



Housing Data Profiles

2015



Population, Households & Age

Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey

	2009-13	2000	% Change		2009-13	2000	% Change
Population	12,949	13,352	-3%	Householders living alone	22%	21%	2%
Households	4,838	4,126	17%	Residents living in families	73%	73%	0%
Average household size	2.58	2.63	-2%	Households with someone <18	34%	39%	-5%
Average family size	3.03	3.07	-1%	Households with someone > 65	21%	18%	3%

Median age for those living in East Hampton is 40.7 years old, 0.5 years older than CT's median age of 40.2 years old.



Income & Age

East Hampton's annual median household income in 2013 was \$94,747, 36% more than Connecticut's median household income of \$69,461. It is 19% more than Middlesex County's median household income of \$76,994. East Hampton's median household income ranks 41 (1=highest, 169=lowest) among CT's 169 municipalities.

Median Household Income

Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey



Income by Age of Head of Household: East Hampton

Source: American Community Survey 2009-13



In East Hampton, 0% of the heads of households were under 25 years old, 35% were 25-44 years old, 46% were 45-64 years old and 19% were 65 or older.

Throughout Connecticut, households headed by those under 25 and those 65 and over tend to have lower incomes than those 25-64 years old, limiting their housing options.

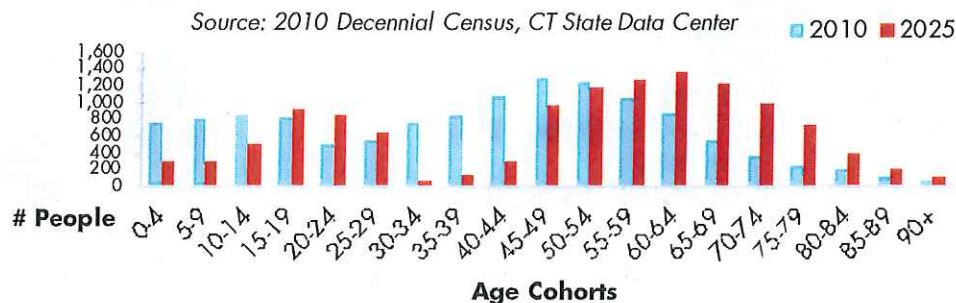


Aging of the Population

East Hampton is one of the 153 Connecticut municipalities projected to see a drop in school-age population between 2015 and 2025. Many municipalities will see declines over 30%. The projected decrease for East Hampton is 33%. Meanwhile the 65+ population for East Hampton is projected to increase by 68%.

Age Cohorts - 2010 Population, 2025 Population Projections: East Hampton

Source: 2010 Decennial Census, CT State Data Center





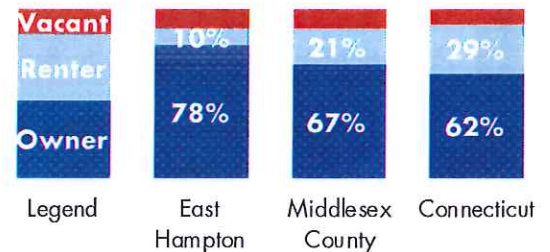
Characteristics of Housing Stock

Tenure

	East Hampton	Middlesex County	Connecticut
Total	5,457	74,832	1,486,995
Owner-Occupied	4,270	50,396	919,488
Renter-Occupied	568	15,745	436,361
Vacant	619	8,691	131,146

Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey

Percent of Owner-Occupied, Renter-Occupied and Vacant Housing Units



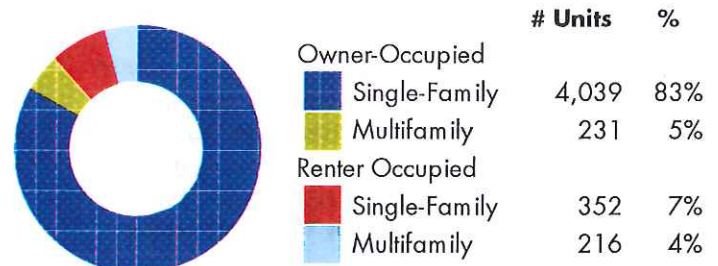
East Hampton saw its number of housing units increase by 24% from 2000 to 2013. Renters live in 10% of East Hampton's housing stock, compared to 21% for Middlesex County and 29% for Connecticut.

Units in Structure

Overall, 67% of CT's occupied housing stock is comprised of single-family housing, while 33% is multifamily housing (2+ units in structure).

In East Hampton, 91% of occupied homes are single-family and 9% are multifamily (2+ units in structure). Renters live in 48% of East Hampton's 447 multifamily homes, and owners occupy 92% of its 4,391 single-family homes.

Units in Structure by Tenure: East Hampton



Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey

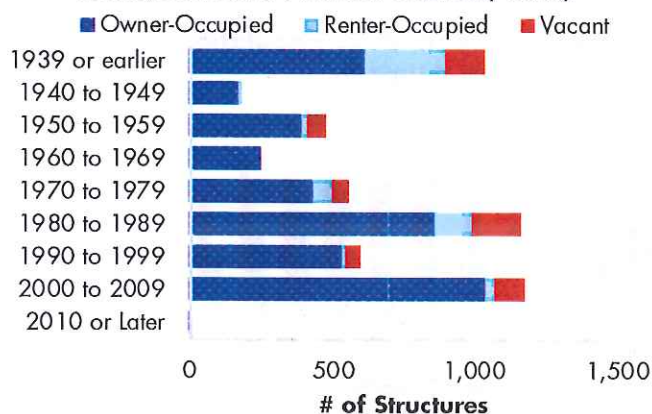
Year Built

CT's housing stock varies in age, with 23% built before 1939, 36% built from 1940 to 1969 and 41% built from 1970 on.

In East Hampton, 19% of the housing stock was built prior to 1939, 17% was built between 1940 and 1969 and the remaining 64% was built after 1970. Shifting demographics indicate that housing built from 1970 on may not meet the needs of CT's current and future residents.

Tenure by Year Structure Built: East Hampton

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey



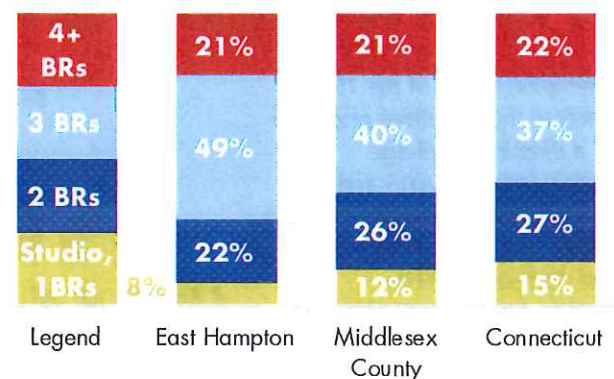
Bedrooms

A majority of homes in CT have 3 or more bedrooms, with 37% having 3 bedrooms and 22% having 4 or more. 42% of the homes in the state have 2 or fewer bedrooms.

Over 70% of homes in East Hampton have 3 or more bedrooms, while 30% have 2 or fewer bedrooms. Towns and cities that have larger homes with more bedrooms offer fewer housing options for younger workers or downsizing Baby Boomers.

Housing Units by Number of Bedrooms

Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey



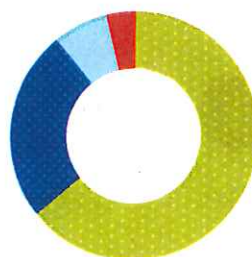


Housing Costs for Owners and Renters

Affordability

Across CT, 50% of renters and 35% of owners spend more than 30% of their income on housing. In East Hampton, 32% of renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, while 28% of owners do the same. Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing may have little left over for necessities such as transportation, food, health care, etc.

Housing Costs as a % of Household Income: East Hampton



	# Units	% Total
Owner-Occupied		
Spending <30%	3,053	63%
Spending >=30%	1,199	25%
Renter Occupied		
Spending <30%	347	7%
Spending >=30%	179	4%

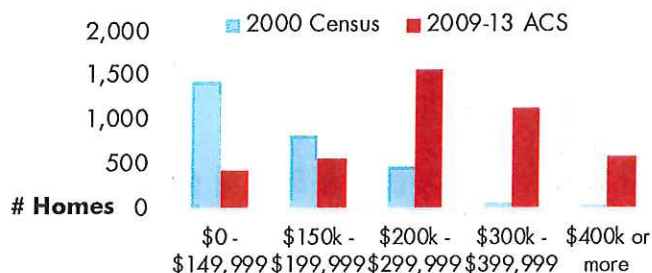
Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey

Home Value

The value of homes in Connecticut has risen significantly over the last 15 years, putting home ownership out of reach for many middle-class households. In East Hampton, 51% of homes were valued under \$150,000 in 2000, compared to 10% now. The median home value in East Hampton is now \$269,100, an increase of 82% since 2000.

Self-Reported Value of Owner-Occupied Homes: East Hampton

Source: Census 2000, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

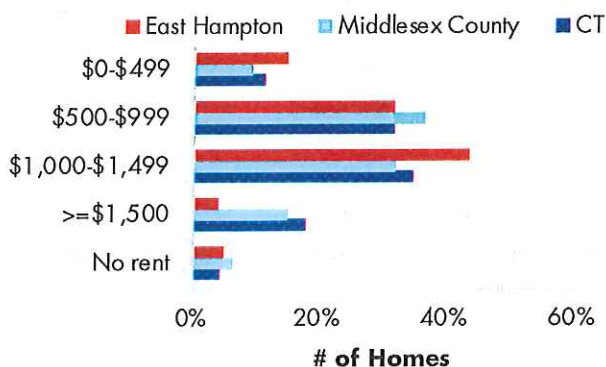


Gross Rent

According to 2009-13 American Community Survey data, 48% of East Hampton's 568 rental units have a gross rent over \$1,000 per month and 35% have a gross rent under \$750 per month.

Rental Units by Gross Rent: East Hampton

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey



Housing Costs & Income

Owner Households: East Hampton

The average homeowner household in East Hampton has a median income of

\$101,620

Households with a Mortgage

Median Income:

\$109,775

Median Monthly Owner Costs:

\$2,076

Households w/out a Mortgage

Median Income:

\$66,125

Median Monthly Owner Costs:

\$699

In Connecticut, incomes among those who own their homes tend to be much higher than incomes for renter households. Incomes for owners who no longer pay a mortgage also tend to be lower than for those paying a mortgage, as those no longer paying a mortgage may be retired and living on fixed incomes.

Source: 2009-13 American Community Survey

Renter Households: East Hampton

Median Income Renter Households =

\$44,798

53% less than the median income of all households.

Median Gross Rent =

\$1,006

73% of income for all other expenses. 27% of income for rent.



Housing Market General Information

Housing Wage

2015 Housing Wage: East Hampton



\$22.00

East Hampton is included in the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford Metro Area.

Each year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition calculates the "housing wage," the hourly wage needed for a household to afford a typical 2-bedroom apartment in metro areas throughout the United States.

Connecticut's housing costs are typically high, ranking #8 in 2015 with a housing wage of \$24.29.

Grand List

Real Property Grand List Values, 2008-12: East Hampton

Total Real Property 2008 \$899,256,250

Total Real Property 2012 \$761,816,200

% Change, 2008-12 -15%

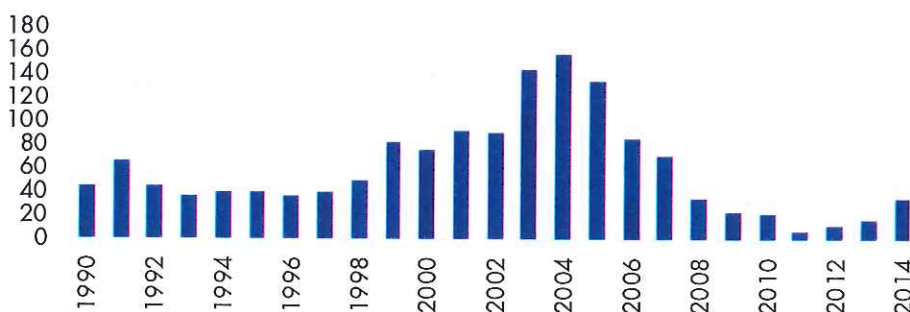
Connecticut housing prices declined precipitously after the 2008 financial crisis and have not rebounded to pre-crisis levels, particularly in municipalities - 114 of 169 - where housing stock is dominated by single-family homes. Across the state, 135 municipalities have seen either no change in real property grand lists, or declines, forcing most to raise mil rates, reduce services, or both.

