

Cheshire

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
New Haven Labor Market Area
Naugatuck Valley Economic Development
Region
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in May 1780

Demographics

Population	Town	County	State	Race/Ethnicity (1990)	Town	County	State
1990	25,684	804,219	3,287,116	White	23,902	687,491	2,859,353
1995	27,600	806,600	3,289,090	Black	1,002	82,011	274,269
2000	29,100	816,880	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	486	10,484	50,698
2005	30,100	825,950	3,364,080	Native American	28	1,536	6,654
				Other	266	22,697	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	9.1%	2.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin	709	51,003	213,116
				(may be of any race)			
Land Area	32.9	605.8	4,845.4	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Population per square mile	838.8	1,331.5	678.8	Persons age 25 or older	Town	State	
Households	8,567	305,889	1,237,000	High school graduate	3,537	648,366	
				Some College	4,194	495,696	
				Bachelors or more	7,152	597,693	
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	6%	15%	29%	26%	14%	9%	14,357
Female	6%	15%	20%	28%	14%	16%	13,243
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

Number of Establishments (1995)	Town	County	State	Top Ten Assessments (1994)	
Manufacturing	64	1,573	6,068	1. American Telephone & Telegraph	\$25,102,010
Services	297	7,908	39,011	2. United Technologies	23,336,330
Trade - Retail	124	4,563	20,251	3. CT Light & Power Company	12,071,810
Trade - Wholesale	112	1,741	9,858	4. Olin Coporation	11,675,920
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	84	1,712	8,809	5. Bozzuto's Inc.	9,576,990
Total Establishments	857	20,745	104,409	6. Cheshire Direct L.P.	8,132,600
Per Capita Income	\$34,662	\$26,456	\$30,303	7. Fazzone James & Zima John	7,885,510
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$265,731	\$27,231,413		8. Textron Inc.	7,000,000
				9. Marshall Enterprises	6,643,900
				10. Paolella Leonard	5,889,100
				As % of Grand List	5.5

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K, 1-6 (4), 7-8, 9-12

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	4,496
Total expenditures per pupil	\$8,336
Average teacher's salary	\$51,656
Students attending public school	91.4 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	0
Graduates attending four year college	74.3 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	55.7	73.0	73.5
Math	76.8	69.2	74.3
Writing	47.7	45.6	53.9

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	19.8	Grade 5	22.0	High School	20.3
Grade 2	19.6	Grade 7	22.4		

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Government

Government Form Council- Manager

1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$50,564,755	Equalized Grand List	\$2,149,888,288
Total revenue	\$49,446,693	Education	\$31,853,930	Per capita	\$81,070
Tax revenue	\$36,358,596	Other	\$18,710,825	As % of state average	103.6
Non-tax revenue	\$13,088,097	Total Indebtness	\$49,160,813	Date of last revaluation	10/1/88
Intergovernmental	22.7%	As % of expenditures	97.2	Moody's Bond Rating	Aa
Per capita tax	\$1,371	Per capita	\$1,854	Actual mill rate	24.00
As % of state average	68.7	As % of state average	96.2	Equalized mill rate	16.78
		Annual Debt Service	\$5,754,084	Voting districts	4
		As % of expenditures	11.4		

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)	9,007	334,842	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	30	3,243	11,328
% Single unit detached	85.6	57.2	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	150	5,201	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	149	1,968	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	196	2,256	11,132
% Single unit detached	64.4	85.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	60	538	4,662
As % of Existing Units	1.7	0.6	0.7	\$400,001 or more	9	133	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	445	11,371	50,087				
Average price	\$181,430	\$121,959	\$171,382				
Median price	\$165,000	\$110,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	13,077	414,224	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	12,547	389,601	1,630,000	1. Cheshire	3,597	Cheshire	3,597
Unemployed	530	24,623	96,000	2. Waterbury	2,305	New Haven	1,054
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	5.9%	5.6%	3. Meriden	753	Waterbury	845
Total Employment	11,220	344,890	1,538,980	4. Southington	655	Hamden	804
Manufacturing	2,540	60,190	270,250	5. Wallingford	416	Wallingford	775
				6. Wolcott	409	Meriden	597
				7. Naugatuck	355	Hartford	535
				8. Hamden	312	North Haven	510
				9. Prospect	252	Southington	304
				10. Watertown	251	Stratford	196

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	25		Total books and serials	91,795	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	3	488	Weekly hours open	52		CT Light and Power
Banks	12	1,188	Circulation per capita	9.4	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	23	26,540	per 1,000 residents	21.3	Gas Company	
Day Care Facilities	14	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	7		Yankee Gas Services
			Total beds	2,550	Typical rate	\$8.75 + 89.93c/Ccf