

Thomaston

Connecticut

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

Incorporated in 1875

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	6,276	156,768	3,107,580	White	7,177	174,776	2,648,212
1990	6,947	174,092	3,287,116	Black	18	1,786	274,213
1998	7,330	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	25	2,258	73,304
2003	7,495	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	8	321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	2.25%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	2	140	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	100	2,593	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	12.01	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.38%	3.97%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	610.32	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$21,340	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	2,781	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,743	37.7%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	37.0	38.3	37.2	Some College	1,103	23.8%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	819	17.7%	597,693 27.4%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<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	251 7%	648 18%	273 8%	1,486 42%	505 14%	404 11%	3,567
Female	247 7%	640 17%	275 7%	1,484 39%	523 14%	594 16%	3,763
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874
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	7	1.7%	26	0.7%	Risdon Corporation	\$8,688,691	2.47%
Const. and Mining	92	22.1%	407	11.2%	Summit Corporation of America	\$5,377,456	1.53%
Manufacturing	62	14.9%	1,564	42.9%	Datron Systems Inc.	\$3,632,860	1.03%
Trans. And Utilities	14	3.4%	93	2.5%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$3,315,390	0.94%
Trade	115	27.6%	542	14.9%	Oneglia Family Trust	\$3,010,980	0.86%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	21	5.0%	141	3.9%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$352,116,736	
Services	102	24.5%	765	21.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	1.0%	111	3.0%	Whyco Chromium	Quality Rolling and Deburring	
Total	417	100.0%	3,649	100.0%	Eyelet's for Industries	Risdon	
					Summit Finishing		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$28,316,062	\$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	1,197	461,203		55	55	63	60	62	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,197	\$8,300		51	59	53	52	56	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,573	\$48,598		39	46	45	46	69	51
Students Attending Public School	88.7%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.1	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	76.2%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	1.7%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Kindergarten 18.6	Grade 2 19.6			Verbal		465	503		
Grade 5 27.0	Grade 7 22.8	High School 15.2		Math		472	499		

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$812,263
Total Revenue (1996)	\$13,721,520	As % of Expenditures	6.3%
Tax Revenue	\$8,624,114	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$434,652,505
Non-tax Revenue	\$503,402	Per Capita	\$59,411
Intergovernmental	\$4,594,004	As % of State Average	76.2%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,187	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
As % of State Average	83.4%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$12,862,840	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	26.44
Education	\$7,939,913	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.25
Other	\$4,922,927	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	16.4%
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$5,794,871		
As % of Expenditures	45.0%		
Per Capita	\$792		
As % of State Average	76.1%		

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	2,907	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	68.6%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	47	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	34	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	47	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.17%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	95	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	121	4,036
Average Price	\$109,665	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$111,250	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,911	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	33.8%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	161	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	4,179	99,974	1,723,300	1. Thomaston	1020	Thomaston 1020
Employed	3,946	95,692	1,635,400	2. Waterbury	684	Waterbury 669
Unemployed	233	4,282	87,900	3. Watertown	344	Watertown 236
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Plymouth	265	Bristol 209
Total Employment	2,970	63,800	1,581,700	5. Litchfield	172	Torrington 180
Manufacturing	1,760	17,490	265,850	6. Torrington	169	Plymouth 138
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-12.1%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Naugatuck	119	Southbury 94
Daytime Population	2,657	75,784	1,740,247	8. Wolcott	93	Naugatuck 89
				9. Bristol	87	Cheshire 69
				10. Winchester	73	Litchfield 67

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	53,021	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	13.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	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	16.9	40	Hartford	22	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	70.9%	68.8%	Boston	116	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	82	Water Provider
			Providence	87	Connecticut Water Company
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			1-800-286-5700
Total Beds	0	276			Cable Provider
					Laurel Cablevision, Inc.
					860-567-3103