Building Permits

Connecticut saw a sharp decline in building permits following the crash of the housing market in the mid-2000s. As the housing market slowly recovers, statewide building permits have increased by small amounts since 2011, with permits for multifamily units at levels not seen for a decade.

Building Permits by Year, 1990-2014: East Hampton

Source: CT Department of Economic and Community Development



Affordable Housing Appeals List

Each year the CT Department Of Housing surveys municipalities in the state to determine the number of affordable units each has. The data is compiled for the Affordable Housing Appeals List. The following housing units are counted as affordable in East Hampton in 2014:

Assisted Units Counted in 2014 Appeals List:

East Hampton

70	Governmentally Assisted Units
5	Tenant Rental Assistance
98	CHFA/USDA Mortgages
+	25 Deed Restricted Units
198	Total Assisted Units

Calculation of % of Total Units Assisted:

East Hampton

198	÷	5,485	=	3.6%
Total Assisted Units		Total Units, 2010 Census		Units Assisted

Housing Data Profiles are produced by the Partnership for Strong Communities. Updated July 28, 2015.

For more information about the information presented or to use any of the graphics presented in the Housing Data Profiles, please contact: Christina Rubenstein, Deputy Policy Director, christina@pschousing.org.



Analysis of Housing Conditions

Key Stats

Population

12,949

Households

4,838

Projected Change in Population from 2015-2025

5-19 Year Olds: -33%

65+ Year Old: 68%

Median Household Income

All Households: \$94,747

Owners: \$101,620

Renters: \$44,798

Housing Units

Total Units: 4,838

Owner-Occupied: 78%

Renter-Occupied: 10%

Vacant: 11%

Single-Family/Multifamily

Single Family: 91%

Multifamily: 9%

Median Home Value

\$269,100

Median Gross Rent

\$1,006

Households Spending 30% or More on Housing

All Households: 29%

Owners: 28%

Renters: 32%

Housing Built 1970 or Later

64%

2014 Affordable Housing Appeals List

Assisted Units: 4%

% Change in Total Real Property, 2008-2012

-15%

East Hampton's Housing Data Profile: The Story Behind the Numbers

East Hampton, like most of Connecticut's municipalities, has a high median household income, high housing costs, few units for teachers, nurses, electricians, firefighters and town workers, and a narrow range of housing choices for Baby Boomers seeking to downsize and Millennials and young families seeking to move to town.

Housing remains expensive in East Hampton relative to the median household income. Statewide, 50% of renters and 35% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their household incomes on housing. In East Hampton, where the \$94,747 median household income is higher than the statewide median of \$69,461, 32% of renters and 28% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their income on housing.

East Hampton is one of the 153 Connecticut municipalities projected to see a potentially significant decline in school enrollment through 2025 because of a decline in school-age (5-19) population of 33% from 2015 to 2025. At the same time, its population is getting older, with a projected increase of 68% in the 65+ population from 2015 to 2025, leading to the need for smaller, denser, more affordable homes closer to the town center, services and, if possible, transit connections.

While the number of renting households in Connecticut has increased from 30% to 34% since 2007, many towns are ill-prepared to accommodate the needs of renters. East Hampton is one of 114 Connecticut municipalities with single-family homes dominating its housing stock (91%) and little modest or multifamily housing to offer (30% units are 0-2 bedrooms, compared to 42% statewide), mostly because those towns built the bulk of their homes after 1970 (64% in East Hampton) to accommodate the needs of new Baby Boomer families then in their 20s.

Now in their 60s, those families are seeking more modest homes. But their attempts to sell are being met by few offers because few young families can afford to move to those towns, flattening median sales prices and stunting the growth of Grand Lists – the towns' total value of real property – and thus property tax revenues needed to pay for increasingly expensive services. From 2008 through 2012 (latest OPM figures), 109 towns experienced negative growth in real property values, 10 had no growth and 29 had only slight growth of 2 percent or less. The total real property Grand List in East Hampton has declined by 15% from 2008 through 2012.

Across the state, 138 of the 169 municipalities have affordable homes totaling less than 10% of their housing stock. These are the kinds of homes increasingly sought by young professionals, families, town workers, downsizing Baby Boomers and others. In East Hampton, 4% of the homes are affordable, according to the state's 2014 Affordable Housing Appeals List.



Data Sources

Page 1

- ⇒ Populations, Households & Age
 - DP-1 - Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
 - DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics In The United States, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
 - DP05 - ACS Demographic And Housing Estimates, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Age & Income
 - Median Household Income
 - B25119 - Median Household Income The Past 12 Months (In 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars) By Tenure, Universe: Occupied Housing Units More Information, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
 - Income by Age of Head of Householder
 - B19037 - Age Of Householder By Household Income In The Past 12 Months (In 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars), Universe: Households, 2009-13 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Aging of Population
 - P12 - Sex by Age, Universe: Total population, 2010 Census Summary File 1
 - 2015-2025 Population Projections for Connecticut, November 1, 2012 edition, CT State Data Center

Page 2

- ⇒ Tenure, Units in Structure, Year Built, Bedrooms
 - DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Tenure note: Total housing stock includes vacant units
- ⇒ Units in Structure notes: Multifamily includes all units with 2+ units in structure. Does not include mobile homes or boats, RVs, vans, etc.

Page 3

- ⇒ Affordability
 - DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Home Value
 - B25075 - Value, Universe: Owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Gross Rent
 - DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ⇒ Housing Costs & Income
 - Median Household Income by Tenure
 - B25119 Median Household Income The Past 12 Months (In 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars) By Tenure, Universe: Occupied housing units, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
 - Median Household Income for Owner-Occupied Households by Mortgage Status
 - B25099 - Mortgage Status By Median Household Income The Past 12 Months (In 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars), Universe: Owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
 - Median Monthly Housing Costs by Mortgage Status, Median Gross Rent
 - DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Page 4

- ⇒ Housing Wage
 - Out of Reach 2015, 2-Bedroom Housing Wage, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- ⇒ Grand Lists
 - Total Grand Lists by Town, 2008 and 2012, CT Office of Policy and Management
- ⇒ Building Permits
 - Connecticut New Housing Authorizations in 2014, Construction Report: Housing Production & Permits, CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development
- ⇒ Affordable Housing Appeals List
 - 2014 Affordable Housing Appeals List, CT Dept. of Housing

HOW ARE THE SCHOOLS?

Real estate agents hear that question nearly as often as "How are the taxes?" Not everyone who buys a house in Connecticut wants this information, but it's nearly everyone. In a state that prides itself on town loyalties, school quality and achievement are distinguishing markers, and in many cases, a major draw.

AVON	48	ELLINGTON	56	PLAINVILLE	64	WINDSOR	72
BERLIN	50	ENFIELD	57	PORTLAND	64	WINDSOR LOCKS	73
BLOOMFIELD	50	FARMINGTON	58	ROCKY HILL	65		
BOLTON	51	GLASTONBURY	58	SIMSBURY	66		
BRISTOL	52	GRANBY	59	SOMERS	67		
BURLINGTON	53	HARTFORD	59	SOUTHINGTON	67		
CANTON	53	HEBRON	60	SOUTH WINDSOR	68		
CROMWELL	54	MANCHESTER	60	SUFFIELD	69		
EAST GRANBY	54	MARLBOROUGH	61	TOLLAND	69		
EAST HAMPTON	55	MIDDLETOWN	62	VERNON	70		
EAST HARTFORD	55	NEW BRITAIN	63	WEST HARTFORD	71		
EAST WINDSOR	56	NEWINGTON	63	WETHERSFIELD	72		

Population and median household income information in the town profiles is from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (cerc.com) and dates from 2012. CERC's school statistics are from the 2010-2011 school year. In both instances, these are the most up-to-date numbers available.



AVON

Population: 18,049

Median Household Income: \$111,768

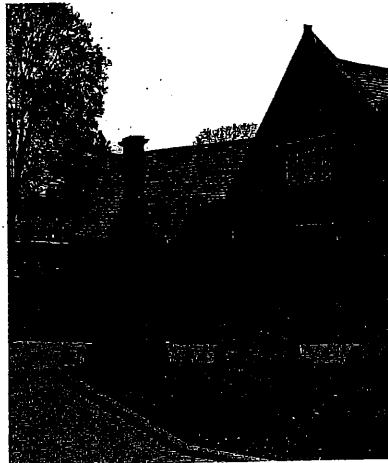
Snapshot: Avon is a picturesque New England town in the Farmington Valley surrounded by mountainous ridgelines. Scenic and residential, Avon is also business-minded with plenty of shopping and restaurants.

Most likely named for the Avon River in England, Avon was incorporated in 1830 and has been attracting residents ever since. The town also has more than 50 community organizations.

Despite its small-town feel, Avon is large enough to host tourist attractions including the First Governor's House Guards and Stables, which is the country's oldest continuously operating cavalry unit. Other historical spots include the Pine Grove Schoolhouse, School House No. 3 and The Derrin House, a 19th-century rural farmhouse.

The Farmington Valley Arts Center offers professional artist studios, classes, workshops and ongoing exhibits. Talcott Mountain State Park is a popular recreational area, as is the Farmington Valley Greenway. Avon Old Farms School, a prestigious boys prep school, is located in the town.

Tidbit: Avon's Heublein Tower is where Republicans asked Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to run for president.



JOHN WOIKE

Pioneering architect Theodate Pope Riddle designed Avon Old Farms' campus.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 3,617

Average Class Size

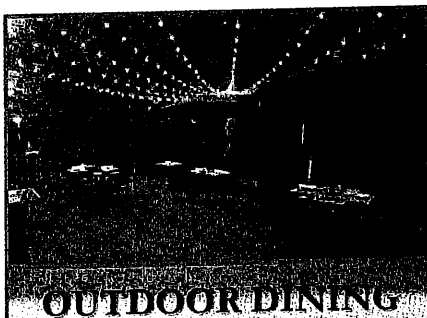
Grade K	17.6
Grade 7	18.7
High School	17.5

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	563/502
Writing	569/506
Math	591/506

**Connecticut
Mastery Tests
Grade 8**

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	95/75
Math	92/67
Writing	92/65



Outdoor Dining

Outdoor Patio is NOW OPEN!

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Sunset Dinner • Clambake Dinner
Sunday Brunch • Happy Hour

Call 860.269.0240 for Reservations

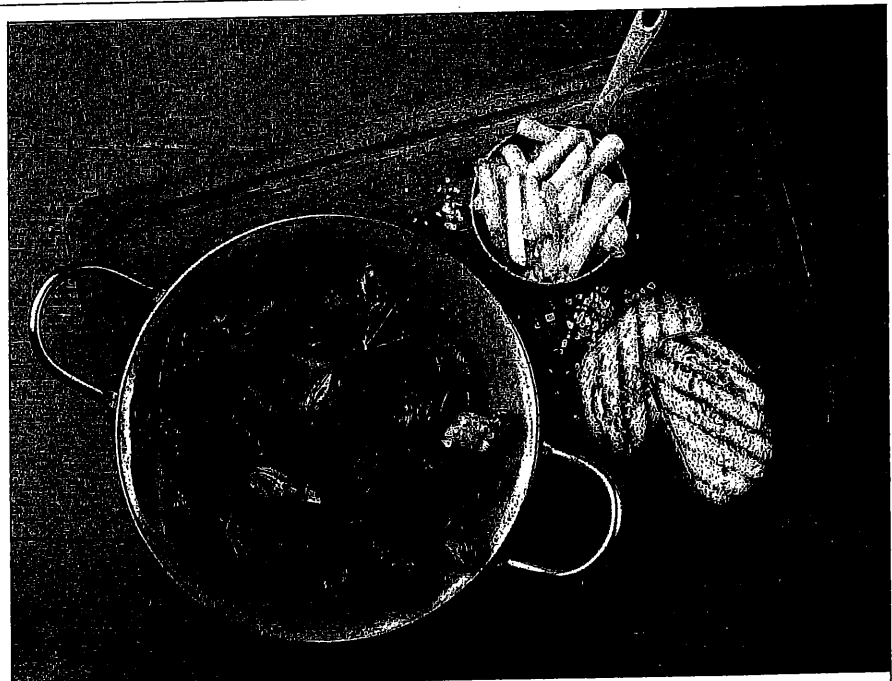
Voted 1st Runner Up Best
Hotel & Best Hotel Dining
by *Hartford Magazine*

**BEST OF
Hartford
MAGAZINE
2015**
1st RUNNER UP

RESTAURANT
SEASONS
TAP ROOM

at Avon Old Farms Hotel
279 Avon Mountain Road
Avon, Connecticut

www.AvonOldFarmsHotel.com
[Facebook.com/AOFHRestaurant](https://www.facebook.com/AOFHRestaurant)



savor every month in
Hartford
MAGAZINE

BERLIN

Population: 19,974

Median Household Income: \$85,735

Snapshot: The geographic center of the state, Berlin is flanked on the west by the Metacomet Ridge. The Metacomet and Mattabesett trails traverse the ridge.

