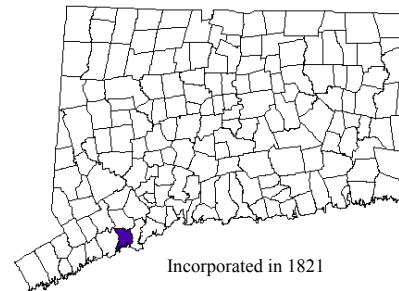


Bridgeport, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2004

Town Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-7201

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



Incorporated in 1821

Demographics

Population (2004)	Town	County	State
1990	141,686	827,645	3,287,116
2000	139,529	882,567	3,405,565
2004	140,885	904,001	3,507,246
2009	142,393	928,248	3,626,616
'04-'09 Growth / Yr	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%

Land Area (sq. miles)	16	626	5,009
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2004)	8,805	1,444	700
Median Age (2004)	32	38	38
Households (2004)	51,132	334,894	1,357,133
Med HH Inc. (2004)	\$37,019	\$71,097	\$58,438

Age Distribution (2004)

	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	5,506 4%	15,010 11%	8,612 6%	22,716 16%	9,186 7%	6,494 5%	67,524
Female	5,266 4%	14,268 10%	8,649 6%	24,120 17%	10,951 8%	10,107 7%	73,361
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	63,068	716,448	2,863,369
Black	43,576	90,812	319,094
Asian Pacific	4,711	29,801	86,177
Native American	687	1,780	9,927
Other/Multi-Race	21,009	42,637	151,596
Hispanic (any race)	50,095	120,106	367,273

Poverty Rate (2000)

Town	18.4%	County	6.9%	State	7.9%
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Educational Attainment (2000)

Persons Age 25 or Older	Town	%	State	%
High School Graduate	26,406	31%	653,300	28%
Some College	18,137	22%	553,667	24%
Bachelors or More	10,332	12%	720,994	31%

Economics

Business Profile (2001)

Sector	Firms	% of Total	Emp.	% of Total
Agriculture	59	1.3%	201	0.4%
Const. and Mining	498	10.8%	2,087	4.5%
Manufacturing	306	6.7%	8,514	18.4%
Trans. and Utilities	156	3.4%	2,623	5.7%
Trade	1,208	26.3%	7,401	16.0%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	303	6.6%	3,167	6.8%
Services	2,001	43.6%	19,169	41.4%
Government	60	1.3%	3,116	6.7%
Total	4,591	100.0%	46,278	100.0%

Top Five Grand List (2002)

	Amount	% of Net
Wisvest	\$82,738,832	2.4%
Bridgeport Energy	\$76,241,958	2.2%
People's Bank	\$65,930,131	1.9%
United Illuminating Co.	\$42,717,177	1.3%
AT&T	\$40,453,234	1.2%
Net Grand List (2002)	\$3,411,740,041	

Top Five Major Employers (2002)

Bridgeport Hospital	Bridgeport Health Care Center
St. Vincents Medical Center	Sikorsky Aircraft
People's Bank	

Retail Sales (2002)

All Outlets	\$3,002,296,662	\$105,014,859,890
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Education

2000-2001 School Year	Town	State
Total Town School Enrollment	23,262	542,193

Most public school students in Bridgeport attend Bridgeport School District, which has 22,432 students.

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Reading	21	58	25	64	30	66
Math	25	61	25	61	17	55
Writing	31	61	30	60	30	59

For more education data please see:
<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/>

Students per Computer	Town	State	Average Class Size	Average SAT Score
Elementary:	6.2	5.3	Grade K 20.7	Grade 2 22.9
Middle:		4.4	Grade 5 26.3	Grade 7 24.6
Secondary:	5.1	4.1	High School 20.9	Verbal 389
				Math 502

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Government

Government Form: Mayor-Council

Total Revenue (2002)	\$393,500,808
Tax Revenue	\$176,476,368
Non-tax Revenue	\$217,024,440
Intergovernmental	\$196,369,721
Per Capita Tax (2002)	\$1,269
As % of State Average	73.9%

Total Expenditures (2002)	\$410,632,254
Education	\$162,216,090
Other	\$184,196,346
Total Indebtness (2002)	\$642,407,239
As % of Expenditures	156.4%
Per Capita	\$4,621
As % of State Average	267.6%

Annual Debt Service (2002)	\$64,219,818
As % of Expenditures	15.6%
Eq. Net Grand List (2001)	\$5,703,844,864
Per Capita	\$40,976
As % of State Average	36%
Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1999
Moody's Bond Rating (2001)	Baa1
Actual Mill Rate (2002)	55.20
Equalized Mill Rate (2002)	19.45
% of Grand List Com/Ind (2001)	18.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (2002)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2003)		
				Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	54,105	342,403	1,401,802	Number of Sales		
% Single Unit	33.5%	65.3%	64.4%	599	1,370	12,668
New Permits Auth. (2002)	64	1,879	9,731	\$100,001-\$200,000	1,320	3,484
As % Existing Units	0.12%	0.69%	0.55%	\$200,001-\$300,000	654	3,941
Demolitions (2003)		478	1,275	\$300,001-\$400,000	104	3,184
Residential Sales (2003)	2,744	19,696	76,192	\$400,001 or More	67	7,716
Median Price	\$159,700	\$325,000	\$189,900	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	21,758	224,509
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	45.8%	31.5%	31.5%	As % Total Dwellings	40%	66%
				Subsidize Housing (2001)	12,238	30,502
					148,930	

Labor Force

Place of Residence
(2003)

	Town	County	State
Labor Force	62,408	458,280	1,792,098
Employed	57,555	439,792	1,714,488
Unemployed	4,853	18,488	77,610
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	4.0%	4.3%

Place of Work
(2001)

	Town	County	State
Total Employment	48,270	423,960	1,682,800
'92-'01 Growth AAGR	-1.0%	0.9%	1.1%
Manufacturing	7,230	67,200	254,000

Commuters (2000)

Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents	Commuting to:
Bridgeport	19,089	Bridgeport
Stratford	3,997	Fairfield
Shelton	2,563	Stratford
Trumbull	2,288	Stamford
Fairfield	2,244	Norwalk
Milford	2,115	Trumbull
Monroe	1,180	Shelton
Stamford	995	Westport
Norwalk	795	Milford
West Haven	763	Danbury
		998

Quality of Life

	Town	State
Banks (2003)	26	1,226
Lodging (1998)	8	756
Day Care Facilities (1999)	44	1,721
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (2001)	7.5	4.5
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	60	33
% Open Land (1990)	11.6%	68.7%
Hospitals (1999)	2	7
Total Beds	816	1,954

Library (2001)	Town
Total Volumes	447,442
Circulation Per Capita	1.9
Distance to Major Cities	Miles
Hartford	48
Boston	137
New York City	53
Providence	102

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