

# West Haven

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
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*Belongs to*  
New Haven County  
New Haven Labor Market Area  
South Central Economic Dev. Region  
South Central Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1921

### 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	53,184	761,337	3,107,580	White	39,435	627,554	2,648,212
1990	54,021	804,219	3,287,116	Black	7,637	82,801	274,213
1998	51,477	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	1,507	2,378	73,304
2003	50,226	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	103	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-2.43%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	107	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	2,688	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	10.84	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	6.06%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	4,748.80	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$20,273	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	20,263	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	13,003	35.8%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	36.4	36.9	37.2	Some College	8,000	22.0%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	6,299	17.3%	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	1,792 7%	4,325 18%	2,159 9%	10,123 41%	3,277 13%	3,009 12%	24,685
Female	1,744 7%	4,144 15%	2,075 8%	10,513 39%	3,576 13%	4,740 18%	26,792
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	26	1.4%	91	0.5%	Bayer Corporation	\$58,125,573	3.42%
Const. and Mining	325	17.2%	1,420	7.3%	United Illuminating Company	\$16,300,372	0.96%
Manufacturing	85	4.5%	1,311	6.7%	GFP Part. I LTD/ Sikorsky United Tech.	\$6,480,446	0.38%
Trans. And Utilities	60	3.2%	776	4.0%	Maffeo/Mary Ann	\$5,924,610	0.35%
Trade	512	27.0%	4,621	23.6%	Essdee Realty/Deitsch	\$5,729,845	0.34%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	139	7.3%	637	3.3%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,699,082,078	
Services	735	38.8%	10,279	52.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	11	0.6%	418	2.1%	Veterans Health Ad. Med. Center	The Bilco Company	
Total	1,893	100.0%	19,553	100.0%	Bayer Corporation	Premier Industries Compan, Inc.	
					University of New Haven		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$241,856,798	\$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	3,485	461,203		Reading	51	55	62	60	62	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,386	\$8,300		Math	69	59	61	52	51	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$52,635	\$48,598		Writing	55	46	42	46	46	51
Students Attending Public School	86.3%	89.2%								
Student/Teacher Ratio	17.1	14.5		<i>Average SAT Score</i>			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	71.6%	75.8%		Verbal			471	503		
High School Dropout Rate	8.8%	4.6%		Math			464	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 22.8	Grade 2	21.1								
Grade 5 24.9	Grade 7	25.9	High School	22.1						

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## Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$9,623,208
		As % of Expenditures	9.8%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$101,025,938	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$2,205,514,783
Tax Revenue	\$59,696,766	Per Capita	\$42,274
Non-tax Revenue	\$3,620,979	As % of State Average	54.2%
Intergovernmental	\$37,708,193	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,150	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
As % of State Average	80.8%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	34.46
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$97,777,337	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	27.55
Education	\$53,277,929	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	20.9%
Other	\$44,499,408		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$64,290,939		
As % of Expenditures	65.7%		
Per Capita	\$1,232		
As % of State Average	118.4%		

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	22,802	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	49.4%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	478	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	45	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	155	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.20%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	18	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	634	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	167	4,036
Average Price	\$107,085	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$104,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	11,931	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	36.1%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	2,247	42,124	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	28,261	414,075	1,723,300	1. West Haven	7315	West Haven 7315
Employed	26,573	391,311	1,635,400	2. New Haven	2318	New Haven 6518
Unemployed	1,688	22,764	87,900	3. Hamden	818	Milford 2394
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Milford	738	Orange 1828
Total Employment	17,730	354,930	1,581,700	5. East Haven	562	Hamden 1236
Manufacturing	3,940	60,020	265,850	6. Orange	560	North Haven 1083
'92-'97 Growth Rate	13.9%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Branford	542	Bridgeport 1021
Daytime Population	19,129	371,178	1,740,247	8. North Haven	327	Stratford 960
				9. Guilford	311	Branford 589
				10. Wallingford	281	Wallingford 335

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	15	1,378	Total Volumes	148,400	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	7	756	Circulation Per Capita	4.5	United Illuminating
Day Care Facilities (1998)	11	1,651			1-800-257-0141
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.788	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	57.3	40	Hartford	37	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	22.6%	68.8%	Boston	124	203-382-8111
			New York City	66	Water Provider
			Providence	88	South Central Regional Water Authority
Hospitals (1997)	0	7			203-562-4020
Total Beds	0	2,462			Cable Provider
					Comcast Cablevision of New Haven, Inc.
					203-865-0096