Unlike its Prussian namesake in Germany, the town's name is pronounced with the accent on the first syllable. The town seal is an artist's fanciful rendering of an 18th-century Yankee peddler. Some say Edward and William Pattison, tinsmiths by trade who arrived here from Ireland in 1740, were the first Yankee peddlers. Berlin is the home of Lamentation Mountain, a 720-foot-high bump in the Earth's crust named for a group of colonists who got lost there for three days in 1653.

The Berlin Turnpike is an 11-mile stretch of the original Hartford-New Haven Turnpike, a toll road that connected Hartford and New Haven starting in 1798. It carries U.S. routes 5 and 15 through a heavily developed commercial corridor of motels, restaurants, auto dealerships and repair shops, retail stores and food markets in Berlin, Newington, and Wethersfield. Leading employers include A&P, Hartford Direct, Eversource and Corbin Russwin.



RICHARD MESSINA

Out of school early and playing hockey during mid-term week at Berlin High School.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 3,219

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.4
Grade 7	19.4
High School	19.4

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	515/502
Writing	502/506
Math	518/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	90/75
Math	82/67
Writing	77/65

BLOOMFIELD

Population: 20,470

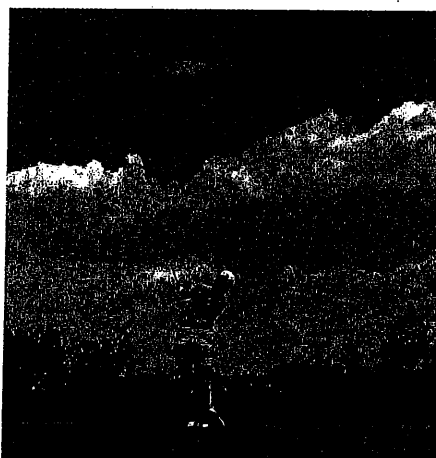
Median Household Income: \$71,579

Snapshot: Boasting a 10-minute commute to Hartford, Bloomfield offers easy access to I-84 and I-91. Abundant in land and commercial developments, the town of Bloomfield considers itself a "quiet, friendly haven from the big cities."

Originally settled as part of Windsor, Bloomfield was once known as the Parish of Wintonbury before being incorporated in 1835. The town served as a large producer of tobacco and was home to numerous cider mills and a brandy distillery.

It's now a densely populated Hartford suburb with three golf courses, a municipal pool, tennis courts and nearly 2,000 acres of open space used for schools and park land. The Old Farm School, a historic landmark and the town's oldest building, was built in 1796 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Beer connoisseurs can tour the two breweries in town: Thomas Hooker Brewing Co. and Back East Brewing Co. Global insurance giant Cigna houses its corporate headquarters here and is among the town's largest employers, along with Kaman Corp. and HomeGoods Distribution Center.



RICHARD MESSINA

Tiffany Joh drives off the 12th tee at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,529

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.4
Grade 7	15.5
High School	16.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	410/502
Writing	416/506
Math	404/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	69/75
Math	38/67
Writing	54/65

BOLTON

Population: 4,990

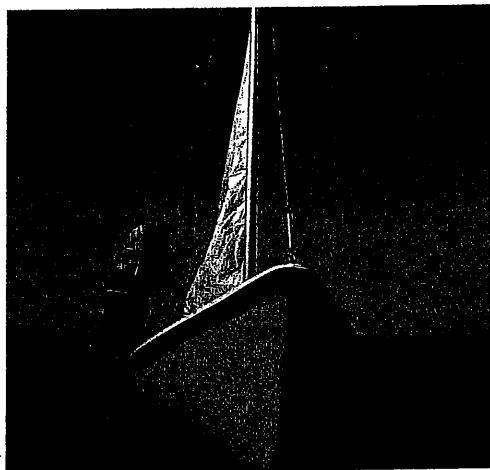
Median Household Income:
\$87,885

Snapshot: Largely residential, Bolton is a small, quiet town located 15 minutes east of Hartford. Wooded and rural, Bolton was incorporated in 1720 and considers itself a "Town for All Seasons." In its early days Bolton was home to many mills, brandy stills and quarries.

Recognized by U.S. News & World Report in 2012 as having one of America's best high schools, Bolton draws families seeking good schools as well as recreational enthusiasts who enjoy the state and local parks.

With more than 27 acres, Indian Notch Park is located on Bolton Lake and offers a sandy beachfront and swimming. Bolton Notch State Park offers a well-maintained state trail that once served as a railroad bed but is now a great spot to walk, hike or bike.

Originally known as "The Dandy Candy Co.," award-winning chocolate manufacturer Munson's Chocolates is headquartered in Bolton, and chocolate aficionados are welcome at the factory store on Hop River Road. Major employers include Simoniz USA Inc., Larco Machine Co. and the Bolton Veterinary Hospital.



STEPHEN DUNN

Joe Bittner of East Hartford at the end of a sail on Bolton Lake.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 830

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.3
Grade 7	18.9
High School	16.9

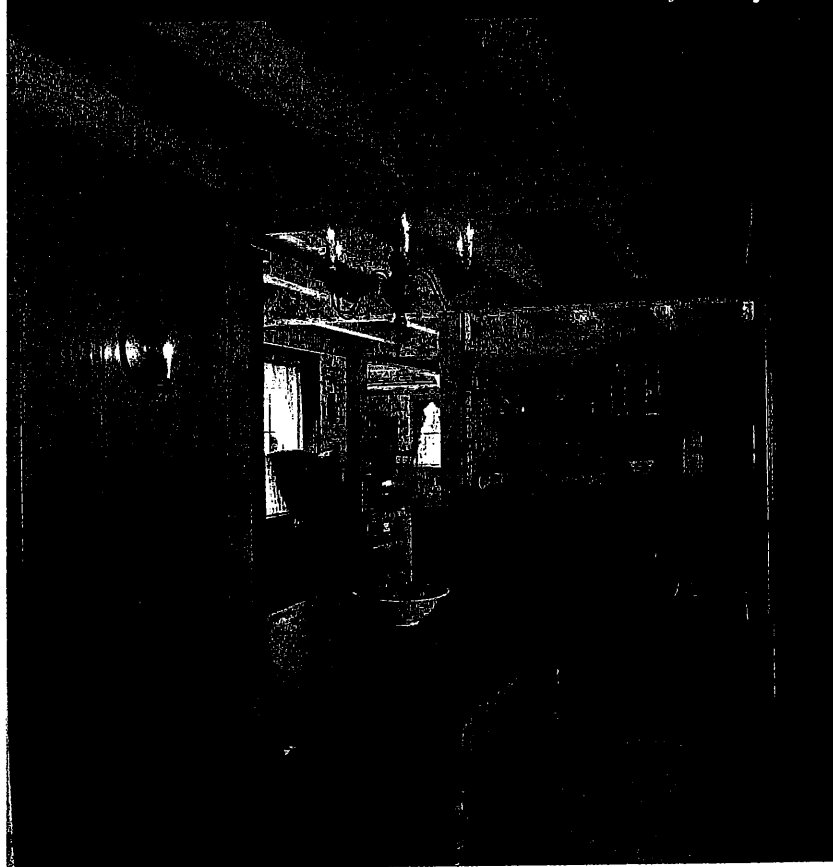

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	548/502
Writing	542/506
Math	539/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	70/75
Math	72/67
Writing	64/65

DISCOVER THE CHARM of Early New England Homes

Our 1750s style cape home building system boasts beautiful timbered ceilings, a center chimney, wide board floors and custom, handmade features in the convenience and efficiency of a new home.

Our model is open:
Mon-Fri 8-4:30, Sat 9-3

**Early New England
HOMES**
by country carpenters, inc.

26 West Street
Bolton, Connecticut / 860.643.1148

BRISTOL

Population: 60,502

Median Household Income: \$58,814

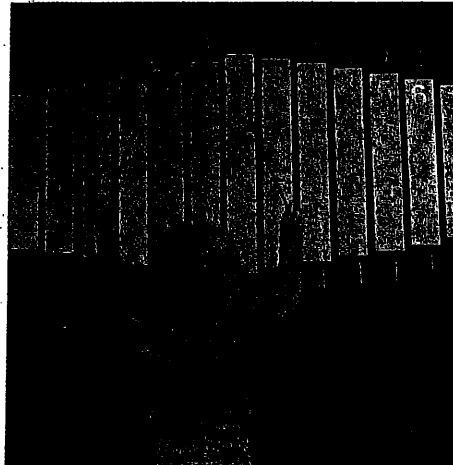
Snapshot: Though Bristol is one of Connecticut's largest cities, it is largely residential and boasts 700 acres of parks and open space. It is convenient to Route 84, Route 8 and I-91.

Bristol is home to ESPN, which is a major employer and the city's top taxpayer. Other major employers include Bristol Hospital, Lake Compounce, Johnson & Johnson and the city itself.

Bristol's sports roots took hold long before ESPN came to town. Muzzy Field was built in 1939 and was home to the Bristol Red Sox, a Double A team that Jim Rice played for.

Bristol has earned several accolades over the years, being 84th in Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live" in 2010 and then being named Hartford Magazine's "Best Bang for the Buck" town in 2013. The city is divided into sections, including Chippens Hill, Edgewood and Forestville. There are two K-8 schools, six elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools.

Tidbit: Lake Compounce, which opened in 1846, is America's oldest continuously operating amusement park.



MARC-YVES REGIS I

A child practices musical skills on a giant xylophone at Imagine Nation Museum.

FAST FACTS ON SCHOOLS

Enrollment 8,784

Average Class Size

Grade K	18.5
Grade 7	22.0
High School	20.4

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	490/502
Writing	493/506
Math	500/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	73/75
Math	63/67
Writing	60/65



1974-2015

OUR PRIDE SHOWS!

Country Manor Realty has served the Bristol community and many surrounding areas including Burlington, Farmington, Avon, Plainville, Plymouth, Plainville, Southington and New Britain since 1974.

For those who desire individual, personal and professional service, please call Country Manor Realty.

888-610-4856

or visit www.cmrbristol.com
We are THE BEST AT WHAT WE DO!



Home Living Connecticut
every month in
Hartford
MAGAZINE

BURLINGTON

Population: 9,293

Median Household Income: \$106,756

Snapshot: Roughly 40 percent of its land area is controlled as reservoir and watershed by three water utilities — New Britain Water Co., The Metropolitan District Commission and the Bristol Water Department — and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

About a century after it became a town, Burlington became a primary water resource. In 1909, the Hartford Board of Water Commissioners and the state General Assembly decided that the Nepaug River, which flowed through Burlington, would meet the capital city's initial water needs. Between 1912 and 1916, Nepaug Reservoir was built, flooding areas of Burlington, Canton and New Hartford and erasing two cemeteries, 22 farmhouses, a school, a church and Nepaug Village.

Burlington is home to the Burlington Trout Hatchery, where trout and sock-eye salmon are raised for the state's fish stocking programs. It is also home to the Nassahegon State Forest and the 700-acre Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area. The town's top employer is Regional School District 10. The Johnnycake Music Fest sponsored by the Burlington Lions Club is held annually at Johnnycake Mountain Farm.



