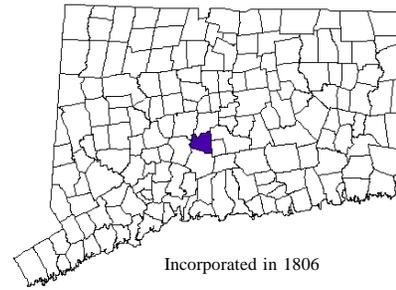


Meriden

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Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>									
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>						
1990	59,479	804,219	3,287,116	White	52,393	711,824	2,997,210						
2000	58,244	824,008	3,405,565	Black	2,512	79,304	266,880						
2001	58,409	825,138	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	409	10,584	52,248						
2006	58,213	834,574	3,465,947	Native American	117	1,455	6,660						
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	-0.07%	0.23%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	12,266	82,824	318,289						
Land Area (sq. miles)	24	606	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	7.3%	7.9%	6.6%						
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	2,460	1,362	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>									
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$23,816	\$28,013	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>						
Households (2001)	22,795	314,465	1,285,210	High School Graduate	13,511	34.1%	648,366 29.6%						
Median Age (2001)	36	36	37	Some College	8,958	22.6%	495,696 22.6%						
				Bachelors or More	6,276	15.9%	597,693 27.3%						
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</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	2,079	4%	5,299	9%	2,441	4%	10,764	18%	4,049	7%	3,433	6%	28,065
Female	1,917	4%	5,139	9%	2,361	4%	11,129	19%	4,518	8%	5,280	9%	30,344
County Total	52,621	6%	143,398	17%	72,491	9%	309,223	37%	125,417	15%	121,988	15%	825,138
State Total	213,561	6%	597,220	17%	279,666	8%	1,294,651	38%	544,994	16%	484,692	14%	3,414,784

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	36	1.8%	126	0.5%	Meriden Square #3 LLC	\$49,320,460	2.11%
Const. and Mining	255	12.8%	1,898	7.9%	Meriden Square Partnership	\$26,374,110	1.13%
Manufacturing	124	6.2%	5,977	24.9%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$23,733,260	1.01%
Trans. and Utilities	70	3.5%	2,360	9.8%	Yankee Gas Co.	\$20,606,310	0.88%
Trade	579	29.1%	5,206	21.7%	Urstadt Biddle Properties inc.	\$15,109,080	0.65%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	107	5.4%	861	3.6%	Net Grand List ()	\$2,339,590,144	
Services	795	40.0%	6,363	26.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	21	1.1%	1,171	4.9%	VMMC	Walbro Automotive	
Total	1,987	100.0%	23,962	100.0%	SNET	Canberra Ind.	
					Yankee Gas Services		
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$716,332,446	\$76,264,820,474

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>						
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Total Students	1,806	461,203		Reading	46	55	49	60	46	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,866	\$8,300		Math	44	59	35	59	30	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$52,446	\$48,598		Writing	33	46	32	46	27	51
Students Attending Public School	85.9%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.8	14.5		Verbal			470		503	
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	71.9%	75.8%		Math			477		499	
High School Dropout Rate	6.8%	4.6%								
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 20.2	Grade 2	20.7								
Grade 5 21.4	Grade 7	22.4	High School	21.2						

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Government

Government Form	Mayor-Council-City Manager		Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$17,363,827	
			As % of Expenditures	13.6%	
Total Revenue (1999)	\$121,168,421	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$127,852,659	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$2,978,827,008
Tax Revenue	\$64,948,840	Education	\$58,729,805	Per Capita	\$52,900
Non-tax Revenue	\$56,219,581	Other	\$69,122,854	As % of State Average	0.3%
Intergovernmental	\$51,028,144	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$89,406,345	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	2001
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,153	As % of Expenditures	69.9%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	Baa1
As % of State Average	74.4%	Per Capita	\$1,588	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	35.80
		As % of State Average	115.2%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	26.27
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	18.5%

Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	24,714	343,158	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	53.3%	58.2%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	410	3,449	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	43	2,413	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	406	5,858	24,349
As % Existing Units	0.17%	0.70%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	16	1,752	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	37	626	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	620	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	833	12,102	56,032	\$400,001 or More	1	423	6,256
Average Price	\$92,929	\$150,331	\$219,784	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$82,036	\$119,900	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	14,071	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	38.0%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	4,558	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

(2000)	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	30,607	420,463	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	29,655	409,831	1,707,150	Meriden	12,166	Meriden	12,166
Unemployed	952	10,632	39,353	Wallingford	2,099	Wallingford	4,256
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.5%	2.3%	Southington	1,153	Middletown	1,461
Total Employment	26,710	367,510	1,693,400	Middletown	622	Hartford	1,345
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	1.3%	0.9%	1.3%	Cheshire	597	North Haven	1,189
Manufacturing	4,580	58,590	268,400	Waterbury	496	Southington	1,038
				Hamden	318	New Haven	875
				New Britain	314	Cheshire	753
				New Haven	309	Hamden	438

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2000)	17	1,183	Total Volumes	208,503	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.0	Connecticut Light & Power	(800) 286-2000
Day Care Facilities (1999)	22	1,722			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	no calc	7.0	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	Yankee Gas Company	(800)-989-0900
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	39	33	Hartford	17	Water Provider	
% Open Land (1990)	34.3%	68.7%	Boston	107	City of Meriden Water Department	(203) 630-4256
			New York City	85	Cable Provider	
Hospitals (1999)	1	7	Providence	74	Cox Communications CT, Inc.	203-514-4269
Total Beds	94	2,487				