

# Preston

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
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*Belongs to*  
New London County  
New London Labor Market Area  
Southeast Economic Dev. Region  
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1687

### 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	4,584	238,410	3,107,580	White	4,740	221,517	2,648,212	
1990	5,006	254,957	3,287,116	Black	86	12,225	274,213	
1998	5,025	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	65	4,718	73,304	
2003	5,139	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	13	1,321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	2.27%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	5	438	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	116	10,958	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	30.90	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.51%	6.37%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	162.62	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,057	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	1,754	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,194	33.6%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	40.4	35.4	37.2	Some College	973	27.3%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	656	18.4%	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	130 5%	355 14%	223 9%	1,001 39%	484 19%	348 14%	2,541	
Female	132 5%	344 14%	211 8%	918 37%	468 19%	411 17%	2,484	
County Total	17,896 7%	43,485 17%	24,337 10%	97,191 39%	35,483 14%	32,785 13%	251,177	
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	7.1%	41	3.7%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$2,363,760	1.24%
Const. and Mining	59	32.2%	204	18.6%	Mashantucket Pequot Tribe	\$1,719,480	0.90%
Manufacturing	8	4.4%	56	5.1%	Hyman Biber	\$1,063,839	0.56%
Trans. And Utilities	3	1.6%	31	2.8%	Peter Fleming	\$833,840	0.44%
Trade	39	21.3%	399	36.5%	Glenn M. Davis	\$595,910	0.31%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8	4.4%	58	5.3%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$190,156,420	
Services	52	28.4%	305	27.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	Southeast Area Transit	Spafas Incorporated	
Total	183	100.0%	1,094	100.0%	American Rf-Fuel SE CT	Yantic River Inn Inc	
					Connecticut Brass Corp		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$10,914,908	\$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	498	461,203		Reading	78 55	60 60	82 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,797	\$8,300		Math	67 59	66 52	65 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$49,187	\$48,598		Writing	63 46	50 46	73 51		
Students Attending Public School	91.5%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.2	14.5		Verbal		Town		State	
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.2%	75.8%				504		503	
High School Dropout Rate	23.4%	4.6%		Math		523		499	
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 13.5	Grade 2 17.7								
Grade 5 17.3	Grade 7 18.2	High School 23.4							

**Connecticut Town Profiles 1998-1999**

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$154,326	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$8,472,423	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$8,063,801	As % of Expenditures	1.9%
Tax Revenue	\$3,812,507	Education	\$6,019,755	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$248,247,084
Non-tax Revenue	\$778,037	Other	\$2,044,046	Per Capita	\$50,314
Intergovernmental	\$3,881,879	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$1,549,265	As % of State Average	64.5%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$679	As % of Expenditures	19.2%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
As % of State Average	47.7%	Per Capita	\$314	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	30.2%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	19.50
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	15.04
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	4.5%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,817	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	89.9%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	21	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	21	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	33	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.16%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	3	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	57	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$135,464	\$127,398	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$124,500	\$114,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,382	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	28.1%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	74	11,508	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	2,807	133,951	1,723,300	1. Preston	389	Norwich	674
Employed	2,678	126,435	1,635,400	2. Norwich	360	Groton	517
Unemployed	129	7,516	87,900	3. Griswold	91	Preston	389
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.6%	5.1%	4. Montville	85	New London	161
Total Employment	1,130	126,990	1,581,700	5. Waterford	83	Montville	130
Manufacturing	10	20,790	265,850	6. Groton	67	Ledyard	81
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-21.5%	16.7%	4.3%	7. Lisbon	45	Waterford	74
Daytime Population	1,461	119,632	1,740,247	8. Colchester	44	Stonington	57
				9. Ledyard	42	Rhode Island	30
				10. Stonington	32	Killingly	27

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Total Volumes	18,775	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	6	756	Circulation Per Capita	4.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	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	11.8	40	Hartford	39	na
% Open Land (1990)	73.6%	68.8%	Boston	76	na
			New York City	117	Water Provider
			Providence	37	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	563			Cable Provider
					Century Norwich Corporation
					860-889-5676