BRAD HERRIGAN

Fall foliage along the Farmington River Trail in Burlington.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,874

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.2
Grade 7	21.5
High School	22.8

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	522/502
Writing	525/506
Math	543/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	85/75
Math	82/67
Writing	77/65

CANTON

Population: 10,243

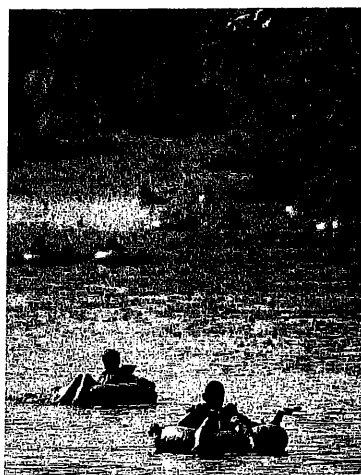
Median Household Income: \$86,136

Snapshot: Canton stands in the Farmington River Valley along Route 44. The river shaped the valley for farming and provided water power for the industrialization of the town's Collinsville section.

Whether your passion is canoeing, antiquing, dining or shopping, you can find it in Canton. The town grew up along the heavily traveled Talcott Mountain Turnpike (aka the Albany Turnpike), which was built in sections starting in 1798 between Hartford and Albany, N.Y. Hartford's water grab in the early 1900s led to construction of several reservoirs in the area.

In 1994 the U.S. Partnership for Wild and Scenic Rivers designated a 14-mile stretch of the Farmington River's West Branch — flowing through Colebrook, Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford and Canton — as a Wild and Scenic river. The river supports agriculture, power generation, industrial and municipal waste disposal, flat and whitewater canoeing and kayaking, tubing, trout fishing and swimming.

Things to do in Canton: Hike around Werner's Woods Nature Center, rent a kayak or canoe in Collinsville, browse at Antiques on the Farmington, eat at the varied restaurants in Collinsville and Canton, visit The Shoppes at Farmington Valley.



PATRICK RAYCRAFT

Those seeking relief from the heat tube on the Farmington River in Canton.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,793

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.3
Grade 7	17.6
High School	17.8

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	547/502
Writing	536/506
Math	550/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	94/75
Math	91/67
Writing	88/65

CROMWELL

Population: 14,059

Median Household Income: \$80,134

Snapshot: Located along a major interstate in the middle of Connecticut, Cromwell is home to a multitude of shops, restaurants and other businesses.

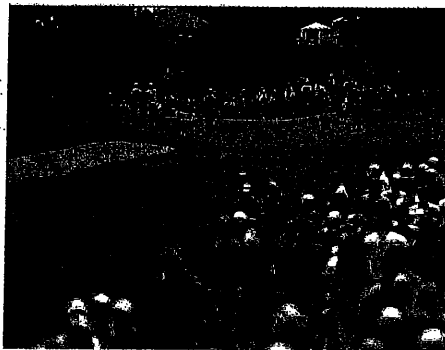
Said to be named after the Cromwell shipping boat, whose namesake was Oliver Cromwell, lord protector of the Commonwealth of England, the town is both conveniently located and easy to navigate.

With I-91 running straight through town, Cromwell's popular shopping centers and restaurants are quickly accessible.

Each June, TPC River Highlands in Cromwell hosts the PGA Travelers Championship, a premiere professional golf event sponsored by the Greater Hartford Community Foundation that attracts several hundred thousand spectators and benefits a variety of local charities. Since its inception in 1952, Connecticut's PGA Tour event has donated more than \$32 million to charities in the surrounding community; last year nearly \$1.6 million went to more than 140 charities.

And history buffs are drawn to Cromwell's Main Street Historic District, Middletown Upper Houses District and the Sage-Kirby House.

Major employers in town include Super Stop & Shop, Wal-Mart, Covenant Village of Cromwell, Aurora Senior Living and Pilgrim Manor Care Center.



JOHN WOIKE

The Travelers Championship always draws a good golf-loving crowd at TPC River Highlands.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,050

Average Class Size

Grade K	20.3
Grade 7	22.7
High School	16.4

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	504/502
Writing	496/506
Math	499/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	84/75
Math	82/67
Writing	82/65

EAST GRANBY

Population: 5,055

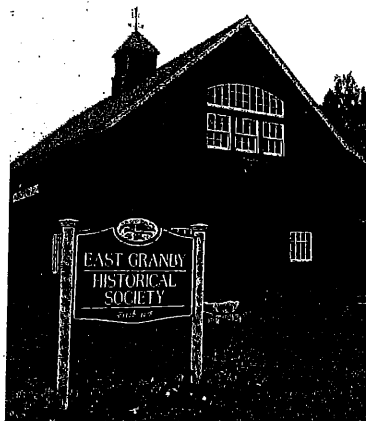
Median Household Income: \$73,074

Snapshot: Divided by the Metacomet Ridge, which runs through town, and bordered on the south by the Farmington River, East Granby is an agricultural town that holds the distinction of having Connecticut's smallest public high school.

Though less than 20 square miles in size, the town offers an abundance of natural resources, including the Metacomet Trail, which offers breathtaking views of the Farmington Valley. Bikers can enjoy miles of trails along the Farmington Valley Greenway. The Tariffville Gorge, where Olympic trials for whitewater rafting are held, is well-suited for expert paddlers looking for a rush. There are two parks, Granbrook and Cowles, along with East Granby Farms, a 70-acre recreation area.

Local vendors offer their produce and products each year, June through August, at the East Granby Farmers Market.

The town's biggest attraction is the Old-Newgate Prison and Copper Mine, currently closed for renovations. It's a former copper mine that was converted into a Revolutionary War-era jail and later became America's first state prison. East Granby's major employers include the Connecticut Air National Guard, Rockbestos-Surprenant Cable Co., RSCC Wire & Cable, Imperial Nurseries and Delta Industries.



SARAH CODY

The East Granby Historical Society.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 939

Average Class Size

Grade K	13.8
Grade 7	20.5
High School	17.1

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	539/502
Writing	550/506
Math	559/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	92/75
Math	91/67
Writing	87/65

EAST HAMPTON

Population: 12,953

Median Household Income: \$93,083

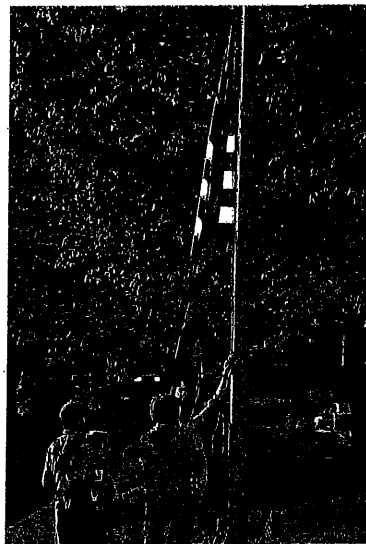
Snapshot: East Hampton lies 22 miles south of Hartford and is nestled around Lake Pocotopaug, one of Connecticut's largest inland bodies of water.

Even with its small-town feel, East Hampton offers plenty to do. Sears Park sits directly on the lake and is a popular spot for picnicking, swimming and boating. The Air Line State Park Trail offers miles of biking, hiking and jogging trails.

East Hampton often is called "Belltown, USA" because of the Bevin Brothers Manufacturing Co., which still operates in the town and makes bells for numerous uses. The town's major employers include Super Stop & Shop, Nichols Business Services, Dickinson Brands and American Distilling and Manufacturing Co.

Built in 1873, Comstock Bridge is one of only three covered bridges in Connecticut. Spanning 80 feet across the Salmon River, just north of Route 16, the bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

Tidbit: Erin Brady, whose hometown is East Hampton, was crowned Miss USA in Las Vegas in June 2013 and represented the United States in the Miss Universe pageant.



MICHAEL MCANDREWS

Boy Scouts raise the flag in honor of a soldier returning from Afghanistan.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,040

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.0
Grade 7	22.4
High School	20.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	535/502
Writing	525/506
Math	519/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	86/75
Math	80/67
Writing	84/65

EAST HARTFORD

Population: 51,171

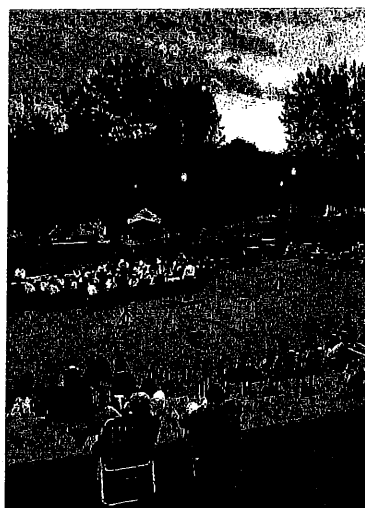
Median Household Income: \$48,438

Snapshot: East Hartford is a blue-collar suburb of Hartford separated from the capital city by the Connecticut River. It is the home of aircraft-engine maker Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies Corp., and of the stadium that houses the UConn Huskies football team.

Once known as Podunk, East Hartford has as its motto "Carpe Diem" — "seize the day." Much of its topography is level thanks to periodic flooding of the Connecticut River, which is now contained by a 39-foot-high dike. The flat terrain proved beneficial for Frederick Rentschler, who needed a flat surface to test planes. His Pratt & Whitney Co. employed nearly 40,000 at the peak of production during World War II. It remains the largest employer with a workforce of about 7,600.

The town has 13 parks, three playgrounds and an 18-hole, town-owned golf course. Wickham Park, a non-profit, private foundation whose parkland lies in both Manchester and East Hartford, has gardens, woodlands, picnic areas, ponds and sports facilities.

Tidbit: Famous aviators Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh and James Doolittle trained and tested aircraft at Rentschler Field.



COURANT FILE PHOTO

The Hartford Pops Olmsted Summer Concert in 2010 in Great River Park.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 8,009

Average Class Size

Grade K	18.6
Grade 7	16.6
High School	18.5

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	438/502
Writing	437/506
Math	439/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	43/75
Math	31/67
Writing	44/65

EAST WINDSOR

Population: 11,196

Median Household Income: \$71,310

Snapshot: Located east of the Connecticut River, East Windsor lies between Hartford and Springfield along I-91, near Bradley International Airport. The town has been a farming community since it was first settled in the 17th century, with agriculture accounting for a large portion of the town's economy even today.

East Windsor is made up of five villages — Broad Brook, Melrose, Scantic, Warehouse Point and Windsorville — the oldest being Warehouse Point. In 1636, William Pynchon, the founder of Springfield, built a warehouse there, near Enfield Falls, where shipments of goods along the river could be transferred to smaller vessels for transport farther north. Though each village maintains its distinctive characteristics, they share a central town government and education system.

For recreation, the town offers several parks and is home to the Connecticut Trolley Museum, which features a variety of streetcars from the 1890s to 1950s.

Major employers in town include Southern Auto Sales, Mulnife Farms, Walmart, Metal Improvement and Kettle Brook Care Center.

The town has one elementary school, one middle school and one high school.



RICK HARTFORD

Aboard the New Orleans Car 832 at the Connecticut Trolley Museum.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,476

Average Class Size

Grade K	15.3
Grade 7	16.9
High School	13.9

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	462/502
Writing	459/506
Math	477/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	67/75	
Math	52/67	
Writing	48/65	

ELLINGTON

Population: 15,549

Median Household Income: \$84,934

Snapshot: A rural, farming town located in the northern portion of the Connecticut River Valley, Ellington is one of the state's fastest growing communities.

Though still largely known for cattle and corn farming, the agricultural town is quickly morphing into a suburban bedroom community. Incorporated in 1786 on land once known as the "Great Marsh," it shares a good chunk of its eastern real estate with the Shenipsit State Forest. The forest, predominantly red oak, covers more than 7,000 acres in three towns, providing plenty of outdoor space for hiking, fishing and picnicking.

Though no longer enjoying the boom it once did, Crystal Lake is still a popular place to fish, boat and enjoy swimming and sunbathing at Sandy Beach. The Nellie McKnight Museum was the home of Ellington's longtime town librarian.

