

# Old Saybrook

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Middlesex County  
New London Labor Market Area  
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region  
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area

Incorporated in 1854

### 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	9,287	129,017	3,107,580	White	9,239	136,456	2,648,212
1990	9,552	143,196	3,287,116	Black	158	6,562	274,213
1998	9,713	149,610	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	155	2,364	73,304
2003	9,902	154,241	3,272,149	Native American	2	237	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.95%	3.10%	0.03%	Other	9	135	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	150	3,856	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	15.03	369.28	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.91%	3.96%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	646.24	405.14	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$33,210	\$25,497	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	3,877	58,001	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,064	29.8%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	42.8	37.6	37.2	Some College	1,762	25.4%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	2,184	31.5%	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	268 6%	715 16%	321 7%	1,636 36%	841 18%	783 17%	4,564
Female	264 5%	726 14%	301 6%	1,644 32%	941 18%	1,273 25%	5,149
County Total	9,278 6%	24,735 17%	12,244 8%	59,822 40%	22,811 15%	20,720 14%	149,610
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	14	1.5%	40	0.7%	R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Inc.	\$29,999,350	2.64%
Const. and Mining	111	12.2%	360	6.0%	Saybrook Point Marina LLC	\$11,445,790	1.01%
Manufacturing	67	7.4%	1,043	17.3%	Isidor Rubin Trustee	\$10,741,010	0.94%
Trans. And Utilities	26	2.9%	94	1.6%	Mill Meadow Development	\$6,194,170	0.54%
Trade	280	30.8%	1,840	30.5%	Fortune Plastics, Inc.	\$5,362,270	0.47%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	53	5.8%	256	4.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,137,917,178	
Services	352	38.7%	2,117	35.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	6	0.7%	278	4.6%	R R Donnelley & Sons Co.	Saybrook Convalescent Hosp.	
Total	909	100.0%	6,028	100.0%	Fortune Plastics Inc.	Saybrook Point Inn	
					Gladeview Health Care Center		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$123,759,216	\$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	1,330	461,203		Reading	69 55	67 60	69 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,822	\$8,300		Math	70 59	63 52	59 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$45,190	\$48,598		Writing	73 46	51 46	81 51		
Students Attending Public School	87.2%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.7	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	70.1%	75.8%		Verbal		521	503		
High School Dropout Rate	4.0%	4.6%		Math		531	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 20.4	Grade 2 20.4								
Grade 5 21.0	Grade 7 21.0	High School 18.3							

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,034,851	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$18,763,618	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$19,722,817	As % of Expenditures	10.3%
Tax Revenue	\$16,131,023	Education	\$10,824,872	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$1,312,889,998
Non-tax Revenue	\$933,684	Other	\$8,897,945	Per Capita	\$138,184
Intergovernmental	\$1,698,911	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$16,296,139	As % of State Average	177.2%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,658	As % of Expenditures	82.6%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	116.5%	Per Capita	\$1,715	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	164.8%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	15.25
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	12.11
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	15.4%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	5,286	65,409	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	93.5%	73.1%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	44	980	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	37	625	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	136	1,286	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.70%	0.96%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	37	263	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	2	41	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	13	79	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	241	2,661	56,333	\$400,001 or More	11	53	4,036
Average Price	\$206,675	\$150,373	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$160,000	\$134,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	3,046	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	24.3%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	95	5,076	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	5,672	81,578	1,723,300	1. Old Saybrook	1948	Old Saybrook	1948
Employed	5,441	77,578	1,635,400	2. Westbrook	514	Essex	326
Unemployed	231	4,000	87,900	3. Clinton	492	Westbrook	229
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.9%	5.1%	4. Old Lyme	409	New London	180
Total Employment	5,580	64,510	1,581,700	5. Essex	383	Clinton	167
Manufacturing	1,220	13,100	265,850	6. Deep River	220	Middletown	158
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-2.3%	4.7%	4.3%	7. East Lyme	205	Hartford	157
Daytime Population	7,212	69,418	1,740,247	8. Groton	185	Groton	147
				9. Chester	183	Deep River	111
				10. Guilford	143	New Haven	109

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	6	1,378	Total Volumes	56,132	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	17.4	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	6	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	33.8	40	Hartford	35	Southern Connecticut Gas Company	
% Open Land (1990)	67.0%	68.8%	Boston	100	203-382-8111	
			New York City	92	Water Provider	
			Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company	
Hospitals (1997)	0	1			1-800-286-5700	
Total Beds	0	275			Cable Provider	
					Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.	
					860-388-3354	