

Connecticut Town Profiles 1996-1997

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Bethlehem

Connecticut

Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$4,752,739	Equalized Grand List	\$263,528,039
Total revenue	\$5,117,522	Education	\$3,331,504	Per capita	\$80,197
Tax revenue	\$4,145,168	Other	\$1,421,235	As % of state average	102.5
Non-tax revenue	\$972,354	Total Indebtness	\$1,300,806	Date of last revaluation	10/1/89
Intergovernmental	15.7%	As % of expenditures	27.4	Moody's Bond Rating	n/a
Per capita tax	\$1,261	Per capita	\$396	Actual mill rate	18.19
As % of state average	63.2	As % of state average	20.5	Equalized mill rate	15.14
		Annual Debt Service	\$31,664	Voting districts	1
		As % of expenditures	0.7		

Housing

1994				<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Existing Units (total)	1,322	76,862	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	11	637	11,328
% Single unit detached	88.8	74.0	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	10	1,278	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	19	714	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	19	683	11,132
% Single unit detached	89.5	97.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	4	164	4,662
As % of Existing Units	1.4	0.9	0.7	\$400,001 or more	1	77	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	45	2,839	50,087				
Average price	\$170,462	\$146,653	\$171,382				
Median price	\$154,000	\$121,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>		
Labor Force	1,856	98,514	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	1,769	93,398	1,630,000	1. Bethlehem	267	Waterbury 293
Unemployed	87	5,116	96,000	2. Litchfield	48	Bethlehem 267
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.2%	5.6%	3. Torrington	25	Woodbury 158
Total Employment	410	62,320	1,538,980	4. Waterbury	20	Watertown 123
Manufacturing	n/a	16,450	270,250	5. Mansfield	16	Southbury 106
				6. Woodbury	15	Middlebury 79
				7. Morris	11	Litchfield 63
				8. Southbury	11	Danbury 57
				9. Watertown	10	New York 42
				10. Plymouth	10	Naugatuck 39

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>	
Miles to State Capitol	37		Total books and serials	22,035	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	1	488	Weekly hours open	39	CT Light and Power	
Banks	1	1,188	Circulation per capita	9.0	Typical basic rate	\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh
Lodging	1	467	Crime rate (1994)		Typical heat rate	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh
Number of units	5	26,540	per 1,000 residents	7.6	Gas Company	No Natural Gas Service
Day Care Facilities	1	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	4	Typical rate	
			Total beds	438		N/A