

Portland

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Middlesex County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Middlesex County Economic Development
Region
Midstate Planning Area



Incorporated in May 1841

Demographics

Population	Town	County	State	Race/Ethnicity (1990)	Town	County	State
1990	8,418	143,196	3,287,116	White	8,120	134,489	2,859,353
1995	8,520	145,090	3,289,090	Black	191	6,002	274,269
2000	8,540	146,930	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	46	1,538	50,698
2005	8,530	150,060	3,364,080	Native American	18	230	6,654
				Other	43	937	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	0.1%	3.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin	110	2,881	213,116
Land Area	23.4	369.3	4,845.4	(may be of any race)			
Population per square mile	364.0	392.9	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	3,143	55,548	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		Town	State
				High school graduate		1,905	648,366
				Some College		1,336	495,696
				Bachelors or more		1,459	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	7%	14%	25%	25%	16%	13%	4,228
Female	6%	12%	22%	25%	16%	19%	4,292
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

Number of Establishments (1995)	Town	County	State	Top Ten Assessments (1994)	
Manufacturing	20	302	6,068	1. Stone Corrugated	\$5,296,670
Services	78	1,581	39,011	2. Perry Portland Assoc.	4,284,040
Trade - Retail	52	929	20,251	3. CT Light & Power	3,831,020
Trade - Wholesale	14	323	9,858	4. Jarvis Airfoil	3,408,450
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	14	266	8,809	5. Scott & Daniells	2,581,720
Total Establishments	254	4,445	104,409	6. Delrusso/Waverly	2,072,110
Per Capita Income	\$28,241	\$28,252	\$30,303	7. Standard Knapp	2,055,890
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$63,213	\$27,231,413		8. Elmcrest Psych	1,486,830
				9. Riverdale Properties	1,452,100
				10. Portland Boat	1,215,220
				As % of Grand List	4.8

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	1,223
Total expenditures per pupil	\$9,105
Average teacher's salary	\$43,059
Students attending public school	91.8 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	4
Graduates attending four year college	46.3 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	42.4	58.0	68.4
Math	70.6	52.9	48.1
Writing	n/a	34.9	55.8

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	21.0	Grade 5	23.0	High School	21.2
Grade 2	20.4	Grade 7	23.0		

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Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$15,011,088	Equalized Grand List	\$580,918,555
Total revenue	\$15,085,281	Education	\$9,693,531	Per capita	\$67,801
Tax revenue	\$10,549,429	Other	\$5,317,557	As % of state average	86.6
Non-tax revenue	\$4,535,852	Total Indebtness	\$10,533,110	Date of last revaluation	10/1/92
Intergovernmental	27.3%	As % of expenditures	70.2	Moody's Bond Rating	A
Per capita tax	\$1,231	Per capita	\$1,229	Actual mill rate	26.30
As % of state average	61.7	As % of state average	63.8	Equalized mill rate	18.29
		Annual Debt Service	\$1,595,793	Voting districts	1
		As % of expenditures	10.6		

Housing

1994				<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Existing Units (total)	3,428	63,764	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	7	542	11,328
% Single unit detached	77.8	72.4	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	57	1,083	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	32	626	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	52	629	11,132
% Single unit detached	100.0	96.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	1	104	4,662
As % of Existing Units	0.9	1.0	0.7	\$400,001 or more	2	48	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	119	2,406	50,087				
Average price	\$154,875	\$136,537	\$171,382				
Median price	\$145,000	\$125,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	4,509	80,256	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	4,256	75,966	1,630,000	1. Portland	995	Middletown	1,169
Unemployed	253	4,290	96,000	2. Middletown	543	Portland	995
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.3%	5.6%	3. East Hampton	211	Hartford	462
Total Employment	3,210	61,810	1,538,980	4. Meriden	102	East Hartford	200
Manufacturing	810	12,280	270,250	5. Cromwell	78	Glastonbury	200
				6. Glastonbury	74	Cromwell	126
				7. Haddam	72	Meriden	121
				8. Hartford	45	Wethersfield	104
				9. East Hartford	43	Newington	90
				10. Middlefield	42	Haddam	87

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>	
Miles to State Capitol	14		Total books and serials	51,309	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	0	488	Weekly hours open	58	CT Light and Power	
Banks	3	1,188	Circulation per capita	15.2	Typical basic rate	
Lodging	2	467	Crime rate (1994)		\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh	
Number of units	49	26,540	per 1,000 residents	21.5	Typical heat rate	
Day Care Facilities	5	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	1	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh	
			Total beds	275	Gas Company	
					CT Natural Gas	
					Typical rate	
					\$7.75 + 83.12c/Ccf	