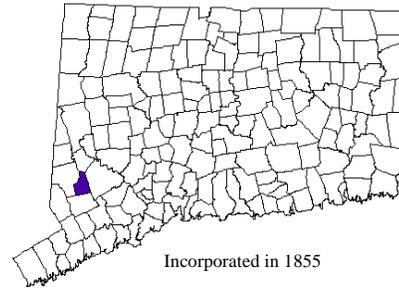


Bethel, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2012

Town Hall
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801
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Belongs to
Fairfield County
LMA Danbury
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1855

Demographics

| <i>Population (2011)</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Race/Ethnicity (2011)</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1990 | 17,541 | 827,645 | 3,287,116 | White | 16,687 | 693,973 | 2,800,328 |
| 2000 | 18,067 | 882,567 | 3,405,565 | Black | 346 | 100,447 | 365,949 |
| 2011 | 18,779 | 927,503 | 3,610,073 | Asian Pacific | 845 | 43,200 | 138,364 |
| 2016 | 19,596 | 971,083 | 3,754,486 | Native American | 18 | 2,410 | 11,369 |
| '11-'16 Growth / Yr | 0.9% | 0.9% | 0.8% | Other/Multi-Race | 883 | 87,473 | 294,063 |
| | | | | Hispanic (any race) | 1,519 | 164,938 | 512,039 |
| Land Area (sq. miles) | 17 | 626 | 5,009 | <i>Poverty Rate (2010)</i> | 3.9% | 8.0% | 9.2% |
| Pop./ Sq. Mile (2011) | 1,118 | 1,482 | 721 | <i>Educational Attainment (2011)</i> | | | |
| Median Age (2011) | 39 | 39 | 40 | Persons Age 25 or Older | <i>Town</i> | <i>%</i> | <i>State</i> |
| Households (2011) | 7,020 | 339,969 | 1,391,975 | High School Graduate | 3,606 | 29% | 702,670 |
| Med HH Inc. (2011) | \$87,440 | \$82,711 | \$70,705 | Some College | 2,615 | 21% | 594,209 |
| | | | | Bachelors or More | 5,319 | 43% | 883,658 |
| <i>Age Distribution (2011)</i> | | | | | | | |
| | <i>0-4</i> | <i>5-17</i> | <i>18-24</i> | <i>25-49</i> | <i>50-64</i> | <i>65+</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Male | 667 4% | 1,882 10% | 978 5% | 3,101 17% | 1,777 9% | 1,088 6% | 9,493 |
| Female | 662 4% | 1,519 8% | 771 4% | 3,007 16% | 1,884 10% | 1,443 8% | 9,286 |
| County Total | 60,500 7% | 167,644 18% | 83,264 9% | 310,736 34% | 179,111 19% | 126,248 14% | 927,503 |
| State Total | 217,641 6% | 611,932 17% | 343,959 10% | 1,213,300 34% | 711,463 20% | 511,778 14% | 3,610,073 |

Economics

| <i>Business Profile (2005)</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | | <i>Top Five Grand List (2009)</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>% of Net</i> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Sector</i> | <i>Establishments</i> | <i>Employment</i> | | | |
| Agriculture | 3.4% | 2.3% | CT Light & Power Co. | \$72,652,380 | 0.3% |
| Const. and Mining | 17.8% | 9.5% | Duracell | \$60,411,250 | 0.3% |
| Manufacturing | 9.4% | 25.1% | Steiner Inc. | \$25,793,630 | 0.1% |
| Trans. and Utilities | 2.8% | 8.9% | Bethel Associates | \$14,807,300 | 0.1% |
| Trade | 20.4% | 19.0% | Target Corporation | \$11,630,310 | 0.1% |
| Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 5.4% | 3.7% | Net Grand List (2009) | \$22,958,815,380 | |
| Services | 37.0% | 30.3% | <i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i> | | |
| Government | 3.7% | 1.1% | Duracell Inc | Bethel Food Market Inc | |
| | | | Eaton Corporation | Cannondale Corporation | |
| | | | Consolidated Controls | | |
| | | | | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> |
| | | | <i>Retail Sales (2007)</i> | \$326,027,658 | \$136,936,194,241 |
| | | | <i>All Outlets</i> | | |

Education

| <i>2009-2010 School Year</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i> | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| | | | <i>Grade 4</i> | | <i>Grade 6</i> | | <i>Grade 8</i> | | | |
| | | | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> | | |
| Total Town School Enrollment | 3,102 | 552,782 | Reading | 82 | 61 | 79 | 69 | 88 | 69 | |
| Most public school students in Bethel attend Bethel School District, which has 3,073 students. | | | Math | 84 | 64 | 89 | 69 | 80 | 65 | |
| | | | Writing | 81 | 64 | 70 | 62 | 81 | 67 | |
| | | | <i>Average SAT Score</i> | | | | | | | |
| | | | <i>Average Class Size</i> | | | <i>Town</i> | | | <i>State</i> | |
| For more education data please see: | <i>Students per Computer</i> | <i>Town</i> | <i>State</i> | Grade K | 17.8 | Grade 2 | 19.3 | Reading | 508 | 503 |
| http://www.state.ct.us/sde/ | Elementary: | 4.1 | 4.1 | Grade 5 | 23.5 | Grade 7 | 24.8 | Writing | 517 | 506 |
| | Middle: | 2.6 | 2.8 | High School | 18.6 | Math | 509 | 508 | | |
| | Secondary: | 2.8 | 2.7 | | | | | | | |