Each December, Ellington holds an annual Winterfest and Tree-Lighting Ceremony, which includes a holiday concert, torch light parade and appearances by Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman. Ellington's largest employers include Country Pure Foods, Big Y World Class Market and Bestech Inc. of Connecticut.



STEPHEN DUNN

Coming in for a landing at Parachutists Inc. headquarters at Ellington Airport.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,670

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.9
Grade 7	20.0
High School	17.7

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	528/502
Writing	519/506
Math	537/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	88/75	
Math	85/67	
Writing	84/65	

ENFIELD

Population: 44,699

Median Household Income: \$68,356

Snapshot: Enfield is a suburban community on the scenic Connecticut River just south of the Massachusetts border.

Interstate 91 runs through this border town, although 90 percent of Enfield is east of the highway. The town has large employers — including MassMutual, Hallmark Cards and The Lego Group — but is largely residential.

Among its Connecticut claims to fame, Enfield had the only Shaker community established in the state — in 1793, when nearly 20 of the communal, celibate communities were created from Maine to Kentucky.

Enfield's town seal includes several hand-drawn images, including a pile of cannon balls with a keg of gunpowder on each side, representing the town's once-booming gunpowder industry. Enfield also was home to the country's largest carpet company: Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. The long-dormant factory, now called Bigelow Commons, has been renovated for apartments. A rail system on the Springfield-New Haven commuter line is in the works.

Tidbit: There is a "Presidential Section" of town where all of the streets are named for United States presidents, including Cleveland Street, Tyler Road, Buchanan Road and Polk Drive.



JOHNATHON HENNINGER

Marquis Granby Ancient Fife & Drum Corps at a Memorial Day Parade.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,670

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.9
Grade 7	20.0
High School	17.7

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	528/502
Writing	519/506
Math	537/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal
	Town/State
Reading	88/75
Math	85/67
Writing	84/65

Tavern
AT THE
MEADOWS

Open To The Public Daily, Breakfast & Lunch
Large Event Space • Off-Site Catering
Dinner Specials Friday Nights

Full Service Pro Shop
Host Your Next Golf Outing
Leagues • Golf Specials

76 Sadds Mill Road, Ellington
Rolling Meadows - 860-870-5328
Tavern - 860-870-0158
www.rollingmeadowscountryclub.com
Like us on Facebook!
Call for August Specials

Upscale Pub Menu Featuring the Largest Moonshine Bar in CT!
Showcasing Over 10 Brands of Moonshine
and Local Craft Beers!

Opening in **NEW** location in August
175 West Road, Ellington | 860-896-3333
www.thehiddenstill.com

FARMINGTON

Population: 25,329

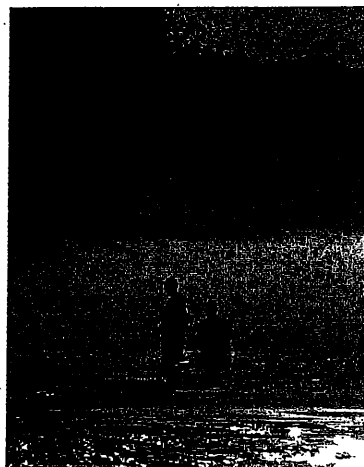
Median Household Income: \$86,467

Snapshot: With the Talcott Mountain ridgeline along its eastern border this popular residential suburb and running along the Farmington River, 10 miles west of downtown Hartford, offers miles of scenic trails, bustling commerce and several historic districts.

Residents and visitors alike are drawn to the Farmington Valley Greenway and its miles of multi-use trails. The town also was regarded as the "Grand Central Station" of Connecticut's Underground Railroad, and history enthusiasts will find no shortage of historical sites and buildings to visit along the Connecticut Freedom Trail, including the Elijah Lewis, Samuel Deming and Timothy Wadsworth houses. The historic Hill-Stead Museum is one of the town's top tourist attractions.

Farmington's schools are recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education, and the high school was named as one of the top 100 in the nation by Newsweek Magazine. Farmington is also home to the UConn Health center and Tunxis Community College.

There's an abundance of shopping, including 160 upscale retailers and restaurants at Westfarms mall, five hotels and more than 60 restaurants.



JOHN CHARLTON

Gone fishin' at the Farmington River in a steamy fog.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 4,143

Average Class Size

Grade K	18.1
Grade 7	22.0
High School	19.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	558/502
Writing	547/506
Math	551/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	91/75
Math	93/67
Writing	88/65

GLASTONBURY

Population: 34,401

Median Household Income: \$106,872

Snapshot: This affluent suburb of Hartford has deep agricultural roots. It was linked historically to the state capital by the Connecticut River and the Hartford-New London Turnpike, a portion of which is now state Route 2.

Named for a town in England, Glastonbury was incorporated in 1693, carved out of Wethersfield's holdings. A seasonal ferry service that began operation in 1655 still plies the waters of the Connecticut River between Glastonbury and Rocky Hill.

Connecticut abolished slavery in 1848; Glastonbury, however, ended the practice locally in the 1780s. The town's first library opened in 1803, with the help of Dr. Asaph Coleman, who had begun a small hospital in 1776 to treat smallpox patients. In 1845, charcoal production was among the town's leading industries.

One of the town's top taxpayers is Flanders Somerset LLC, which owns the upscale Shops at Somerset Square. Healthtrax, Open Solutions, town hall and the high school are some of Glastonbury's major employers. And even as much farmland in town has given way to residential development, agriculture — in particular orchard and berry production — remains strong.



BRAD HERRIGAN

Helena Farr eats a caramel apple at the Annual Apple Harvest Festival.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 6,999

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.3
Grade 7	24.9
High School	19.6

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	556/502
Writing	559/506
Math	580/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	89/75
Math	88/67
Writing	80/65

GRANBY

Population: 11,243

Median Household Income: \$97,851

Snapshot: Granby is a suburban community located along Connecticut's northern border, marked by a rural New England flavor.

Once part of Simsbury, Granby became independent in 1786 and still maintains the feel of days gone by with its many old structures, some dating to its Puritan beginnings. Among them are the Abijah Rowe House, the Weed-Enders House and the Cooley School, a one-room schoolhouse built around 1870, all on the grounds of the Salmon Brook Historical Society and open for tours.

Though largely residential, Granby offers plenty of shopping and restaurants, including the Cambridge House, which offers guests a variety of local, award-winning brews. Wine aficionados can visit Lost Acres Vineyard for a glass of handcrafted wine and stay for art and jazz shows.

Outdoors enthusiasts can hike, fish or bird watch at Enders State Forest, which spans more than 2,000 acres and is home to Enders Brook, a cascading waterfall descending down a rocky gorge, lined by ferns and moss.

Tidbit: UConn women's basketball national champion and Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Rebecca Lobo is a Granby native.



STEPHEN DUNN

Winter casts an icy grip on the waterfalls at Enders Falls State Park.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment: 2,259

Average Class Size

Grade K	15.7
Grade 7	24.2
High School	19.7

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	537/502
Writing	546/506
Math	546/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	87/75	
Math	93/67	
Writing	79/65	

HARTFORD

Population: 124,879

Median Household Income: \$28,931

Snapshot: Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, is located centrally in the state on the Connecticut River and comprises 17 neighborhoods.

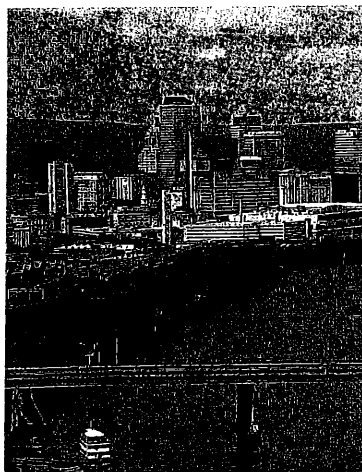
Founded in 1637, Hartford has a four-century history that includes Native Americans, record flooding of the Connecticut River at 37.56 feet (1936), the deadliest circus fire in the country's history (1944) and skyscraper construction in the 1980s.

Hartford is home to many insurance company headquarters, evident from the list of its major employers, including Hartford Financial Services Group, The Hartford, Travelers Indemnity Co. and Aetna Inc.

There is no shortage of culture and recreation in Hartford, with the Bushnell Center for Performing Arts, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art (the country's oldest public art museum), the Connecticut Science Center, Hartford Stage, TheaterWorks, the Xfinity Theater, the Connecticut Convention Center, the XL Center and more. The city is rich with parks, among them Bushnell, Keney, Elizabeth, Pope, Goodwin and Riverside.

Hartford also has deep roots in literature as Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Wallace Stevens and Noah Webster all called the city home.

Tidbit: By 1820, Hartford had 20 publishing houses.



CHLOE POISSON

The Hartford skyline rises above the Connecticut River.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment: 21,318

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.9
Grade 7	21.5
High School	19.7

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	402/502
Writing	400/506
Math	392/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	44/75	
Math	32/67	
Writing	30/65	

HEBRON

Population: 9,649

Median Household Income: \$114,286

Snapshot: Hebron is a quaint town with a 300-plus-year history. Though its population is not large, the town hosts the third-largest agricultural fair in the state every September — the Hebron Harvest Fair — along with the Maple Festival in the winter.

It also is one of Connecticut's fastest growing towns, with a new 130-acre mixed-use business district in the works.

The town is made up of several villages, including Amston, Gilead and Hebron Center.

The town has its own elementary schools, but students in Hebron move on to RHAM Middle School and RHAM High School along with students from the neighboring towns of Marlborough and Andover; both regional schools are in Hebron.

There is a wide variety of recreation and parks in Hebron, including Salmon River State Forest, Gay City State Park — Connecticut's second-largest state park — two public golf courses, the new Burnt Hill Park and Grayville Falls. The rails-to-trails Airline Trail State Park goes through Hebron, with several access points for walkers, bikers and horseback riders.



MICHAEL MCANDREWS

Lexington and Emmett share a paddock and satisfy a mutual itch at Windcrest Farm in Hebron.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,118

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.0
Grade 7	19.6
High School	18.4

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	532/502
Writing	528/506
Math	530/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 6

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	94/76
Math	93/72
Writing	74/65

MANCHESTER

Population: 58,078

Median Household Income: \$63,656

Snapshot: Manchester is a thriving business community and employment center with a large residential population in the eastern part of the Capitol region.

Nicknamed the "Silk City," as it was once home to the largest silk factory in the world, Manchester is a bustling town with recreational activities and cultural opportunities, and one of the region's major shopping meccas, with The Shoppes at Buckland Hills, The Plaza at Buckland Hills and a variety of other retail outlets. The town also has many restaurants, a giant movie complex complete with an IMAX theater, the Lutz Children's Museum and even a comedy club.

Among its many parks are Hockanum River Linear Park and Wickham Park. The Case Mountain Recreation Area is popular with hikers, and historic sites include the Cheney Homestead, Pitkin Glass Works and the Keeney Schoolhouse.

The annual Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving Day attracts thousands of runners each year and is a beloved Connecticut tradition.

Manchester is home to Manchester Community College, one of the largest community colleges in the state. The largest employers include Manchester Memorial Hospital and JC Penney Distribution Center.



RICHARD MESSINA

The annual Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving Day attracts thousands.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 7,471

Average Class Size

Grade K	21.0
Grade 7	18.0
High School	20.7

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	478/502
Writing	480/506
Math	472/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	62/75
Math	49/67
Writing	52/65

MARLBOROUGH

Population: 6,382

Median Household Income: \$110,718

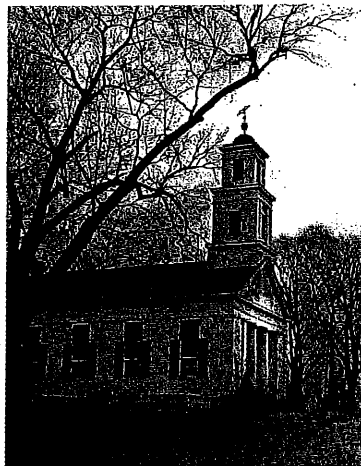
Snapshot: Formerly a rest stop for travelers during Colonial times, Marlborough is now an upper-class suburban community in the rural center of Connecticut.

