

Winchester

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Litchfield County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Litchfield Hills Economic Dev. Region
Litchfield Hills Planning Area

Incorporated in 1771

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	10,824	156,768	3,107,580	White	11,065	174,776	2,648,212	
1990	11,524	174,092	3,287,116	Black	45	1,786	274,213	
1998	11,402	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	45	2,258	73,304	
2003	11,334	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	29	321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	-0.60%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	14	140	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	204	2,593	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	32.28	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.73%	3.97%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	353.22	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$20,468	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	4,497	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,507	32.7%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	36.8	38.3	37.2	Some College	1,868	24.4%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	1,222	15.9%	597,693	27.4%
	<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	383 7%	986 18%	461 8%	2,314 42%	728 13%	621 11%	5,493	
Female	381 6%	960 16%	429 7%	2,305 39%	798 14%	1,036 18%	5,909	
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	19	2.9%	57	1.3%	Ledgebrook LLC Trustee	\$4,894,780	1.19%
Const. and Mining	143	21.7%	364	8.2%	Litchfield Gardens Associates	\$2,197,530	0.53%
Manufacturing	52	7.9%	1,111	25.1%	Howmet Corp.	\$1,391,520	0.34%
Trans. And Utilities	20	3.0%	172	3.9%	Bronson Homer O Co.	\$1,369,070	0.33%
Trade	159	24.1%	793	17.9%	Litchfield Heights Apts. LLC	\$1,343,240	0.33%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	34	5.2%	219	5.0%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$410,804,906	
Services	227	34.4%	1,478	33.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	0.8%	230	5.2%	Barbour Threads	Northwest Community Bank	
Total	659	100.0%	4,424	100.0%	Sterling Engineering Corp.	Town of Winchester	
					Northwest CT Comm Tech Coll.		
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$57,415,915	\$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	1,166	461,203		Reading	60	55	59	60	61	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,533	\$8,300		Math	71	59	56	52	38	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$45,180	\$48,598		Writing	44	46	32	46	62	51
Students Attending Public School	82.9%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.0	14.5		Verbal			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	78.5%	75.8%		Math			514	503		
High School Dropout Rate	4.7%	4.6%					515	499		
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten	21.2	Grade 2	19.9							
Grade 5	22.0	Grade 7	22.6	High School	18.3					

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Government

Government Form	Council- Manager	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$998,065
Total Revenue (1996)	\$20,306,438	As % of Expenditures	5.0%
Tax Revenue	\$10,716,812	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$608,611,166
Non-tax Revenue	\$364,178	Per Capita	\$53,284
Intergovernmental	\$9,225,448	As % of State Average	68.3%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$925	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/94
As % of State Average	65.0%	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$19,958,599	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	29.87
Education	\$12,259,555	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	17.67
Other	\$7,699,044	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	11.6%
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$5,618,326		
As % of Expenditures	28.1%		
Per Capita	\$492		
As % of State Average	47.3%		

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	5,153	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	58.1%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	105	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	10	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	54	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.19%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	12	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	2	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	173	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	121	4,036
Average Price	\$113,386	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,720	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	48.8%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	601	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to
Labor Force	6,100	99,974	1,723,300	1. Winchester	1782	Winchester 1782
Employed	5,684	95,692	1,635,400	2. Torrington	592	Torrington 1063
Unemployed	416	4,282	87,900	3. Barkhamsted	218	Simsbury 278
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Colebrook	191	Avon 270
Total Employment	4,100	63,800	1,581,700	5. New Hartford	108	New Hartford 265
Manufacturing	1,060	17,490	265,850	6. Norfolk	103	Hartford 258
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-1.4%	5.5%	4.3%	7. Harwinton	68	Barkhamsted 256
Daytime Population	5,037	75,784	1,740,247	8. Massachusetts	58	Farmington 217
				9. Simsbury	56	New Britain 113
				10. Canton	53	North Canaan 100

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	5	1,378	Total Volumes	43,641	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	8	756	Circulation Per Capita	3.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	7	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	22.1	40	Hartford	24	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	77.5%	68.8%	Boston	111	1-800-989-0900
			New York City	97	Water Provider
			Providence	87	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	276			Cable Provider
					Pegasus Cable Television
					860-379-9833