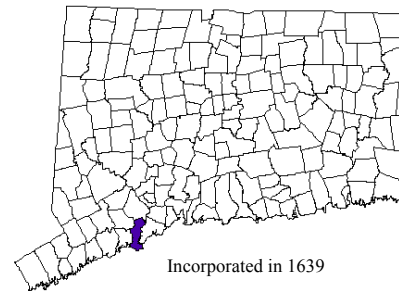


Stratford, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2004

Town Hall
2725 Main Street
Stratford, CT 06615
(203) 385-4001

Belongs to
Fairfield County
Bridgeport Labor Market Area
Greater Bridgeport Economic Dev. Region
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area



Incorporated in 1639

Demographics

Population (2004)	Town	County	State
1990	49,389	827,645	3,287,116
2000	49,976	882,567	3,405,565
2004	49,967	904,001	3,507,246
2009	49,995	928,248	3,626,616
'04-'09 Growth / Yr	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%

Land Area (sq. miles)	18	626	5,009
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2004)	2,842	1,444	700
Median Age (2004)	41	38	38
Households (2004)	20,058	334,894	1,357,133
Med HH Inc. (2004)	\$57,789	\$71,097	\$58,438

Age Distribution (2004)

	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	1,436 3%	4,478 9%	1,744 3%	7,895 16%	4,267 9%	3,831 8%	23,651
Female	1,463 3%	4,396 9%	1,686 3%	8,460 17%	4,792 10%	5,519 11%	26,316
County Total	62,314 7%	171,362 19%	72,590 8%	317,862 35%	158,654 18%	121,219 13%	904,001
State Total	219,287 6%	640,516 18%	311,209 9%	1,239,795 35%	614,161 18%	482,278 14%	3,507,246

Race/Ethnicity (2004)

	Town	County	State
White	42,305	716,448	2,863,369
Black	4,909	90,812	319,094
Asian Pacific	730	29,801	86,177
Native American	82	1,780	9,927
Other/Multi-Race	1,085	42,637	151,596
Hispanic (any race)	3,867	120,106	367,273

Poverty Rate (2000)

Town	5.0%	County	6.9%	State	7.9%
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Educational Attainment (2000)

Persons Age 25 or Older	Town	%	State	%
High School Graduate	11,861	33%	653,300	28%
Some College	8,566	24%	553,667	24%
Bachelors or More	9,103	26%	720,994	31%

Economics

Business Profile (2001)

Sector	Firms	% of Total	Emp.	% of Total
Agriculture	56	2.3%	183	0.8%
Const. and Mining	324	13.4%	1,478	6.3%
Manufacturing	169	7.0%	6,787	29.0%
Trans. and Utilities	91	3.8%	727	3.1%
Trade	584	24.2%	4,188	17.9%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	176	7.3%	1,157	4.9%
Services	991	41.1%	8,013	34.2%
Government	18	0.7%	898	3.8%
Total	2,409	100.0%	23,431	100.0%

Top Five Grand List (2002)

Grand list data
not provided

Net Grand List (2002)

\$3,087,928,321

Top Five Major Employers (2002)

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	William B. Meyer
Dresser Instrument	Dainon Systems, Inc.
United Parcel Service	

Retail Sales (2002)

All Outlets

Town	State
\$2,696,883,435	\$105,014,859,890

Education

2000-2001 School Year

	Town	State
Total Town School Enrollment	7,462	542,193

Most public school students in Stratford attend Stratford School District, which has 7,386 students.

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Reading	51	58	62	64	65	66
Math	59	61	64	61	49	55
Writing	45	61	67	60	55	59

For more education data please see:

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/>

Students per Computer	Town	State
Elementary:	5.7	5.3
Middle:	4.3	4.4
Secondary:	4.3	4.1

Average Class Size

Grade K	18.1	Grade 2	20.1
Grade 5	21.9	Grade 7	22.4
High School	19.8		

Average SAT Score

	Town	State
Verbal	477	502
Math	468	503

Stratford Connecticut



Government

Government Form: Council-Manager

Total Revenue (2002)	\$129,594,496
Tax Revenue	\$101,466,156
Non-tax Revenue	\$28,128,340
Intergovernmental	\$24,112,780
Per Capita Tax (2002)	\$2,034
As % of State Average	118.4%

Total Expenditures (2002)	\$129,218,159
Education	\$67,749,446
Other	\$40,886,221
Total Indebtness (2002)	\$179,117,061
As % of Expenditures	138.6%
Per Capita	\$3,591
As % of State Average	207.9%

Annual Debt Service (2002)	\$20,582,492
As % of Expenditures	15.9%
Eq. Net Grand List (2001)	\$5,136,764,928
Per Capita	\$102,785
As % of State Average	89%
Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	2000
Moody's Bond Rating (2001)	A1
Actual Mill Rate (2002)	36.44
Equalized Mill Rate (2002)	21.90
% of Grand List Com/Ind (2001)	15.8%

Housing

<i>Housing Stock (2002)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution (2003)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Existing Units (total)	20,685	342,403	1,401,802	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	75.4%	65.3%	64.4%	Less than \$100,000	117	1,370	12,668
New Permits Auth. (2002)	57	1,879	9,731	\$100,001-\$200,000	346	3,484	27,434
As % Existing Units	0.28%	0.69%	0.55%	\$200,001-\$300,000	533	3,941	15,276
Demolitions (2003)	13	478	1,275	\$300,001-\$400,000	156	3,184	8,135
Residential Sales (2003)	1,226	19,696	76,192	\$400,001 or More	74	7,716	12,673
Median Price	\$225,000	\$325,000	\$189,900	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	15,994	224,509	869,742
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	38.8%	31.5%	31.5%	As % Total Dwellings	78%	66%	63%
				Subsidize Housing (2001)	1,494	30,502	148,930

Labor Force

Place of Residence (2003)

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Labor Force	25,126	458,280	1,792,098
Employed	23,873	439,792	1,714,488
Unemployed	1,253	18,488	77,610
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.0%	4.3%

Place of Work (2001)

	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Employment	25,890	423,960	1,682,800
'92-'01 Growth AAGR	-1.4%	0.9%	1.1%
Manufacturing	8,760	67,200	254,000

Commuters (2000)

Commuters into Town from:		Town Residents	Commuting to:
Stratford	5,958	Stratford	5,958
Bridgeport	4,419	Bridgeport	3,997
Milford	1,832	Fairfield	1,581
Shelton	1,600	Milford	1,428
Trumbull	911	Shelton	1,366
West Haven	715	Trumbull	1,281
Fairfield	633	Norwalk	1,149
Ansonia	533	Stamford	1,050
Stamford	518	New Haven	732
Norwalk	474	Westport	705

Quality of Life

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Banks (2003)	12	1,226
Lodging (1998)	4	756
Day Care Facilities (1999)	23	1,721
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (2001)	no calc	4.5
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	32	33
% Open Land (1990)	27.3%	68.7%
Hospitals (1999)	0	7
Total Beds	0	1,954

Library (2001)	<i>Town</i>
Total Volumes	152,498
Circulation Per Capita	4.3
<i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i>	
Hartford	45
Boston	134
New York City	57
Providence	98

Residential Utilities

Electric Provider	The United Illuminating Co. (800) 257-0141
Gas Provider	Southern Connecticut Gas Company (203) 382-8111
Water Provider	Aquarion Water Company (800) 732-9678
Cable Provider	Cablevision Systems of Southern CT 203-336-2225