

Connecticut Town Profiles 1996-1997

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Bethel Connecticut

Government

Government Form Selectman- Town Meeting

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|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1993-1994 | | Total Expenditures | \$31,293,570 | Equalized Grand List | \$1,410,449,550 |
| Total revenue | \$31,092,799 | Education | \$19,121,866 | Per capita | \$78,625 |
| Tax revenue | \$19,968,083 | Other | \$12,171,704 | As % of state average | 100.5 |
| Non-tax revenue | \$11,124,716 | Total Indebtness | \$23,519,421 | Date of last revaluation | 10/1/88 |
| Intergovernmental | 33.3% | As % of expenditures | 75.2 | Moody's Bond Rating | A1 |
| Per capita tax | \$1,113 | Per capita | \$1,311 | Actual mill rate | 18.35 |
| As % of state average | 55.8 | As % of state average | 68.1 | Equalized mill rate | 14.13 |
| | | Annual Debt Service | \$3,476,456 | Voting districts | 4 |
| | | As % of expenditures | 11.1 | | |

Housing

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|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1994 | | | | <i>Sales Price Distribution</i> | | | |
| <i>Housing Stock</i> | | | | | | | |
| | Town | County | State | Number of Sales | Town | County | State |
| Existing Units (total) | 6,560 | 329,899 | 1,351,825 | Less than \$75,000 | 29 | 2,408 | 11,328 |
| % Single unit detached | 74.4 | 63.8 | 62.4 | \$75,001-\$150,000 | 120 | 3,295 | 19,828 |
| New Permits Authorized (total) | 48 | 2,327 | 9,439 | \$150,001-\$250,000 | 161 | 4,028 | 11,132 |
| % Single unit detached | 62.5 | 66.0 | 80.6 | \$250,001-\$400,000 | 34 | 3,009 | 4,662 |
| As % of Existing Units | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | \$400,001 or more | 2 | 2,606 | 3,137 |
| <i>Residential Sales</i> | | | | | | | |
| Number | 346 | 15,346 | 50,087 | | | | |
| Average price | \$167,773 | \$271,408 | \$171,382 | | | | |
| Median price | \$165,000 | \$190,000 | \$126,000 | | | | |

Labor Force

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|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | <i>Commuters (1990)</i> | | | |
| 1994 | Town | County | State | Commuters into Town from | | Town Residents Commuting to | |
| Labor Force | 9,931 | 440,485 | 1,726,000 | 1. Bethel | 1,763 | Danbury | 3,338 |
| Employed | 9,535 | 419,062 | 1,630,000 | 2. Danbury | 1,479 | Bethel | 1,763 |
| Unemployed | 396 | 21,423 | 96,000 | 3. Newtown | 322 | New York | 656 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0% | 4.9% | 5.6% | 4. New Milford | 302 | Norwalk | 504 |
| Total Employment | 6,370 | 400,440 | 1,538,980 | 5. New Fairfield | 227 | Stamford | 420 |
| Manufacturing | 2,210 | 82,090 | 270,250 | 6. Brookfield | 221 | Ridgefield | 336 |
| | | | | 7. Waterbury | 209 | Brookfield | 260 |
| | | | | 8. Southbury | 138 | Wilton | 259 |
| | | | | 9. New York | 133 | New Milford | 178 |
| | | | | 10. Ridgefield | 121 | Greenwich | 177 |

Quality of Life

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | | | | <i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i> | | | |
| 1995 | Town | State | <i>Library (1993-1994)</i> | Town | Electric Company | | |
| Miles to State Capitol | 54 | | Total books and serials | 76,351 | CT Light and Power | | |
| Visitor Attractions | 0 | 488 | Weekly hours open | 61 | Typical basic rate | | |
| Banks | 9 | 1,188 | Circulation per capita | 5.6 | \$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh | | |
| Lodging | 4 | 467 | Crime rate (1994) | | Typical heat rate | | |
| Number of units | 179 | 26,540 | per 1,000 residents | 14.1 | \$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh | | |
| Day Care Facilities | 10 | 1,669 | Hospitals in county (1995) | 7 | Gas Company | | |
| | | | Total beds | 2,230 | Yankee Gas Services | | |
| | | | | | Typical rate | | |
| | | | | | \$8.75 + 89.93c/Ccf | | |