

North Canaan

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Litchfield County
Torrington Labor Market Area
Northwestern Economic Dev. Region
Northwestern 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	3,167	156,768	3,107,580	White	3,411	174,776	2,648,212
1990	3,284	174,092	3,287,116	Black	45	1,786	274,213
1998	3,496	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	18	2,258	73,304
2003	3,591	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	4	321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	2.72%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	1	140	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	17	2,593	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	19.45	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.92%	3.97%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	179.74	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$20,194	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,391	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	893	39.4%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	40.0	38.3	37.2	Some College	531	23.4%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	336	14.8%	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	100 6%	277 17%	125 8%	639 39%	236 14%	268 16%	1,645
Female	98 5%	274 15%	137 7%	609 33%	279 15%	454 25%	1,851
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874
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	11	4.3%	41	1.8%	Becton Dickinson Company	\$31,626,200	17.85%
Const. and Mining	55	21.7%	190	8.4%	Specialty Minerals, Inc.	\$10,356,280	5.84%
Manufacturing	15	5.9%	974	42.9%	Becton-Dickinson & Co.	\$9,593,640	5.41%
Trans. And Utilities	8	3.1%	53	2.3%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$4,029,320	2.27%
Trade	79	31.1%	463	20.4%	North Canaan Apartments Assoc. LP	\$1,462,020	0.83%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	13	5.1%	73	3.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$177,207,150	
Services	69	27.2%	471	20.7%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	1.6%	5	0.2%	Becton Dickinson Co.	No. Canaan Apts. Assoc. Ltd.	
Total	254	100.0%	2,270	100.0%	Specialty Minerals Inc.	Riva Leroy Cynthia	
					CT Light & Power Co.		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$16,519,913	\$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>		<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	592	461,203		Reading	54 55	65 60	69 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,500	\$8,300		Math	59 59	50 52	35 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$42,689	\$48,598		Writing	62 46	58 46	59 51		
Students Attending Public School	99.8%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.8	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	57.5%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	4.6%		Verbal		486	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		520	499		
Kindergarten 17.5	Grade 2 15.0								
Grade 5 22.0	Grade 7 18.5	High School 22.3							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,058,506	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$6,386,687	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$6,862,722	As % of Expenditures	15.4%
Tax Revenue	\$3,745,522	Education	\$4,455,076	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$236,263,799
Non-tax Revenue	\$157,697	Other	\$2,407,646	Per Capita	\$77,489
Intergovernmental	\$2,483,468	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$4,089,633	As % of State Average	99.4%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,139	As % of Expenditures	59.6%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
As % of State Average	80.0%	Per Capita	\$1,341	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	128.9%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	15.63
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	19.8%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	1,486	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	72.5%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	27	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	6	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	13	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.40%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	41	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	121	4,036
Average Price	\$104,763	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$90,000	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	921	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	55.2%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	131	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	2,116	99,974	1,723,300	1. North Canaan	892	North Canaan	892
Employed	2,045	95,692	1,635,400	2. Massachusetts	482	Salisbury	163
Unemployed	71	4,282	87,900	3. Salisbury	190	Massachusetts	136
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Torrington	133	New York	60
Total Employment	1,630	63,800	1,581,700	5. New York	121	Canaan	45
Manufacturing	800	17,490	265,850	6. Canaan	100	Torrington	44
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-9.9%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Winchester	100	Sharon	27
Daytime Population	2,393	75,784	1,740,247	8. Norfolk	81	Norfolk	26
				9. Sharon	29	Winchester	26
				10. Colebrook	19	Cornwall	22

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	19,188	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.1	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	0	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	16.7	40	Hartford	36	na	
% Open Land (1990)	63.8%	68.8%	Boston	119	na	
			New York City	99	Water Provider	
			Providence	98	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	
					1-800-732-9678	
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	276			TCI Cablevision of Northwest CT	
					860-824-3057	