

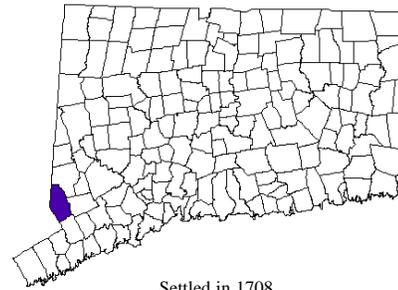
Ridgefield

Connecticut

Town Hall
400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

(203) 431-2700

Belongs to
Fairfield County
Danbury Labor Market Area
Housatonic Valley Economic Development
Region
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Settled in 1708

Demographics

Population	Town	County	State	Race/Ethnicity (1990)	Town	County	State
1990	20,919	827,645	3,287,116	White	20,439	700,350	2,859,353
1995	21,580	828,220	3,289,090	Black	123	81,519	274,269
2000	22,140	832,420	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	276	17,332	50,698
2005	22,510	843,190	3,364,080	Native American	34	1,226	6,654
				Other	47	27,218	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	4.3%	1.8%	2.3%	Hispanic origin	324	70,818	213,116
Land Area	34.4	625.9	4,845.4	(may be of any race)			
Population per square mile	626.7	1,323.3	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	7,757	307,772	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		Town	State
				High school graduate		2,176	648,366
				Some College		3,083	495,696
				Bachelors or more		7,962	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	8%	17%	20%	28%	18%	9%	10,566
Female	8%	14%	20%	29%	18%	10%	11,014
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

Number of Establishments (1995)	Town	County	State	Top Ten Assessments (1994)	
Manufacturing	26	1,480	6,068	1. Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd.	\$167,833,680
Services	368	12,870	39,011	2. Schlumberger Well	13,916,960
Trade - Retail	168	5,427	20,251	3. Schlumberger Tech Corp	10,114,000
Trade - Wholesale	73	2,689	9,858	4. Copps Hill Plaza Shopping Assoc.	9,170,000
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	80	2,997	8,809	5. Perkin Elmer Corporation	7,648,200
Total Establishments	880	30,755	104,409	6. Donnelly, Joseph H. Tr	5,580,270
Per Capita Income	\$53,396	\$41,082	\$30,303	7. CCC Of Connecticut, Inc.	5,530,000
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$149,842	\$27,231,413		8. CT Light & Power Company	5,523,774
				9. Zemo, Stephen J.	5,265,070
				10. Ridgefield Bank	4,603,567
				As % of Grand List	7.8

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-5 (4), 6-8, 9-12

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	3,837
Total expenditures per pupil	\$8,539
Average teacher's salary	\$60,240
Students attending public school	92.4 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	0
Graduates attending four year college	87.6 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	69.3	83.9	76.6
Math	79.4	74.7	80.8
Writing	56.7	65.6	49.6

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	18.6	Grade 5	23.1	High School	21.3
Grade 2	20.9	Grade 7	23.1		

Connecticut Town Profiles 1996-1997

is a publication of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; Research Division 865 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3405 Phone (860) 258-4235.

Ridgefield

Connecticut

Government

Government Form Selectman- Town Meeting

1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$46,511,708	Equalized Grand List	\$3,010,159,210
Total revenue	\$49,746,340	Education	\$30,244,304	Per capita	\$139,618
Tax revenue	\$44,928,046	Other	\$16,267,404	As % of state average	178.4
Non-tax revenue	\$4,818,294	Total Indebtness	\$21,485,543	Date of last revaluation	10/1/86
Intergovernmental	2.5%	As % of expenditures	46.2	Moody's Bond Rating	Aa1
Per capita tax	\$2,084	Per capita	\$997	Actual mill rate	21.40
As % of state average	104.5	As % of state average	51.7	Equalized mill rate	14.77
		Annual Debt Service	\$3,824,237	Voting districts	3
		As % of expenditures	8.2		

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)	8,330	329,899	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	53	2,408	11,328
% Single unit detached	85.1	63.8	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	60	3,295	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	124	2,327	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	147	4,028	11,132
% Single unit detached	87.1	66.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	219	3,009	4,662
As % of Existing Units	1.5	0.7	0.7	\$400,001 or more	170	2,606	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	649	15,346	50,087				
Average price	\$327,446	\$271,408	\$171,382				
Median price	\$280,000	\$190,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	12,093	440,485	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	11,783	419,062	1,630,000	1. Ridgefield	2,818	Ridgefield	2,818
Unemployed	310	21,423	96,000	2. Danbury	1,205	New York	2,210
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	4.9%	5.6%	3. New York	400	Danbury	1,450
Total Employment	7,580	400,440	1,538,980	4. Bethel	336	Stamford	1,181
Manufacturing	1,740	82,090	270,250	5. Brookfield	259	Wilton	629
				6. Redding	246	Norwalk	589
				7. New Fairfield	207	Greenwich	262
				8. Newtown	186	New Canaan	204
				9. Wilton	148	Westport	197
				10. New Milford	141	New Milford	168

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	65		Total books and serials	82,989	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	2	488	Weekly hours open	55		CT Light and Power
Banks	12	1,188	Circulation per capita	10.7	Typical basic rate	\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh
Lodging	5	467	Crime rate (1994)		Typical heat rate	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh
Number of units	80	26,540	per 1,000 residents	10.7	Gas Company	
Day Care Facilities	15	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	7		Yankee Gas Services
			Total beds	2,230	Typical rate	\$8.75 + 89.93c/Ccf