

Prospect

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
Waterbury Labor Market Area
Naugatuck Valley Economic Dev. Region
Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1827

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	6,815	761,337	3,107,580	White	7,820	627,554	2,648,212	
1990	7,775	804,219	3,287,116	Black	204	82,801	274,213	
1998	8,215	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	52	2,378	73,304	
2003	8,428	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	15	1,358	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	2.59%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	3	1,278	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	121	63,019	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	14.32	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.83%	7.86%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	573.67	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$23,198	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	2,707	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,745	33.4%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	39.0	36.9	37.2	Some College	1,224	23.4%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	1,048	20.1%	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	268 7%	703 18%	340 9%	1,469 37%	729 18%	486 12%	3,995	
Female	263 6%	690 16%	327 8%	1,489 35%	740 18%	711 17%	4,220	
County Total	52,870 7%	133,675 17%	69,164 9%	300,354 38%	114,260 14%	120,638 15%	790,961	
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	3.6%	97	4.0%	Eugene R. Lewis	\$2,938,740	0.86%
Const. and Mining	89	23.0%	311	12.8%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$2,138,030	0.62%
Manufacturing	33	8.5%	356	14.7%	Fairfield Group Health Care Cntr.	\$1,605,130	0.47%
Trans. And Utilities	17	4.4%	82	3.4%	Connecticut Water Company	\$1,589,840	0.46%
Trade	64	16.5%	348	14.4%	Program Limited Partnership	\$1,469,430	0.43%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	26	6.7%	102	4.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$343,459,492	
Services	141	36.4%	1,078	44.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	3	0.8%	49	2.0%	J. Cunningham, Inc.	Oliver's Supermarket	
Total	387	100.0%	2,423	100.0%	Dufour Transportation Services	Regional Water Authority	
					Northeast Waste Systems		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$20,602,472	\$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	3,171	461,203		Reading	58 55	56 60	70 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,859	\$8,300		Math	70 59	50 52	59 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$46,622	\$48,598		Writing	53 46	67 46	81 51		
Students Attending Public School	94.4%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.4	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	71.2%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	2.6%	4.6%		Verbal		488	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		495	499		
Kindergarten 15.1	Grade 2 19.3								
Grade 5 22.8	Grade 7 25.6	High School 21.1							

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Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$896,235
		As % of Expenditures	7.1%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$11,882,237	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$12,575,671
Tax Revenue	\$7,416,615	Education	\$8,841,936
Non-tax Revenue	\$394,558	Other	\$3,733,735
Intergovernmental	\$4,071,064	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$10,379,293
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$850	As % of Expenditures	82.5%
As % of State Average	59.7%	Per Capita	\$1,277
		As % of State Average	122.6%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$896,235
		As % of Expenditures	7.1%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$528,025,203
		Per Capita	\$64,940
		As % of State Average	83.3%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A3
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	23.80
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	13.97
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	7.6%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	2,908	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	91.4%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	38	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	55	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	57	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.89%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	22	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	4	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	118	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	167	4,036
Average Price	\$145,269	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$146,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,380	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	16.7%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	22	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	4,669	414,075	1,723,300	1. Prospect	542	Waterbury 1032
Employed	4,465	391,311	1,635,400	2. Waterbury	411	Prospect 542
Unemployed	204	22,764	87,900	3. Naugatuck	229	Cheshire 252
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Cheshire	60	Naugatuck 232
Total Employment	2,180	354,930	1,581,700	5. Bethany	48	New Haven 224
Manufacturing	340	60,020	265,850	6. Wolcott	35	Watertown 129
'92-'97 Growth Rate	13.0%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Watertown	28	Stratford 106
Daytime Population	2,157	371,178	1,740,247	8. Middlebury	25	Wallingford 100
				9. Plymouth	24	Milford 95
				10. Thomaston	23	Southington 92

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	4	1,378	Total Volumes	31,678	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.6	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	10.3	40	Hartford	24	na
% Open Land (1990)	83.0%	68.8%	Boston	116	na
			New York City	77	Water Provider
			Providence	83	Connecticut Water Company
					1-800-286-5700
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,462			Marcus Cable Company, L.L.C.
					203-755-1178