Two-lane Route 2 cuts the town in half and has three exits for Marlborough alone. Just 15 minutes from Hartford and 45 minutes from New Haven, Marlborough enjoys both a prime location and tranquil country scenery. It is positioned at a crossroads of counties, sharing borders with Glastonbury (which also is in Hartford County), Hebron (Tolland County), East Hampton (Middlesex County) and Colchester (New London County).

Marlborough Arts Center has live performances, classes, workshops and galleries that feature regional art. In 1993, Marlborough Congregational Church was officially registered as a national historic landmark.

Four of the five major employers in Marlborough are based in town: Marlborough Health Care Center, the Marlborough School District, the Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School and Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center.

With numerous walking trails and activity facilities, Marlborough's recreation options fit a wide variety of interests and are available to participants of all ages.



MICHAEL MCANDREWS

The 1842 Marlborough Congregational Church, on South Main Street.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,219

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.0
Grade 7	19.6
High School	18.4

Average SAT Scores

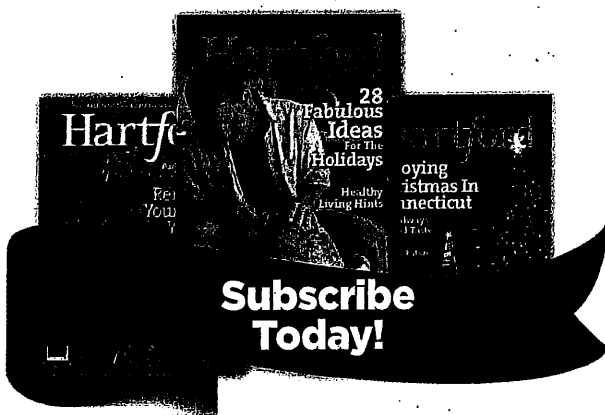
	Town/State
Reading	532/502
Writing	528/506
Math	530/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 6

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	95/76
Math	96/72
Writing	88/65

Hartford MAGAZINE

Experience Connecticut's
Premiere Lifestyle Magazine



One Year (12 issues) for **\$19.95**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card: _____

Exp: _____

Signature: _____

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ CHECK

Check payable to Hartford Magazine

Please mail with payment to:
Hartford Magazine Attn: Subscriptions
285 Broad Street, Hartford CT 06115

Expires 12/31/15

Click, Call or Mail
To Subscribe

CLICK ►

hartfordmag.com

CALL ☎

860.241.6796

MAIL ✉

Attached Form

MIDDLETOWN

Population: 47,530

Median Household Income: \$60,542

Snapshot: Though mostly residential, Middletown has a bustling downtown with shops, restaurants and other attractions.

Middletown was once the largest and most prosperous settlement in Connecticut with a thriving port on the Connecticut River. With the rise of the city's manufacturing sector, it exported pistols, marine hardware and typewriters.

Wesleyan University was founded in 1831, and in 1872 it became one of the first institutions of higher learning in the U.S. to attempt coeducation. The "Wesleyan Experiment" was put to a stop in 1909, but the university again welcomed women beginning in 1970.

The city has eight elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

While largely residential, Middletown has several large employers, including Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Middlesex Hospital, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Aerospace Technologies and MiddleOak insurance. The city's policy at present is to de-emphasize residential growth by buying land in residential zones for open space—a policy that has added more than 2,500 acres of open space—and to actively promote the development of its commercial and industrial land.



CLOE POISSON

Using a long wand to water baskets of mums at Luce restaurant.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 5,340

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.1
Grade 7	20.3
High School	21.1

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	484/502
Writing	478/506
Math	480/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	71/75
Math	53/67
Writing	57/65

Still Plenty of Time to Plan
a Summer Celebration
Let Us Help Make It a HUGE SUCCESS

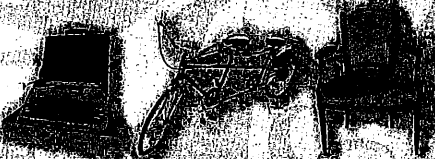
Connecticut Rental Center



- Sailcloth or Century Tents
- Canopies
- China
- Glassware
- Linens
- Flatware
- and so much more

Visit us online @

www.ctrentalcenter.com to view all our products



Connecticut
Vintage
Rental

Family owned and operated since 1969



MIDDLETOWN • 30 deKoven Drive
800.323.9225 • 860.347.4688



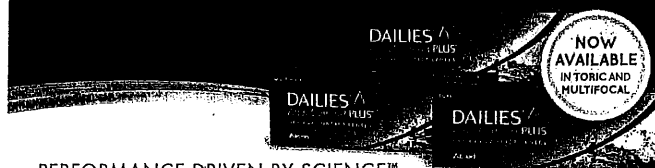
THIS IS WHY

you can enjoy refreshing comfort with every blink—no matter what the day may bring.

DAILIES AquaComfort Plus Brand

contact lenses have blink-activated moisture for outstanding comfort throughout the day.

Find out more at DAILIES.COM



PERFORMANCE DRIVEN BY SCIENCE™



Comprehensive Eye Care Full Service Optical Dispensary

Middletown, CT Westbrock, CT
860-347-8300 860-664-8089
www.middlesexeye.com

Alcon
a Novartis company

Ask your eye care professional for complete wear, care, and safety information.

© 2014 Novartis 2/14 DAF14020JAD-A

NEW BRITAIN

Population: 73,122

Median Household Income: \$39,898

Snapshot: Settled in the 1680s and incorporated as a town in 1850 and then as a city in 1871, New Britain is nicknamed the "Hardware City" for its rich history as a manufacturing center.

During the 1840s, large numbers of Irish Catholics fleeing a famine arrived in New Britain, followed by waves of immigrants, including Germans, Swedes and Armenians, but Poles were the largest group, and by the 1930s, a third of New Britain's population was ethnically Polish.

Today the city's business community is a mix of manufacturing, medical, high tech and numerous small to mid-sized companies, many enhanced by partnerships with Central Connecticut State University and its downtown Institute for Technology and Business Development. Larger employers include Stanley Black & Decker, the Hospital of Central Connecticut and the Hospital for Special Care.

Among the city's cultural institutions is the renowned New Britain Museum of American Art, founded in 1903 as the country's first museum devoted to American art.

The city also boasts 1,200 acres of parks, including Walnut Hill Park designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.



PATRICK RAYCRAFT

Lisa Hoke's eye-catching mosaic at the New Britain Museum of American Art.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment
10,874

Average Class Size
Grade K 23.5
Grade 7 23.2
High School 18.1

Average SAT Scores
Town/State
Reading 440/502
Writing 429/506
Math 440/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

Percent above goal
Town/State
Reading 34/75
Math 21/67
Writing 21/65

NEWINGTON

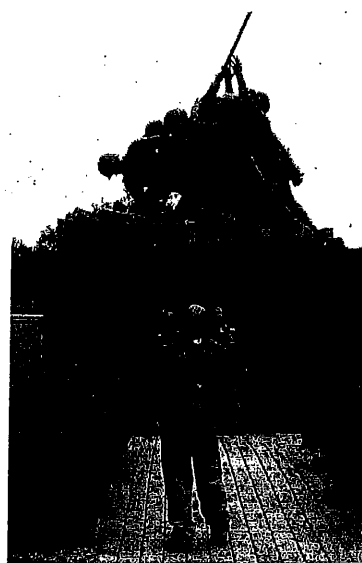
Population: 30,520

Median Household Income: \$75,237

Snapshot: Bordering Hartford, Newington is a busy, residential suburb with a large stretch of the Berlin Turnpike, bristling with numerous shops, big-box stores and restaurants. Leading employers in town include the state Department of Transportation, Data-Mail Inc., Connecticut Construction and the Veterans Medical Center.

The town went through several names, including West Farms and Pipestave Swamp, before officially becoming Newington in 1871. Historic sites include the Kellogg-Eddy House, the Enoch Kelsey House, the Deming-Young Farm and the Willard Homestead. The National Iwo Jima Memorial on the Newington and New Britain line was dedicated in 1995, on the 50th anniversary of the World War II battle that claimed 6,821 American lives.

Newington's Old Cedar Mountain Highway Trail leads to a scenic outlook with a breathtaking view from Cedar Mountain. UFO buffs might want to make the trek as there were published reports of UFO sightings there in 1965 and 1966. The town also claims the smallest natural waterfall in the U.S. — Mill Pond Falls at Mill Pond Park.



RICK HARTFORD

Bikers stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial on the town line with New Britain.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment
4,504

Average Class Size
Grade K 17.6
Grade 7 21.2
High School 21.0

Average SAT Scores
Town/State
Reading 509/502
Writing 497/506
Math 519/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

Percent above goal
Town/State
Reading 83/75
Math 69/67
Writing 75/65

PLAINVILLE

Population: 17,726

Median Household Income: \$61,766

Snapshot: Covering fewer than 10 square miles, Plainville is midway between New Britain and Bristol.

The town is probably best known for its annual Hot Air Balloon Festival and fireworks held each year in August. Sponsored by the Plainville Fire Department, the event draws thousands of spectators and enthusiasts from all over New England to watch the balloons in flight.

It's not surprising that a town that's known for putting things in the air is also home to Connecticut's oldest airfield, Robertson Airport, founded in 1911.

The town's parks are enticing: Tomasso Nature Park, home to nearly 600 painted turtles and other wildlife and plants, includes observation areas, trails and bridges on its four acres of wetlands. Norton Park hosts the town's summer concert series, a skate park, and also the family aquatic center, with a pool, water slides and other features. Little Leaguers head to Trumbull Park, and Paderewski Park is the site of the Conservation Commission's annual fishing derby and a new water spray playground.

Some of Plainville's major employers are General Electric, Wheeler Clinic and Manafort Brothers, the U.S. Naval Reserve and Carling Technologies.



PATRICK RAYCRAFT

The Plainville Fire Company's Hot Air Balloon Festival at Norton Park.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,552

Average Class Size

Grade K	15.9
Grade 7	19.8
High School	17.2

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	490/502
Writing	482/506
Math	487/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	81	75
Math	81	67
Writing	67	65

PORTLAND

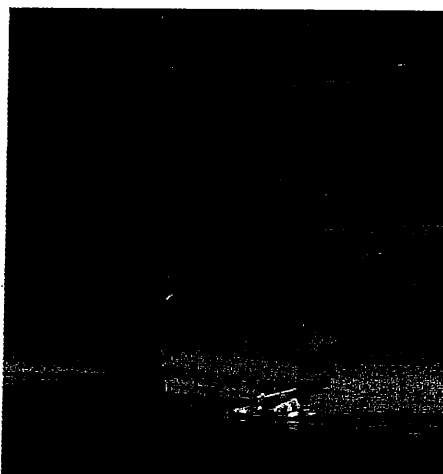
Population: 9,500

Median Household Income: \$92,344

Snapshot: Brownstone quarrying dominated Portland's economy and community life for nearly three centuries, beginning in the 1600s, along with shipbuilding. During the second half of the 19th century, millions of tons of brownstone were removed from the quarries here and shipped down the Connecticut River to Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

The stone, brown because of the iron oxide it contains, left its mark on churches and buildings throughout Connecticut as well — the Old State House in Hartford, at Trinity College and especially on the campus of Wesleyan University in Middletown; during the 19th century, the city of Middletown deeded its right to the quarries to help finance the university.

By the 20th century, brownstone couldn't compete with concrete, and when the quarries flooded in 1936, that ended the industry. But the town's ties with Middletown were strengthened that same decade with the construction of the elegant double-span Arrigoni Bridge, and Portland continues to thrive and evolve along the river. The residential suburb has eight marinas and boat clubs, and the historic quarries are now a water park.



COURANT FILE PHOTO

Doing some kayaking around the walls of the Portland brownstone quarry.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,471

Average Class Size

Grade K	18.7
Grade 7	24.2
High School	20.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	509/502
Writing	508/506
Math	515/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal	Town/State
Reading	85	75
Math	83	67
Writing	77	65

ROCKY HILL

Population: 19,631

Median Household Income: \$76,128

Snapshot: Incorporated from neighboring Wethersfield in May 1843, Rocky Hill was named for the traprock ridge that rises in the northeast. Its location on the Connecticut River designated it as an early center for shipbuilding and agriculture in past centuries.

