

# Eastford

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Windham County  
Danielson Labor Market Area  
Northeast Economic Dev. Region  
Northeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1858

### 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	1,136	92,313	3,107,580	White	1,399	96,816	2,648,212	
1990	1,314	102,525	3,287,116	Black	5	1,131	274,213	
1998	1,439	105,074	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	6	1,128	73,304	
2003	1,489	105,698	3,272,149	Native American	2	349	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	3.47%	0.59%	0.03%	Other	0	119	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	27	5,531	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	28.89	512.80	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.35%	8.03%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	49.81	204.90	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$21,066	\$19,067	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	536	37,859	1,229,087	High School Graduate	268	29.9%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	41.0	35.5	37.2	Some College	199	22.2%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	256	28.6%	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	43 6%	120 17%	54 7%	279 39%	129 18%	97 13%	722	
Female	39 5%	117 16%	45 6%	264 37%	127 18%	125 17%	717	
County Total	7,374 7%	19,288 18%	10,266 10%	39,269 37%	15,064 14%	13,813 13%	105,074	
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	5	5.4%	26	4.1%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$727,950	1.38%
Const. and Mining	24	26.1%	75	11.8%	David R & Francis Buchholz	\$681,730	1.30%
Manufacturing	11	12.0%	230	36.3%	Whitcraft Corporation	\$434,220	0.83%
Trans. And Utilities	1	1.1%	3	0.5%	Charles S Bowen	\$373,160	0.71%
Trade	17	18.5%	201	31.8%	Richard B. Whitehead	\$325,670	0.62%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	2	2.2%	3	0.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$52,618,268	
Services	30	32.6%	75	11.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	2.5%	20	3.2%	Whitcraft, LLC	Eastford Public School Sys.	
Total	92	100.0%	633	100.0%	Kochek Company	Dairy Farms/Horticulture Industry	
					King Trucking		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$5,686,863	\$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	183	461,203		Reading	59	55	54	60	68	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,652	\$8,300		Math	53	59	46	52	45	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,849	\$48,598		Writing	29	46	8	46	73	51
Students Attending Public School	83.9%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.8	14.5		Verbal		Town		State		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	75.7%	75.8%				498		503		
High School Dropout Rate	0.4%	4.6%		Math		521		499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	24.0	Grade 2	16.0							
Grade 5	17.0	Grade 7	19.0	High School		19.8				

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$190,144
				As % of Expenditures	6.2%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$3,072,647	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$3,087,264	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$100,639,536
Tax Revenue	\$1,708,900	Education	\$2,135,612	Per Capita	\$68,138
Non-tax Revenue	\$79,053	Other	\$951,652	As % of State Average	87.4%
Intergovernmental	\$1,284,694	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$946,347	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/96
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,088	As % of Expenditures	30.6%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
As % of State Average	76.4%	Per Capita	\$641	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	29.95
		As % of State Average	61.6%	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.54
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.7%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	672	42,880	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	85.9%	65.0%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	13	909	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	8	323	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	6	411	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.19%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	27	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	28	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	6	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	21	1,355	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	2	4,036
Average Price	\$122,992	\$99,084	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$113,000	\$93,825	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	405	24,954	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	37.7%	36.4%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	7	5,189	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	805	55,776	1,723,300	1. Eastford	128	Eastford 128
Employed	777	52,071	1,635,400	2. Killingly	54	Mansfield 84
Unemployed	28	3,705	87,900	3. Woodstock	25	Hartford 57
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	6.6%	5.1%	4. Putnam	21	Windham 56
Total Employment	410	34,800	1,581,700	5. Willington	20	Woodstock 53
Manufacturing	240	8,480	265,850	6. Mansfield	16	Massachusetts 38
'92-'97 Growth Rate	41.4%	7.7%	4.3%	7. Pomfret	11	Killingly 25
Daytime Population	277	42,607	1,740,247	8. Hampton	10	Putnam 24
				9. Chaplin	9	Manchester 21
				10. Vernon	8	East Hartford 18

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Total Volumes	11,234	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	8.3	40	Hartford	32	na
% Open Land (1990)	84.9%	68.8%	Boston	63	na
			New York City	129	Water Provider
			Providence	35	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	234			Cable Provider
					Charter Communications of Northeastern CT
					800-872-7299