

Westbrook

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Middlesex County
Lower River Labor Market Area
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area

Incorporated in 1840

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	5,216	129,017	3,107,580	White	5,343	136,456	2,648,212
1990	5,414	143,196	3,287,116	Black	38	6,562	274,213
1998	5,578	149,610	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	66	2,378	73,304
2003	5,714	154,241	3,272,149	Native American	0	237	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	2.44%	3.10%	0.03%	Other	1	135	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	130	3,856	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	15.72	369.28	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.39%	3.96%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	354.83	405.14	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,425	\$25,497	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	2,364	58,001	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,338	34.2%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	41.1	37.6	37.2	Some College	1,002	25.6%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	1,029	26.3%	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	146 5%	433 16%	190 7%	1,001 37%	503 19%	420 16%	2,693
Female	145 5%	383 13%	165 6%	1,070 37%	515 18%	607 21%	2,885
County Total	9,278 6%	24,735 17%	12,244 8%	59,822 40%	22,811 15%	20,720 14%	149,610
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	16	3.5%	61	1.9%	RR Westbrook, Inc	\$18,450,060	3.99%
Const. and Mining	77	17.0%	198	6.2%	The Lee Company	\$13,666,160	2.95%
Manufacturing	25	5.5%	850	26.6%	Pilots Point Marina, Inc.	\$8,952,440	1.93%
Trans. And Utilities	17	3.8%	130	4.1%	DGG Properties Co., Inc.	\$6,840,480	1.48%
Trade	156	34.5%	905	28.3%	Jensens, Inc	\$3,329,760	0.72%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	18	4.0%	78	2.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$462,868,162	
Services	139	30.8%	899	28.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	0.9%	73	2.3%	Westbrook Factory Stores	IPC Information Systems	
Total	452	100.0%	3,194	100.0%	The Lee Co.	DGG Properties	
					The Turbo Products		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$47,637,793	\$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	854	461,203		Reading	67	55	51	60	81	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,013	\$8,300		Math	70	59	51	52	66	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$46,386	\$48,598		Writing	53	46	64	46	91	51
Students Attending Public School	93.9%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	12.8	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	86.5%	75.8%		Verbal						
High School Dropout Rate	1.5%	4.6%		Math						
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 19.3	Grade 2	18.5								
Grade 5 20.0	Grade 7	15.8	High School	19.1						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,661,127	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$12,713,982	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$12,621,731	As % of Expenditures	21.1%
Tax Revenue	\$9,926,745	Education	\$6,513,552	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$656,669,246
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,070,497	Other	\$6,108,179	Per Capita	\$120,733
Intergovernmental	\$1,716,740	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$19,367,116	As % of State Average	154.8%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,795	As % of Expenditures	153.4%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
As % of State Average	126.1%	Per Capita	\$3,561	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	342.1%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	21.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.85
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	16.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	3,395	65,409	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	81.4%	73.1%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	56	980	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	47	625	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	72	1,286	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.38%	0.96%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	14	263	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	41	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	9	79	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	158	2,661	56,333	\$400,001 or More	7	53	4,036
Average Price	\$170,558	\$150,373	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$139,750	\$134,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,610	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	24.7%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	170	5,076	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	3,181	81,578	1,723,300	1. Westbrook	497	Old Saybrook	514
Employed	3,009	77,578	1,635,400	2. Clinton	468	Westbrook	497
Unemployed	172	4,000	87,900	3. Old Saybrook	229	Essex	190
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%	5.1%	4. Essex	133	Clinton	188
Total Employment	2,810	64,510	1,581,700	5. Deep River	119	Middletown	158
Manufacturing	770	13,100	265,850	6. Old Lyme	101	Madison	109
'92-'97 Growth Rate	16.1%	4.7%	4.3%	7. Chester	95	New Haven	100
Daytime Population	3,256	69,418	1,740,247	8. Madison	91	Chester	75
				9. East Haddam	70	Hartford	68
				10. Guilford	53	Guilford	67

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	39,135	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	9	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.5	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	4	1,651			1-800-286-2000	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.715	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider	
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	34.4	40	Hartford	34	Southern Connecticut Gas Company	
% Open Land (1990)	81.7%	68.8%	Boston	103	203-382-8111	
			New York City	89	Water Provider	
			Providence	65	Connecticut Water Company	
Hospitals (1997)	0	1			1-800-286-5700	
Total Beds	0	275			Cable Provider	
					Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.	
					860-388-3354	