Government

| | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting | | | | Annual Debt Service (2010) | \$4,058,700 |
| | | | | As % of Expenditures | 6.6% |
| Total Revenue (2010) | \$61,871,861 | Total Expenditures (2010) | \$61,239,489 | Eq. Net Grand List (2008) | \$3,103,236,798 |
| Tax Revenue | \$49,385,189 | Education | \$38,917,838 | Per Capita | \$167,915 |
| Non-tax Revenue | \$12,486,672 | Other | \$22,321,651 | As % of State Average | 101% |
| Intergovernmental | \$11,350,228 | Total Indebtness (2010) | \$37,953,097 | Date of Last Revaluation (2009) | 2007 |
| Per Capita Tax (2010) | \$2,687 | As % of Expenditures | 62.0% | Moody's Bond Rating (2009) | Aa3 |
| As % of State Average | 108.4% | Per Capita | \$2,065 | Actual Mill Rate (2010) | 21.64 |
| | | | | Equalized Mill Rate (2010) | 15.82 |
| | | | | % of Grand List Com/Ind (2007) | 13.8% |

Housing/Real Estate

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|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---|-------|---------|---------|
| <i>Housing Stock (2009)</i> | Town | County | State | Owner Occupied Dwellings (2009) | 4,542 | 204,640 | 812,964 |
| Existing Units (total) | 7,032 | 352,621 | 1,452,007 | As % Total Dwellings | 68% | 58% | 57% |
| % Single Unit | 76.5% | 65.1% | 64.8% | Subsidize Housing (2008) | 334 | 28,382 | 149,355 |
| New Permits Auth. (2009) | 47 | 1,199 | 3,786 | <i>Distribution of House Sales (2009)</i> | | | |
| As % Existing Units | 0.67% | 0.34% | 0.26% | Number of Sales | | | |
| Demolitions (2009) | 2 | 384 | 1,219 | Less than \$100,000 | | 24 | 346 |
| House Sales (2009) | 76 | 3,045 | 14,696 | \$100,000-\$199,999 | 1 | 89 | 3,539 |
| Median Price | \$344,250 | \$495,000 | \$265,000 | \$200,000-\$299,999 | 15 | 452 | 4,847 |
| Built Pre 1950 share (2000) | 23.7% | 31.5% | 31.5% | \$300,000-\$399,999 | 34 | 561 | 2,510 |
| | | | | \$400,000 or More | 26 | 1,919 | 3,454 |

Labor Force

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|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| <i>Place of Residence (2011)</i> | | | | <i>Commuters (2000)</i> | | | |
| | Town | County | State | Commuters into Town from: | Town Residents Commuting to: | | |
| Labor Force | 11,022 | 481,774 | 1,918,145 | Bethel | 2,118 | Danbury | 2,557 |
| Employed | 10,264 | 443,198 | 1,749,489 | Danbury | 1,897 | Bethel | 2,118 |
| Unemployed | 758 | 38,576 | 170,828 | Newtown | 361 | Norwalk | 490 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.9% | 8.0% | 8.9% | Brookfield | 317 | Stamford | 484 |
| <i>Place of Work (2011)</i> | | | | New Milford | 291 | Ridgefield | 476 |
| # of Units | 622 | 32,527 | 103,381 | Southbury | 178 | Brookfield | 385 |
| Total Employment | 6,962 | 358,040 | 1,612,373 | New Fairfield | 157 | Wilton | 295 |
| 2000-'11 Growth AAGR | 1.5% | -1.6% | -0.3% | Norwalk | 153 | Newtown | 233 |
| Mfg Employment | 1,145 | 37,433 | 166,279 | Waterbury | 136 | New Milford | 159 |
| | | | | Bridgeport | 130 | Manhattan, NY | 151 |

Other Information

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|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|--|--|
| <i>Banks (2007)</i> | Town | State | <i>Residential Utilities</i> | | | | |
| | 8 | 1,029 | Electric Provider | | | | |
| <i>Crime Rate (2009)</i> | | | Connecticut Light & Power | | | | |
| Per 100,000 Residents | 5 | 298 | (800) 286-2000 | | | | |
| | | | <i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i> | | | | |
| | | | Hartford | 46 | Gas Provider | | |
| | | | Boston | 140 | Yankee Gas Company | | |
| <i>Library (2010)</i> | Town | | New York City | 56 | (800) 989-0900 | | |
| Total Volumes | 118,847 | | Providence | 107 | Water Provider | | |
| Circulation Per Capita | 9.3 | | Municipal Provider | | | | |
| | | | local Contact | | | | |
| | | | Cable Provider | | | | |
| | | | COMCAST/DANBURY | | | | |
| | | | (800) 266-2278 | | | | |