

Bethel, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2014

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
LMA Danbury
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1855

Demographics

Population (2012)	Town	County	State	Race/Ethnicity (2012)	Town	County	State
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565	White	16,711	699,870	2,802,217
2010	18,377	905,342	3,545,837	Black	297	99,871	355,660
2012	18,704	918,892	3,572,213	Asian Pacific	723	43,203	139,827
2020	18,505	940,616	3,690,997	Native American	17	1,439	8,531
'12-'20 Growth / Yr	-0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	Other/Multi-Race	956	74,509	265,978
				Hispanic (any race)	1,359	155,557	480,185
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	626	4,845	Poverty Rate (2012)	2.8%	8.8%	10.0%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2012)	1,114	1,468	737	Educational Attainment (2012)			
Median Age (2012)	41	40	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	Town	%	State
Households (2012)	6,838	332,968	1,360,184	High School Graduate	3,152	25%	677,253
Med HH Inc. (2012)	\$88,024	\$82,614	\$69,519	Associates Degree	1,118	9%	177,531
				Bachelors or Higher	5,360	42%	879,089
Age Distribution (2012)							
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	671 4%	1,763 9%	684 4%	3,030 16%	1,953 10%	1,186 6%	9,287
Female	468 3%	1,539 8%	755 4%	3,370 18%	1,948 10%	1,337 7%	9,417
County Total	56,435 6%	169,978 18%	73,098 8%	314,538 34%	179,794 20%	125,049 14%	918,892
State Total	200,031 6%	612,181 17%	328,661 9%	1,194,793 33%	726,725 20%	509,822 14%	3,572,213

Economics

Business Profile (2013)	Units	Employment	Top Five Grand List (2013)	Amount	% of Net
Sector			Connecticut Light & Power	\$71,414,210	3.8%
Total - All Industries	621	7,036	Duracell	\$47,737,930	2.6%
23 Construction	83	427	Steiner Inc	\$20,285,100	1.1%
31 Manufacturing	53	1,271	Bethel Associates	\$12,914,340	0.7%
44 Retail Trade	65	982	Target Corp	\$11,167,450	0.6%
62 Health Care and Social Assistance	40	1,015	Net Grand List (2013)	\$1,865,157,340	
72 Accommodation and Food Services	52	521	Major Employers (2014)		
Total Government	20	759	Ability Beyond Disability	Cascades Assisted Living	
Local/Municipal Government	17	719	Amica Mutual Insurance Co	Big Y	
			Duracell North Atlantic Group		

Education

2010-2011 School Year	Town	State	Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal							
			Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8			
			Town	State	Town	State	Town	State		
Total Town School Enrollment	3,061	548,313	Reading	75	63	93	76	87	75	
Most public school students in Bethel attend Bethel School District, which has 2,938 students.			Math	84	67	92	72	81	67	
			Writing	79	67	87	65	80	65	
			Average SAT Score							
For more education data see:	Students per Computer	Town	State	Average Class Size		Town				
http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/WEB/ResearchandReports/SSPREports.aspx	Elementary:	3.4	4.1	Grade K	18.1	Grade 2	18.4	Reading	520	502
	Middle:	2.5	2.7	Grade 5	21.7	Grade 7	23.0	Writing	519	506
	Secondary:	2.6	2.9	High School	17.7	Math	529	506		

Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2012)	\$68,326,365	Total Expenditures (2012)	\$65,588,401
Tax Revenue	\$54,167,031	Education	\$42,185,635
Non-tax Revenue	\$14,159,334	Other	\$23,402,766
Intergovernmental	\$13,030,608	Total Indebtness (2012)	\$32,796,404
Per Capita Tax (2012)	\$2,896	As % of Expenditures	50.0%
As % of State Average	112.2%	Per Capita	\$1,753
		As % of State Average	77.7%

Annual Debt Service (2012)	\$3,810,542
As % of Expenditures	5.8%
Eq. Net Grand List (2010)	\$2,769,107,286
Per Capita	\$148,049
As % of State Average	102%
Moody's Bond Rating (2012)	Aa2
Actual Mill Rate (2012)	23.24
Equalized Mill Rate (2012)	19.02
% of Grand List Com/Ind (2010)	13.7%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2012)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2012)	5,335	232,128	929,560
Total Units	7,092	360,692	1,485,445	As % Total Dwellings	75%	64%	63%
% Single Unit	76.3%	64.4%	64.6%	Subsidized Housing (2012)	380	31,049	161,379
New Permits Auth. (2012)	42	2,138	4,669	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2011)</i>	Town	County	State
As % Existing Units	0.59%	0.59%	0.31%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2012)	2	386	955	Less than \$100,000	0	57	392
House Sales (2011)	72	4,485	13,847	\$100,000-\$199,999	6	338	3,205
Median Price	\$338,750	\$570,000	\$291,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	21	511	3,494
Built Pre 1950 share (2012)	24.7%	29.7%	30.2%	\$300,000-\$399,999	23	564	2,086
				\$400,000 or More	22	3,015	4,670

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2013)</i>	Town	County	State	<i>Connecticut Commuters (2011)</i>			
Labor Force	10,972	471,992	1,859,934	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents	Commuting to:	
Employed	10,287	438,621	1,715,398	Danbury	1,643	Danbury	2,286
Unemployed	685	33,371	144,536	Bethel	1,337	Bethel	1,337
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	7.1%	7.8%	New Milford	409	Norwalk	445
<i>Place of Work (2013)</i>				Newtown	402	Stamford	438
Units	621	33,728	113,697	Brookfield	330	Brookfield	327
Total Employment	7,036	413,404	1,640,223	Southbury	179	Ridgefield	320
2000-'13 AAGR	1.3%	-0.3%	0.2%	New Fairfield	155	Wilton	295
Mfg Employment	1,271	35,961	163,828	Waterbury	152	Newtown	286
				Ridgefield	96	Bridgeport	146

Other Information

<i>Crime Rate (2012)</i>	Town	State	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	Miles	<i>Residential Utilities</i>
Per 100,000 Residents	1,743	2,433	Hartford	46	Electric Provider
<i>Library (2013)</i>			Boston	140	Connecticut Light & Power
Public Web Computers	23		New York City	56	(800) 286-2000
Circulation per Capita	8		Providence	107	Gas Provider
<i>Families Receiving (2014)</i>					Yankee Gas Company
Temporary Assistance	44				(800) 989-0900
<i>Population Receiving (2014)</i>					Water Provider
Food Stamps	826				Municipal Provider
					Local Contact
					Cable Provider
					Comcast Danbury
					(800) 266-2278