	Per Capita	\$582	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa3
		As % of State Average	55.9%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.61
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.48
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	16.6%

Housing

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>Housing Stock (1997)</i>				Number of Sales			
Existing Units (total)	11,128	353,247	1,374,566	Less than \$100,000	128	5,843	22,254
% Single Unit	79.2%	59.3%	62.9%	\$100,001-\$200,000	240	5,470	20,713
New Permits Auth. (1997)	77	2,246	9,349	\$200,001-\$300,000	56	1,158	6,600
As % Existing Units	0.69%	0.64%	0.68%	\$300,001-\$400,000	2	293	2,730
Demolitions (1997)	4	236	1,193	\$400,001 or More	0	263	4,036
Residential Sales (1996)	426	13,027	56,333	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Average Price	\$142,631	\$141,257	\$194,596	Owner Occupied Dwellings	8,322	203,609	807,559
Median Price	\$133,000	\$123,500	\$138,000	Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	30.6%	32.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	790	45,714	148,930

Labor Force

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>		
<i>1997</i>				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	12,088	421,856	1,723,300	1. Wethersfield	2398	Hartford 4479
Employed	11,564	398,219	1,635,400	2. Hartford	1365	Wethersfield 2398
Unemployed	524	23,637	87,900	3. Rocky Hill	675	Newington 667
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.6%	5.1%	4. Newington	612	Rocky Hill 638
Total Employment	9,940	489,360	1,581,700	5. East Hartford	571	East Hartford 481
Manufacturing	150	66,350	265,850	6. New Britain	452	West Hartford 454
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-6.9%	0.4%	4.3%	7. Glastonbury	373	Middletown 348
Daytime Population	11,734	553,573	1,740,247	8. Manchester	353	Glastonbury 274
				9. West Hartford	351	Bloomfield 233
				10. Middletown	247	New Britain 233

Quality of Life

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>
Banks (1997)	17	1,378	Library (1996-1997)		Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	8	756	Total Volumes	133,533	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	10	1,651	Circulation Per Capita	8.1	1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	24.1	40	Hartford	4	CTG Resources
% Open Land (1990)	17.1%	68.8%	Boston	95	860-727-3000
			New York City	98	Water Provider
			Providence	65	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	9			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,602			Cox Communications CT, Inc.
					860-509-4269