

Fairfield

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Bridgeport Labor Market Area
Greater Bridgeport Economic Dev. Region
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area

Incorporated in 1639

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	54,849	807,143	3,107,580	White	50,666	636,147	2,648,212
1990	53,418	827,645	3,287,116	Black	512	82,879	274,213
1998	53,505	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	1,075	25,592	73,304
2003	53,847	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	29	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	0.64%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	41	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	1,182	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	30.04	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.61%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,781.13	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$37,975	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	19,501	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	9,023	24.7%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	40.1	38.1	37.2	Some College	7,826	21.4%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	15,095	41.3%	597,693 27.4%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<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	1,483 6%	4,029 16%	2,599 10%	9,115 36%	4,367 17%	3,781 15%	25,374
Female	1,448 5%	3,778 13%	2,696 10%	9,685 34%	4,674 17%	5,850 21%	28,131
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
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	103	3.0%	421	1.5%	General Electric	\$66,836,876	1.61%
Const. and Mining	398	11.6%	1,319	4.7%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$51,598,903	1.25%
Manufacturing	148	4.3%	4,756	16.9%	United Properties	\$21,945,269	0.53%
Trans. And Utilities	89	2.6%	643	2.3%	Samuel Roberts	\$19,301,574	0.47%
Trade	713	20.9%	6,484	23.1%	United Illuminating	\$12,487,510	0.30%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	341	10.0%	2,158	7.7%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$4,141,351,758	
Services	1,617	47.3%	12,204	43.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	8	0.2%	139	0.5%	General Electric	Fairfield Town & Schools	
Total	3,417	100.0%	28,124	100.0%	Fairfield University	HEIM/INCOM International	
					Sacred Heart University		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$412,119,259	\$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	7,380	461,203		Reading	74 55	76 60	83 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,667	\$8,300		Math	75 59	69 52	70 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$57,280	\$48,598		Writing	62 46	58 46	73 51		
Students Attending Public School	83.7%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.5	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.7%	75.8%		Verbal		539	503		
High School Dropout Rate	1.5%	4.6%		Math		529	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 21.2	Grade 2 20.8								
Grade 5 23.8	Grade 7 21.4	High School 22.9							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Representative Town Meeti		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$5,333,827	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$115,232,212	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$113,861,843	As % of Expenditures	4.7%
Tax Revenue	\$100,720,710	Education	\$56,631,584	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$6,741,415,155
Non-tax Revenue	\$8,677,366	Other	\$57,230,259	Per Capita	\$126,554
Intergovernmental	\$5,834,136	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$46,990,000	As % of State Average	162.3%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,824	As % of Expenditures	41.3%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/93
As % of State Average	128.2%	Per Capita	\$882	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aaa
		As % of State Average	84.8%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	25.60
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.74
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	11.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	20,898	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	84.1%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	76	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	130	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	345	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.62%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	365	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	27	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	178	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	1,181	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	217	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$337,069	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$250,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	15,557	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	39.4%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	501	30,502	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	26,483	446,996	1,723,300	1. Fairfield	7883	Fairfield	7883
Employed	25,522	427,779	1,635,400	2. Bridgeport	5457	Bridgeport	3986
Unemployed	961	19,217	87,900	3. Trumbull	1447	New York	2377
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Stratford	1406	Norwalk	2253
Total Employment	22,330	411,650	1,581,700	5. Milford	866	Westport	1952
Manufacturing	2,460	75,610	265,850	6. Shelton	766	Stamford	1922
'92-'97 Growth Rate	12.6%	5.7%	4.3%	7. Westport	586	Stratford	843
Daytime Population	25,205	472,065	1,740,247	8. Monroe	575	Trumbull	556
				9. Norwalk	502	Greenwich	523
				10. New York	454	Milford	434

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	25	1,378	Total Volumes	263,485	Electric Provider	United Illuminating
Lodging (1997)	10	756	Circulation Per Capita	14.8		1-800-257-0141
Day Care Facilities (1998)	23	1,651			Gas Provider	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.788	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles		203-382-8111
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	36.9	40	Hartford	51	Water Provider	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
% Open Land (1990)	35.2%	68.8%	Boston	141		1-800-732-9678
			New York City	50	Cable Provider	Cablevision Systems of Southern CT
Hospitals (1997)	0	16	Providence	106		203-336-2225
Total Beds	0	2,184				