

Portland

Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1841

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	8,383	129,017	3,107,580	White	8,405	136,456	2,648,212	
1990	8,418	143,196	3,287,116	Black	213	6,562	274,213	
1998	8,854	149,610	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	66	2,364	73,304	
2003	9,125	154,241	3,272,149	Native American	18	237	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	3.06%	3.10%	0.03%	Other	4	135	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	148	3,856	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	23.41	369.28	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.09%	3.96%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	378.21	405.14	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,101	\$25,497	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	3,319	58,001	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,905	32.6%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.4	37.6	37.2	Some College	1,336	22.9%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	1,459	25.0%	597,693	27.4%
	<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	272 6%	752 17%	348 8%	1,700 39%	718 16%	575 13%	4,365	
Female	264 6%	715 16%	294 7%	1,659 37%	747 17%	810 18%	4,489	
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	13	3.0%	40	1.0%	Stone Container Corporation	\$4,297,350	1.02%
Const. and Mining	91	20.7%	309	7.8%	Perry Portland Associates LLC	\$4,284,040	1.02%
Manufacturing	29	6.6%	644	16.2%	Jarvis Airfoil, Inc.	\$3,121,840	0.74%
Trans. And Utilities	11	2.5%	104	2.6%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$2,667,660	0.63%
Trade	116	26.4%	619	15.6%	Scott & Daniells, Inc.	\$2,342,270	0.56%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	19	4.3%	146	3.7%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$420,686,747	
Services	158	36.0%	2,061	52.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	0.5%	41	1.0%	Portland Board of Education	Scott & Daniels	
Total	439	100.0%	3,964	100.0%	Standard Knapp	Town of Portland	
					Stone Container		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$66,817,887	\$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	1,289	461,203		Reading	57	55	65	60	67	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,717	\$8,300		Math	68	59	69	52	54	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$43,200	\$48,598		Writing	51	46	67	46	76	51
Students Attending Public School	93.3%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.9	14.5		Verbal			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	79.6%	75.8%		Math			510	503		
High School Dropout Rate	2.2%	4.6%					522	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 19.0	Grade 2	19.3								
Grade 5 22.8	Grade 7	23.3	High School	18.8						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,415,538	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$16,633,237	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$15,836,255	As % of Expenditures	8.9%
Tax Revenue	\$12,132,951	Education	\$10,360,237	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$588,646,112
Non-tax Revenue	\$570,353	Other	\$5,476,018	Per Capita	\$68,249
Intergovernmental	\$3,929,933	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$8,883,320	As % of State Average	87.5%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,383	As % of Expenditures	56.1%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/92
As % of State Average	97.1%	Per Capita	\$1,030	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	99.0%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	28.76
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	20.14
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	14.1%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	3,469	65,409	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	78.4%	73.1%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	52	980	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	24	625	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	76	1,286	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.69%	0.96%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	9	263	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	3	41	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	79	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	137	2,661	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	53	4,036
Average Price	\$149,015	\$150,373	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$143,500	\$134,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,385	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	39.9%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	215	5,076	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	4,593	81,578	1,723,300	1. Portland	995	Middletown	1169
Employed	4,352	77,578	1,635,400	2. Middletown	543	Portland	995
Unemployed	241	4,000	87,900	3. East Hampton	211	Hartford	462
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.9%	5.1%	4. Meriden	102	East Hartford	200
Total Employment	2,850	64,510	1,581,700	5. Cromwell	78	Glastonbury	200
Manufacturing	600	13,100	265,850	6. Glastonbury	74	Cromwell	126
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-4.7%	4.7%	4.3%	7. Haddam	72	Meriden	121
Daytime Population	3,773	69,418	1,740,247	8. Hartford	45	Wethersfield	104
				9. East Hartford	43	Newington	90
				10. Middlefield	42	Haddam	87

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	3	1,378	Total Volumes	69,481	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	20.6	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	18.1	40	Hartford	12	CTG Resources
% Open Land (1990)	68.1%	68.8%	Boston	95	860-727-3000
			New York City	96	Water Provider
			Providence	62	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	1			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	275			Cable Provider
					Comcast Cablevision of Middletown, Inc.
					860-613-3000