Nowadays, Rocky Hill is a bustling bedroom community with dozens of restaurants and hotels, and is home to the popular Dinosaur State Park tourist attraction. Featuring one of the largest dinosaur track sites in North America, the attraction offers visitors the chance to view the 200 million-year-old Jurassic fossil tracks under a geodesic dome.

The Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry is the nation's oldest continuously operating ferry service and visitors can cross the Connecticut River between the two towns from April through November. Hikers and bird-watchers alike will find ample opportunity to do both at Rocky Hill's Quarry Park or any of the other public parks, including Elm Ridge Park, which offers outdoor and wading pools, sports fields, a pavilion, playscape and ice skating.

Major Rocky Hill employers include Henkel Consumer Goods, Sysco Food Services and the state Veterans Home and Hospital.



STEPHEN DUNN

The Rocky Hill-Glastonbury ferry, oldest continuously operating ferry service in U.S.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,674

Average Class Size

Grade K	13.1
Grade 7	22.1
High School	19.5

Average SAT Scores

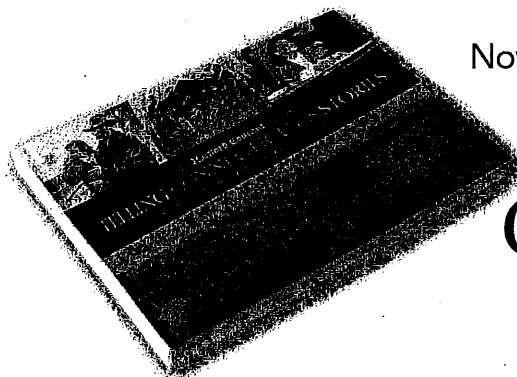
	Town/State
Reading	500/502
Writing	459/506
Math	527/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	91/75
Math	79/67
Writing	83/65

Hartford ^{250 YEARS} Courant

Delivering the moments that make history



Now Offering Our Limited Edition Hardcover Book

TELLING CONNECTICUT'S STORIES

This beautiful book captures some of the richly textured history of Connecticut and the remarkable journalism of The Courant since its founding in 1764. From the American Revolution to the digital revolution, The Courant has chronicled wars, politics, scientific advances and inventions, turbulent weather, sport triumphs and defeats, changing views on equal rights, unspeakable disasters and tragedies. Packed with pictures, this stunning, heirloom-quality, hardcover new book also highlights personal moments — a kid's first day of school, a soldier's return home, religious rituals, holiday celebrations. "Telling Connecticut's Stories" is sure to delight anyone with a love for Connecticut.

Order Online: courant.com/250book
Free Shipping for online orders of two or more copies.

SIMSBURY

Population: 23,535

Median Household Income: \$117,577

Snapshot: A suburban community with a rural and historic feel, Simsbury was fourth on Connecticut Magazine's top places to live in the state in 2013.

The town boasts several landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Drake Hill Road Bridge; Horace Belden School, which now houses the town hall and police station; and the Simsbury Townhouse, which was used for a town hall for nearly 100 years.

Many famous ice skaters have Simsbury ties thanks to the International Skating Center of Connecticut, which has attracted Oksana Baiul, Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen. The League of American Bicyclists gave Simsbury its first bicycle-friendly community designation in Connecticut. There are several bike trails as well as a "Share the Road" campaign.

Major employers include Hartford Life Insurance Co., McLean, Ensign-Bickford Industries and Chubb Insurance. The town has five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

Tidbit: Simsbury has a non-towered public-use airport that is maintained and operated by the nonprofit Simsbury Flying Club.



JOHN WOIKE

Deadheading and trimming plants at the Old Drake Hill Flower Bridge.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 4,926

Average Class Size

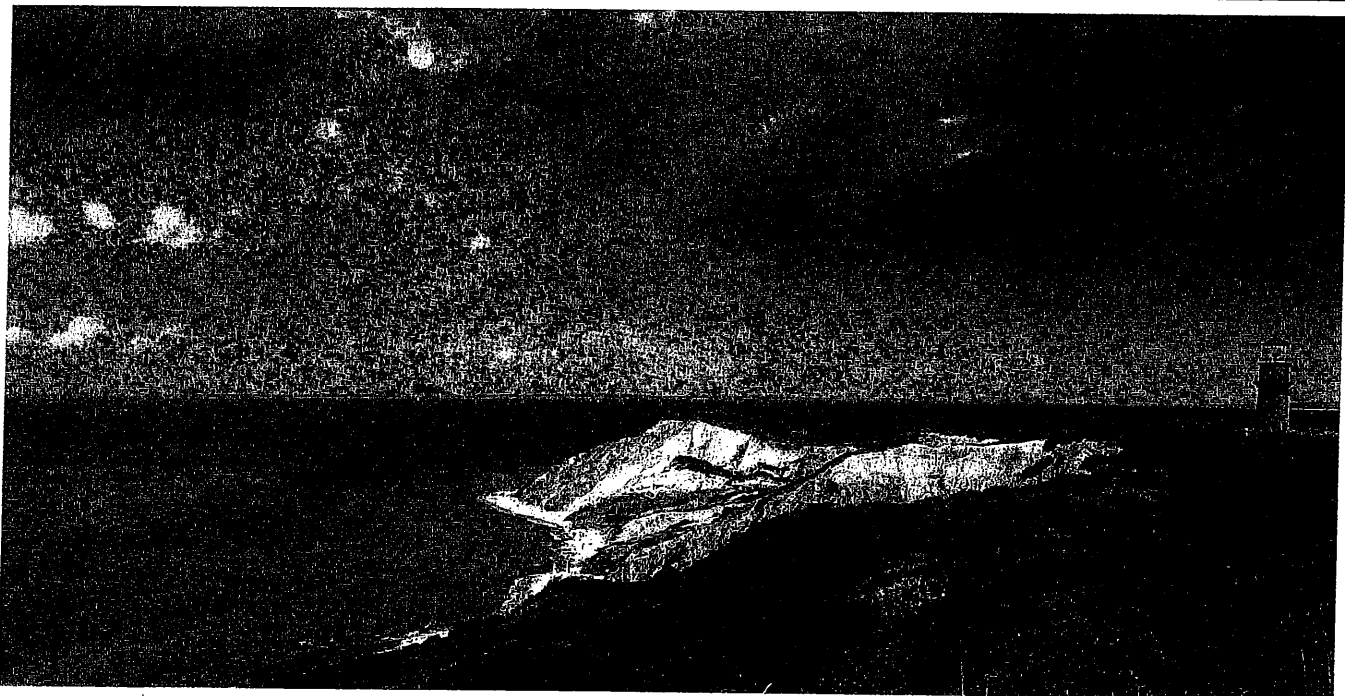
Grade K	17.3
Grade 7	21.7
High School	21.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	571/502
Writing	559/506
Math	572/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	92/75
Math	89/67
Writing	85/65



travel every month in
Hartford
MAGAZINE

SOMERS

Population: 11,451

Median Household Income:
\$100,100

Snapshot: Somers is on the Massachusetts border, just one town east of I-91, and boasts a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

Agriculture is at the heart of the Somers community with a specialty in potato and tobacco crops and dairy farms. Somers is home to the Four-Town Fair, which it hosts along with Ellington, East Windsor and Enfield each September. The fair was established in 1838. Other industries that have thrived in town have been gristmills to grind grain into flour, sawmills and bonnet making.

Two of the state Department of Correction's 18 facilities are in Somers: Northern Correctional Institution, which houses the men's death row, and Osborn Correctional Institution, which houses the execution chamber. The state prison system is among the town's major employers, along with Geissler's Supermarket, the school board, Conval Inc. and Grower Direct Farms Inc.

Tidbit: The town-owned Bald Mountain is the highest along the Connecticut River Valley. Bald Mountain stands at 1,121 feet.



MARC-YVES REGIS

They're lining up to sample chili at the New England Regional Chili Cookoff.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 1,634

Average Class Size

Grade K	15.8
Grade 7	21.8
High School	19.2

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	531/502
Writing	532/506
Math	546/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	88/75
Math	87/67
Writing	83/65

SOUTHINGTON

Population: 43,038

Median Income: \$78,668

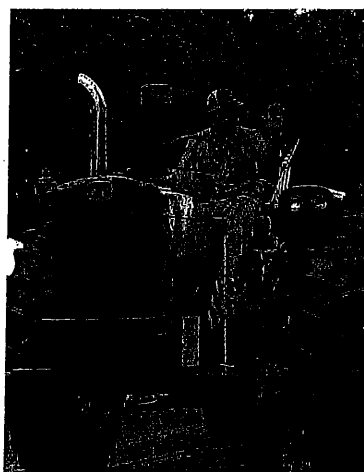
Snapshot: A growing residential, commercial and industrial community in central Connecticut that once was part of neighboring Farmington, Southington was incorporated in 1779.

With a history rich in manufacturing, Southington's Micah Rugg and Martin Barnes factory produced the first machine-made nuts. The Southington Center Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to dwellings such as the Jonathan Root House, reportedly visited by Gen. George Washington in 1870.

The town green hosts Southington's popular "Music on the Green" concert series held on Wednesdays all summer. With two town pools, an ice skating rink, a dog park, the "Rails to Trails" pathway, a community pavilion and several parks, including Crescent Lake, Panthorn and Recreation parks, there are plenty of outdoor activities.

Thousands flock to Southington's annual Apple Harvest Festival held over two weekends each autumn. The festival, Smith Medical, Yarde Metals and Mount Southington Ski Area are among the town's major employers.

Tidbit: Jim Aparo, iconic illustrator for DC Comics, lived for many years in Southington.



COURANT FILE PHOTO

Tractors joined the Annual Apple Harvest Festival Parade.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 6,826

Average Class Size

Grade K	17.0
Grade 7	21.0
High School	19.5

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	510/502
Writing	510/506
Math	518/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	85/75
Math	85/67
Writing	78/65

SOUTH WINDSOR

Population: 25,684

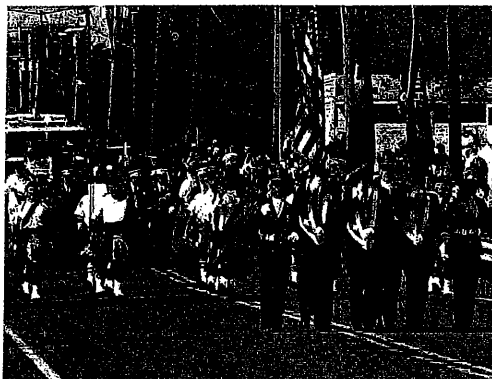
Median Household Income:
\$91,519

Snapshot: Northeast of Hartford and directly between New York and Boston, South Windsor offers quick access to Bradley International Airport along with several interstates.

Founded by English settlers in 1633, South Windsor was largely characterized by agriculture, mostly tobacco, as well as shipping, until evolving into the thriving, modern business community it is now. In keeping with its heritage, the town maintains a historic district along Main Street, and the South Windsor Historical Society sponsors an annual Heritage Day with events and re-enactments. Historic sites in town include the Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse & Museum, Wood Memorial Library and the former site of the Bissell Ferry, the second oldest ferry in Connecticut.

Offering more than just history, South Windsor is home to The Promenade Shops at Evergreen Walk, an outdoor, pedestrian shopping area with upscale retail stores and restaurants.

Tidbit: John Quincy Adams was quoted in 1771 as saying of South Windsor: "I have spent this morning in riding through Paradise. My eyes never beheld so fine a country."



RYAN BERNAT

The town's fire department celebrates an anniversary with a parade

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 4,792

**Average Class
Size**

Grade K 16.0

Grade 7 22.9

High School 20.2

**Average SAT
Scores**

Town/State

Reading 527/502

Writing 529/506

Math 544/506

**Connecticut
Mastery Tests:
Grade 8**

Percent above goal

Town/State

Reading 93/75

Math 84/67

Writing 79/65

IS YOUR POOL COVER THIS SAFE?

IT IS IF IT'S A GENUINE LOOP-LOC SAFETY SWIMMING POOL COVER



healthy living

next month in
Hartford
MAGAZINE

**Winter Safety
Covers 10% Off**

(Exp. 8/31/15)

**Splash
Pool Supply**

Family owned and operated for 27 years!

