

# Cheshire

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
New Haven County  
New Haven Labor Market Area  
Naugatuck Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1780

### 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	21,782	761,337	3,107,580	White	22,933	627,554	2,648,212	
1990	25,684	804,219	3,287,116	Black	1,122	82,801	274,213	
1998	25,918	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	727	2,378	73,304	
2003	26,071	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	27	1,358	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	0.59%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	26	1,278	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	1,083	63,019	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	32.91	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.23%	7.86%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	787.54	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$30,778	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	8,428	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	3,537	21.2%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	37.4	36.9	37.2	Some College	4,194	25.2%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	7,152	42.9%	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	733 5%	2,465 18%	1,919 14%	4,689 35%	2,197 16%	1,343 10%	13,346	
Female	726 6%	2,096 17%	1,018 8%	4,499 36%	2,223 18%	2,010 16%	12,572	
County Total	52,870 7%	133,675 17%	69,164 9%	300,354 38%	114,260 14%	120,638 15%	790,961	
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	54	3.5%	306	2.0%	United Technologies	\$18,972,590	1.22%
Const. and Mining	248	15.9%	883	5.7%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$14,476,940	0.93%
Manufacturing	93	6.0%	3,594	23.3%	Industrial Ave LLC	\$13,465,160	0.86%
Trans. And Utilities	40	2.6%	325	2.1%	Bloomington's By Mail LTD	\$12,748,710	0.82%
Trade	318	20.4%	3,350	21.7%	Cheshire Distribution LLC	\$11,487,590	0.74%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	118	7.6%	748	4.8%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,557,473,708	
Services	678	43.4%	5,167	33.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	13	0.8%	1,075	7.0%	State of CT Dep. of Corrections	VDO Control Systems	
Total	1,562	100.0%	15,448	100.0%	Town of Cheshire	Bozzuto's Inc.	
					Pratt & Whitney Eagle Services		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$307,169,582	\$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	4,666	461,203		Reading	74	55	82	60	82	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,215	\$8,300		Math	80	59	72	52	72	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$50,769	\$48,598		Writing	44	46	64	46	70	51
Students Attending Public School	90.2%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.4	14.5		Verbal	<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	90.3%	75.8%		Math	530		503			
High School Dropout Rate	1.4%	4.6%			533		499			
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	17.1	Grade 2	17.7							
Grade 5	22.6	Grade 7	23.7	High School	22.1					

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## Government

Government Form	Council- Manager	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$7,202,968
		As % of Expenditures	12.7%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$56,598,643	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$56,661,529
Tax Revenue	\$40,211,170	Education	\$35,712,125
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,502,569	Other	\$20,949,404
Intergovernmental	\$13,884,904	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$73,585,684
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,491	As % of Expenditures	129.9%
As % of State Average	104.7%	Per Capita	\$2,760
		As % of State Average	265.2%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$7,202,968
		As % of Expenditures	12.7%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$2,038,656,138
		Per Capita	\$76,469
		As % of State Average	98.1%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/88
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa3
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	27.10
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.15
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	15.2%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	9,379	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	85.7%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	69	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	178	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	252	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.90%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	143	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	3	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	27	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	504	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	13	167	4,036
Average Price	\$194,426	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$178,500	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	7,103	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	15.7%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	232	42,124	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	13,078	414,075	1,723,300	1. Cheshire	3597	Cheshire 3597
Employed	12,632	391,311	1,635,400	2. Waterbury	2305	New Haven 1054
Unemployed	446	22,764	87,900	3. Meriden	753	Waterbury 845
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Southington	655	Hamden 804
Total Employment	12,610	354,930	1,581,700	5. Wallingford	416	Wallingford 775
Manufacturing	2,480	60,020	265,850	6. Wolcott	409	Meriden 597
'92-'97 Growth Rate	2.9%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Naugatuck	355	Hartford 535
Daytime Population	12,975	371,178	1,740,247	8. Hamden	312	North Haven 510
				9. Prospect	252	Southington 304
				10. Watertown	251	Stratford 196

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	16	1,378	Total Volumes	106,484	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	3	756	Circulation Per Capita	10.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	18	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	17.4	40	Hartford	21	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	62.8%	68.8%	Boston	112	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	80	Water Provider
			Providence	79	South Central Regional Water Authority
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			203-562-4020
Total Beds	0	2,462			Cable Provider
					Cox Communications CT, Inc.
					203-514-4269