

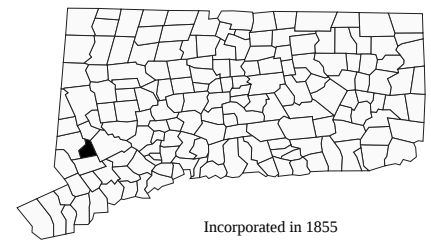
Bethel, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2016

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Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
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

Population (2010-2014)

	Town	County	State
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565
2010	18,584	916,829	3,574,097
2014	19,078	934,215	3,592,053
2020	18,503	944,692	3,702,469
'14 - '20 Growth / Yr	-0.5%	0.2%	0.5%

	Town	County	State
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	625	4,842
Pop./Sq. Mile (2010)	1,130	1,495	742
Median Age (2010-2014)	42	40	40
Households (2010-2014)	7,071	333,502	1,356,206
Med. HH Inc. (2010-2014)	\$85,377	\$83,163	\$69,899

Age Distribution (2010-2014)

	0-4		5-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+		Total	
Town	920	5%	2,579	14%	2,526	13%	4,367	23%	6,213	33%	2,473	13%	19,078	100%
County	55,160	6%	129,287	14%	119,243	13%	235,475	25%	264,775	28%	130,275	14%	934,215	100%
State	194,338	5%	452,157	13%	489,981	14%	892,275	25%	1,032,223	29%	531,079	15%	3,592,053	100%

Race/Ethnicity (2010-2014)

	Town	County	State
White	16,233	605,136	2,508,360
Black	293	103,232	365,871
Asian Pacific	850	45,560	145,842
Native American	0	241	1,105
Other/Multi-Race	936	88,711	282,094
Hispanic (Any Race)	1,301	167,047	512,795

	Town	County	State
Poverty Rate (2010-2014)	3.8%	9.1%	10.5%

Educational Attainment (2010-2014)

	Town	County	State
High School Graduate	3,288	25%	677,887
Associates Degree	1,111	9%	180,321
Bachelors or Higher	5,388	41%	908,551

Economics

Business Profile (2014)

Sector	Units	Employment
Total - All Industries	637	7,053
23 - Construction	84	421
31-33 - Manufacturing	52	1,189
44-45 - Retail Trade	63	943
62 - Health Care & Social Assistance	44	1,068
72 - Accommodation And Food Services	57	536
Total Government	20	744

Top Five Grand List (2013)

	Amount
Connecticut Light and Power Inc.	\$71,414,210
Duracell	\$47,737,930
Steiner Inc.	\$20,285,100
Bethel Associates	\$12,914,340
Target Corporation	\$11,167,450
Net Grand List (SFY 2013-2014)	\$1,852,145,585

Major Employers (2014)

Ability Beyond Disability	Amica Mutual Insurance Co
Duracell North Atlantic Group	Cascades Assisted Living
Big Y	

Education

2013-2014 School Year

	Grades	Enrollment
Bethel School District	PK-12	2,989

Pre-K Enrollment (PSIS)

	2011-2012
Bethel School District	110

4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2013-2014)

	All	Female	Male
Connecticut	87.0%	90.0%	84.0%
Bethel School District	92.0%	94.0%	90.0%

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal (2013)

	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Reading	78.4%	56.9%	69.1%	62.7%	90.2%	76.3%
Math	80.7%	61.6%	78.1%	65.4%	86.2%	65.2%
Writing	84.8%	60.0%	71.9%	63.1%	80.4%	67.3%

Rate of Chronic Absenteeism (2012-2013)

	All	K - 3	4 - 8	9 - 12
Connecticut	11.5%	8.9%	9.0%	16.9%
Bethel School District	6.8%	3.9%	7.2%	8.6%

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Government

Government Form: Selectman - Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2014)	\$74,729,636	Total Expenditures (2014)	\$71,144,751	Annual Debt Service (2014)	\$3,373,128
Tax Revenue	\$58,682,339	Education	\$46,384,500	As % of Expenditures	4.7%
Non-tax Revenue	\$16,047,297	Other	\$24,760,251	Eq. Net Grand List (2014)	\$2,646,524,193
Intergovernmental	\$14,565,184	Total Indebtedness (2014)	\$28,878,941	Per Capita	\$136,616
Per Capita Tax (2014)	\$3,000	As % of Expenditures	40.6%	As % of State Average	95.0%
As % of State Average	111.2%	Per Capita	\$1,491	Moody's Bond Rating (2014)	Aa2
		As % of State Average	64.4%	Actual Mill Rate (2014)	31.50
				Equalized Mill Rate (2014)	21.96
				% of Net Grand List Com/Ind (2014)	15.3%

Housing/Real Estate

Housing Stock (2010-2014)

	Town	County	State
Total Units	7,388	362,616	1,490,381
% Single Unit (2010-2014)	68.0%	58.0%	59.0%
New Permits Auth (2015)	118	2,598	6,077
As % Existing Units	1.6%	0.7%	0.4%
Demolitions (2015)	1	602	1,230
Home Sales (2013)	162	7,243	26,310
Median Price	\$337,000	\$422,400	\$274,500
Built Pre-1950 share	23.6%	29.3%	29.7%
Owner Occupied Dwellings	5,483	228,331	913,043
As % Total Dwellings	77.5%	68.5%	67.3%
Subsidized Housing (2015)	370	33,890	172,556

Distribution of House Sales (2013)

	Town	County	State
Less than \$100,000	4	439	3,417
\$100,000-\$199,999	27	890	7,522
\$200,000-\$299,999	60	1,117	6,031
\$300,000-\$399,999	40	980	3,380
\$400,000 or More	31	3,817	5,960

Labor Force

Place of Residence (2014)

	Town	County	State
Labor Force	10,613	475,888	1,885,100
Employed	10,040	446,528	1,760,400
Unemployed	573	29,360	124,700
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	6.2%	6.6%

Connecticut Commuters (2014)

Commuters Into Town From:	Town Residents Commuting To:		
Danbury	1,712	Danbury	2,189
Bethel	1,339	Bethel	1,339
Newtown	419	Norwalk	455
New Milford	397	Ridgefield	431
Brookfield	280	Stamford	423
Waterbury	185	Brookfield	301
New Fairfield	169	Wilton	296

Place of Work (2014)

	Town	County	State
Units	637	34,172	114,608
Total Employment	7,053	418,832	1,653,545
2011-'14 AAGR	94.0%	58.0%	29.5%
Mfg Employment	1,189	35,238	159,607

Other Information

Crime Rate (2014)

	Town	State
Per 100,000 residents	887	2,167

Distance to Major Cities

	Miles
Hartford	46
New York City	56
Providence	107
Boston	140
Montreal	289

Residential Utilities

Electric Provider
Eversource Energy
(800) 286-2000

Gas Provider
Eversource Energy
(800) 989-0900

Water Provider
Municipal Provider
Local Contact

Cable Provider
Comcast Danbury
(800) 266-2278

Library (2015)

	Town
Circulation per Capita	7.61
Internet Use per Visit	0.18

Families Receiving (2014)

	Town
Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)	21

Population Receiving (2014)

	Town
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	453