Fully Licensed & Insured

860-289-1826

637 John Fitch Blvd., Route 5, South Windsor
splashpoolsupply.com

PLM.0286142-SP1 CT Reg. 0626055



SUFFIELD

Population: 15,692

Median Household Income: \$92,019

Snapshot: Suffield is an agricultural community in the Connecticut River Valley at the border with Massachusetts.

The valley's river soils are good for growing corn, tomatoes and tobacco, a major cash crop of Suffield farms since the early 1900s. Nursery stock and turf are also produced.

Suffield's Main Street is a designated historic district, containing the town green, three churches, Suffield Academy and Colonial and Victorian homes. Suffield borders Windsor Locks and Bradley International Airport.

A piece of the town's past that some feel is worth preserving is Babb's Beach, a summer lake resort started in the 1890s by the Babb family. A group of citizens in 2003 formed Citizens Restoring Congamond, a nonprofit organization to help raise funds needed to resurrect the park, which was a popular destination for swimmers, boaters, roller skaters, picnickers and dancers.

Tidbit: A 17th-century surveyor's error placed Suffield, which was then spelled Southfield, squarely in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The matter wasn't straightened out until 1749 when the town was annexed by Connecticut.



STEPHEN DUNN

In Suffield, the Windsor Locks Canal Trail is a good place to ride a bike.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 2,441

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.7
Grade 7	20.8
High School	19.5

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	531/502
Writing	534/506
Math	550/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	86/75
Math	84/67
Writing	78/65

TOLLAND

Population: 14,980

Median Household Income: \$103,358

Snapshot: Tolland is named for the village of Tolland in Somersetshire, England. Like Rome, Tolland was settled on seven hills.

Among its most notable and philanthropic citizens was Ratcliffe Hicks (1843-1906), a lawyer and president of the Canfield Rubber Co. in Bridgeport, whose bequest established the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture at the University of Connecticut at Storrs in 1941.

The Tolland Green Historic District, which includes the Old Tolland County Jail and Museum (1856) and the Tolland County Courthouse (1822), are on the National Register.

In 2011, Money Magazine named Tolland its 37th-best small town in America. The town's Cross Farms Recreation Complex features three soccer fields, two baseball fields, hiking trails, a family fitness trail and an 18-hole disc golf course. Last year, ground was broken for Adam's Adventure, a fully accessible playground for children of all abilities.

Tidbit: Coast Guard Ret. Capt. Daniel C. Burbank, a 1979 graduate of Tolland High School, made news in November 2011 when he began a 163-day mission to repair and upgrade the International Space Station.



STEPHEN DUNN

Water flows under a bridge at the 83.3 acre C.W. Luce Conservation area.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 3,245

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.1
Grade 7	25.3
High School	21.0

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	549/502
Writing	539/506
Math	560/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	93/75
Math	89/67
Writing	87/65

VERNON

Population: 29,188

Median Household Income: \$61,848

Snapshot: I-84 runs through this Tolland County suburb, which has a rich history and many attractions.

Rockville, Talcottville and Dobsonville are villages in Vernon. The town of Vernon is among the town's top employers, along with Rockville General Hospital, Visiting Nurses & Health Services, Hospice and Palliative Care, Super Stop & Shop and Price Chopper.

Several famous people hail from Vernon, including Mark Warner, a U.S. senator from Virginia; former NFL player Bill Romanowski; still-life painter Charles Ethan Porter; and singer-songwriter Gene Pitney, who was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

Maxwell M. Belding donated a 282-acre parcel to the town in 1981 that is designated as the Belding Wildlife Management Area.

Vernon is also home to the New England Civil War Museum, the only such museum in the state.

Tidbit: At Rockville High School, Pitney was nicknamed the "Rockville Rocket." A plaque in his honor was installed in town hall in 2007.



MICHAEL MCANDREWS

The green in the Rockville section. Singer Gene Pitney grew up in Rockville.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 3,738

Average Class Size

Grade K	15.8
Grade 7	16.8
High School	16.2

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	510/502
Writing	493/506
Math	485/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	65/75
Math	60/67
Writing	52/65

FIRST AT FOUR

Local news and weather an hour early

FOX CT
NEWS AT FOUR

Lorenzo Hall Jenn Bernstein

WEST HARTFORD

Population: 63,157

Median Household Income: \$81,588

Snapshot: This town routinely tops Best Town rankings.

Settled in the late 17th century, West Hartford has more than three dozen historic sites, including the Noah Webster House. People flock to the West Hartford Reservoir to walk, bike and hike. Westmoor Park has ponds, meadows and friendly farm animals. There are several local swimming pools, parks and art galleries.

Playhouse on Park offers performances year-round.

Elizabeth Park, on the Hartford-West Hartford line, is a tranquil spot to stop and smell the roses. The New Children's Museum offers hands-on fun with science. West Hartford Center boasts dozens of upscale shops and restaurants, as does Blue Back Square.

Town events include the Annual Polar Bear Fair, Gazebo Concert Series, Celebrate West Hartford town fair, Park Road Parade, Pumpkin Festival and Holiday Stroll.

West Hartford is home to the University of Hartford, the University of St. Joseph and a campus of the University of Connecticut.

Tidbit: Blue Back Square is named for the Blue-Backed Speller, a 1783 schoolbook created by local resident Noah Webster.



COURANT FILE PHOTO

Shoppers stroll in one of the town's key shopping areas, Blue Back Square.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 10,315

Average Class Size

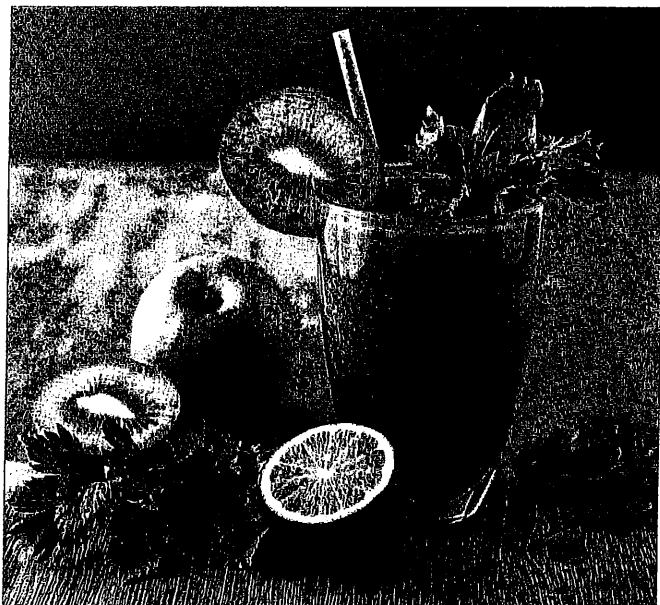
Grade K	19.4
Grade 7	20.4
High School	20.2

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	544/502
Writing	544/506
Math	544/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	82/75
Math	79/67
Writing	73/65



healthy living
next month in
Hartford
MAGAZINE



Barbara and Oliver
are happy in their
new home.

Hoffman SummerWood Community is CT's premier senior living rental community offering fine kosher dining and a wealth of other amenities including memberships to the Mandell JCC, the University of Hartford's President's College, and the West Hartford Senior Center. To learn more call 860-523-3808 or visit www.hoffmansummerwood.org.



Hoffman SummerWood
Community

A Member of the Hebrew HealthCare Family

160 Simsbury Road, West Hartford www.hoffmansummerwood.org



WETHERSFIELD

Population: 26,670

Median Household Income: \$76,196

Snapshot: Just south of Hartford, mostly west of the Connecticut River and I-91, Wethersfield looks like what it is — a quaint old New England town.

If you love historic buildings, Wethersfield is your place. The town, founded in 1634, has the state's largest historic district — Old Wethersfield — with dozens of 18th- and 19th-century buildings in a 2-square-mile area. Local merchant Silas Deane was the United States' first foreign diplomat, lobbying France for aid during the Revolution. The Silas Deane House is open to the public as part of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum.

Wethersfield was known as "Oniontown" to some through the mid-1800s because the town was home to the red onion. Comstock, Ferre & Co. is America's oldest continuously operating seed company.

State offices include the Department of Labor, Department of Correction and the Department of Motor Vehicles, which are among the town's top employers.

Tidbit: Two meteorites have hit the town in the past half-century but no one was hurt.



HANDOUT

The Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum offers a view of holidays past.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 3,946

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.6
Grade 7	21.5
High School	20.3

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	510/502
Writing	507/506
Math	521/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	86/75
Math	79/67
Writing	68/65

WINDSOR

Population: 29,067

Median Household Income: \$77,377

Snapshot: Not far from Bradley International Airport, Windsor is centrally located between New York and Boston.

In 1633, Windsor became Connecticut's first English settlement and remains the "First Town." With two historic districts, the Broad Street Green Historic District and the Palisado Avenue Historic District, there's no shortage of places to go and things to see.

In addition to the L.P. Wilson Community Center, there are two town pools and more than a dozen parks and trails including skate and dog parks. Northwest Park, formerly tobacco farmland, is a multi-recreational park with an interpretive nature center, 12 miles of trails and a butterfly garden.

The town has several museums including the Vintage Radio and Communication Museum, the Tobacco Museum and the Huntington House Museum. Windsor is home to the Loomis Chaffee boarding school. The town's largest employers include Alstom Power, Stanadyne Corp., Envirotest Systems Holdings and Konica Minolta.

Tidbit: Playwright Joseph Kesselring is thought to have based his dark comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" on nefarious Windsor resident Amy Archer-Gilligan. She was implicated in dozens of arsenic-related deaths from 1907 to 1917.



CLOE POISSON

Taking a walk on the Windsor Center River Trail along the Farmington River.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 4,272

Average Class Size

Grade K	16.4
Grade 7	16.9
High School	18.3

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	460/502
Writing	461/506
Math	476/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	70/75
Math	58/67
Writing	60/65

WINDSOR LOCKS

Population: 12,500

Median Household Income: \$62,640

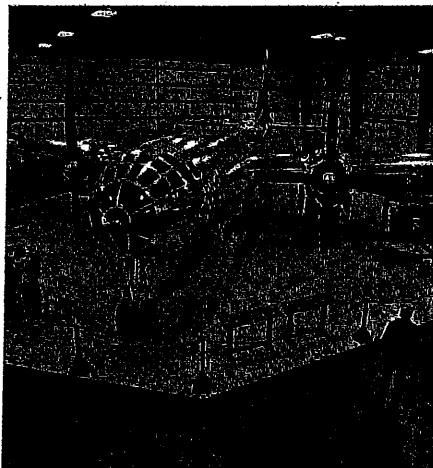
Snapshot: Bradley International Airport dominates most of the conversation in this town.

Windsor Locks, incorporated in 1854, has long been a transportation hub. It was boats and trains before planes. The town seal bears the inscription "Town of Windsor Locks" on a large outer circle that contains three smaller circles, one each depicting an airplane, canal locks and a railroad train.

The Enfield Falls Locks were built between 1827 and 1829 to help river traffic bypass the Enfield rapids between Hartford and Springfield. The Hartford and Springfield Railroad, following a route through Windsor Locks, began operating in 1844 and took business away from the canal.

With World War II, the government built a military airfield at Windsor Locks, which became a public airport in 1957. The airport is also home to the Bradley Air Museum.

Tidbit: The first Christmas tree in New England was put up here in 1777 by a German soldier captured at the Battle of Bennington.



STEPHEN DUNN

A restored 1945 Boeing B-29A Superfortress bomber at the New England Air Museum.

Fast Facts On Schools

Enrollment 917

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.6
Grade 7	20.1
High School	20.2

Average SAT Scores

	Town/State
Reading	505/502
Writing	486/506
Math	498/506

Connecticut Mastery Tests: Grade 8

	Percent above goal Town/State
Reading	63/75
Math	55/67
Writing	52/65



Save the Date!

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 1st, 2015
BLUE BACK SQUARE, WEST HARTFORD

SPONSOR DONATE VOLUNTEER

Live Music • Survivor Fashion Show • Food Tastings • Swag Bags • Raffle Prizes

Event Benefiting Komen CT • pinkpartyct.com

Sponsorship Opportunities: eventsct@tribpub.com

*Rain Date Friday, October 2nd