

Watertown

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 1780

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	19,489	156,768	3,107,580	White	20,816	174,776	2,648,212
1990	20,456	174,092	3,287,116	Black	178	1,786	274,213
1998	21,667	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	267	2,258	73,304
2003	22,197	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	34	321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	2.45%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	24	140	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	348	2,593	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	29.16	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.08%	3.97%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	743.04	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$21,399	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	7,708	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	4,192	30.8%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	38.1	38.3	37.2	Some College	3,483	25.6%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	2,720	20.0%	597,693
<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	674 6%	1,832 17%	942 9%	4,184 40%	1,657 16%	1,255 12%	10,544
Female	647 6%	1,762 16%	911 8%	4,189 38%	1,750 16%	1,864 17%	11,123
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	29	3.0%	97	1.0%	Torrington Company	\$15,393,030	1.35%
Const. and Mining	198	20.3%	709	7.1%	Winchester Electronics	\$9,136,930	0.80%
Manufacturing	101	10.3%	4,301	43.1%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$8,916,920	0.78%
Trans. And Utilities	23	2.4%	217	2.2%	Buckingham Enterprises, Inc	\$8,233,890	0.72%
Trade	224	22.9%	1,729	17.3%	Bouffard Metal Goods	\$8,102,061	0.71%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	53	5.4%	238	2.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,144,414,261	
Services	343	35.1%	2,631	26.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	6	0.6%	46	0.5%	The Siemon Company	Waterbury Extended Care Facility	
Total	977	100.0%	9,968	100.0%	The Taft School	OSRAM Sylvania Products, Inc.	
					County Line Buick/Nissan		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$194,307,618	\$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	3,562	461,203		Reading	64	55	70	60	76	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,780	\$8,300		Math	68	59	72	52	61	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$48,319	\$48,598		Writing	55	46	67	46	74	51
Students Attending Public School	87.8%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.3	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	80.9%	75.8%		Verbal			494	503		
High School Dropout Rate	3.7%	4.6%		Math			505	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 21.6	Grade 2	22.6								
Grade 5 26.0	Grade 7	23.5	High School	18.5						

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Government

Government Form	Council- Manager	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$3,050,652
		As % of Expenditures	8.2%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$36,461,479	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$37,106,862
Tax Revenue	\$22,184,082	Education	\$23,069,421
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,702,860	Other	\$14,037,441
Intergovernmental	\$12,574,537	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$16,915,164
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,025	As % of Expenditures	45.6%
As % of State Average	72.0%	Per Capita	\$786
		As % of State Average	75.5%
		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$3,050,652
		As % of Expenditures	8.2%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$1,481,751,246
		Per Capita	\$68,835
		As % of State Average	88.3%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	20.21
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.87
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	13.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	8,074	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	78.1%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	94	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	114	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	172	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.41%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	27	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	4	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	4	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	298	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	121	4,036
Average Price	\$130,026	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$126,131	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	5,670	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	34.0%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	367	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	12,313	99,974	1,723,300	1. Watertown	3367	Watertown 3367
Employed	11,760	95,692	1,635,400	2. Waterbury	2375	Waterbury 3023
Unemployed	553	4,282	87,900	3. Naugatuck	502	Naugatuck 380
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Wolcott	247	Thomaston 344
Total Employment	9,900	63,800	1,581,700	5. Woodbury	243	Southbury 315
Manufacturing	4,240	17,490	265,850	6. Thomaston	236	Cheshire 251
'92-'97 Growth Rate	21.9%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Torrington	184	Middlebury 206
Daytime Population	9,071	75,784	1,740,247	8. Middlebury	141	Wolcott 182
				9. Prospect	129	Hartford 165
				10. Southbury	128	New Haven 149

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	10	1,378	Total Volumes	69,478	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	3	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.5	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	13	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	28.8	40	Hartford	24	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	56.7%	68.8%	Boston	119	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	79	Water Provider
			Providence	89	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	276			Cable Provider
					Laurel Cablevision, Inc.
					860-567-3103