

DEMOGRAPHICS



The Face of New Haven. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, New Haven is now home to more children under 18 and less seniors over 65 than in 1990.



City of New Haven
John DeStefano, Jr., Mayor

POPULATION, 1790 - 2000

Population in New Haven, 1790 – 2000

Since its incorporation as a City in 1784 and throughout the first half of the 19th century, New Haven experienced a strong and steady growth similar to that in emerging American cities. With its fertile lands perfect for agricultural use, and its strategic location at the mouth of three rivers and the Long Island Sound, New Haven was positioned perfectly to become the regional commercial and residential center of Southern Connecticut. Beginning around 1850, New Haven's economic and employment opportunities expanded as the city's manufacturing industries began to flourish. During this era, the city became a national leader in carriage manufacturing and a home to large-scale producers of rubber goods, clocks, pianos, beer, guns and military equipment, and a wide range of other products. Likewise, the city experienced its greatest growth in population between 1890 and 1920 as a result of the expansion of these industries and added government demand for equipment needed for the Spanish-American War and World War I. Additionally, employment opportunities in transportation, electrical power generation, and government and service industries multiplied. Yale University and the businesses that served the education community continued to grow.

New economic activity led to dramatic population increases. From 1880 to 1920, New Haven's population jumped from 62,882 to 162,655. Most of this population growth was comprised of immigrants from Ireland, Southern Italy and Eastern Europe as well as African-Americans migrating from the South.

After World War I, new, more restrictive federal immigration drastically reduced the flow of European immigrants into New Haven. Instead, immigration came from the south, as African-Americans from southern states and Hispanics from Puerto Rico became the largest sources of post-war immigration into New Haven. Still, New Haven's population remained relatively stable through the Great Depression to the end of World War II.

Following the end of World War II, with the construction of new roads and highways, the enhanced availability of the automobile and federally funded housing programs, thousands of the city's middle class citizens migrated to the surrounding suburbs. Similar to most major cities in the Northeast and Midwest, this out-migration occurred from the late 1940's through the 1970's and into the 1980's. As a result, New Haven's population declined from 164,443 in 1950 to 126,109 in 1980.

**Population in New Haven
1790 - 2000**

Year	Population
1790	4,487
1800	4,049
1810	5,772
1820	7,147
1830	10,180
1840	12,960
1850	20,345
1860	40,000
1870	50,840
1880	62,882
1890	86,045
1900	108,027
1910	133,605
1920	162,655
1930	162,655
1940	160,605
1950	164,443
1960	152,048
1970	137,707
1980	126,021
1990	130,474
2000	123,626

Source: United States Census Bureau

POPULATION BY AGE & GENDER

Population by Age and Gender

A demographic breakdown within New Haven by age and gender has long been a productive way to analyze the current and future needs of the population. Through this analysis we can see how many children under 18 live within the City or how many people over the age of 65. These numbers help to determine the policy direction for health, education, and a variety of other issues.

In comparing the results from the 1990 and 2000 Census, we see that although the City's population dropped by over 6%, the number of children under the age of 18 actually grew, both in percentage of the total population, and in total number. Another notable difference between 1990 and 2000 is in the number of elderly who reside in the City. In 1990, over 16,000 people 65 and over lived in New Haven. In 2000, only 12,671 people in that age group called New Haven home, nearly a 22% decline.

Population in New Haven by Age and Gender 1990 - 2000					
1990			2000		
Gender	Number	Percent	Gender	Number	Percent
Male	61,366	47.0%	Male	59,185	47.9%
Female	69,108	53.0%	Female	64,441	52.1%
Total	130,474	100.0%	Total	123,626	100.0%
Age	Number	Percent	Age	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	10,221	7.8%	Under 5 years	8,749	7.1%
5 to 9 years	8,705	6.7%	5 to 9 years	9,051	7.3%
10 to 14 years	7,762	5.9%	10 to 14 years	8,792	7.1%
15 to 19 years	10,514	8.1%	15 to 19 years	10,910	8.8%
20 to 24 years	15,896	12.2%	20 to 24 years	14,183	11.5%
25 to 34 years	26,349	20.2%	25 to 34 years	22,028	17.8%
35 to 44 years	16,649	12.8%	35 to 44 years	16,578	13.4%
45 to 54 years	10,053	7.7%	45 to 54 years	12,564	10.2%
55 to 59 years	4,062	3.1%	55 to 59 years	4,539	3.7%
60 to 64 years	4,196	3.2%	60 to 64 years	3,561	2.9%
65 to 74 years	8,364	6.4%	65 to 74 years	5,986	4.8%
75 to 84 years	5,738	4.4%	75 to 84 years	4,701	3.8%
85 years and over	1,965	1.5%	85 years and over	1,984	1.6%
Total	130,474	100.0%	Total	123,626	100.0%
Median age (years)	29.2		Median age (years)	29.3	
Under 18	30,936	23.7	Under 18	31,446	25.4
18 years and over	99,538	76.3	18 years and over	92,180	74.6
65 years and over	16,067	12.3	65 years and over	12,671	10.2

Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports

POPULATION CHANGE BY CENSUS TRACT

Population Change by Census Tract 1990-2000

By census tract, the areas of most extreme growth took place in four census tracts. The largest percent gain (111%) was realized in Census Tract 1401, which includes the Yale and Chapel West sections of Downtown. Significant gains also were seen in CT 1426.01, a 22% increase in Quinnipiac Meadows, in 1417, a 12% increase in Prospect Hill and in CT 1425, a 12% increase in the northeast part of Fair Haven. The areas that saw the most significant losses in population were various census tracts in the Hill, Newhallville, Dixwell, West Rock and lower East Rock areas.

**Population Change in New Haven by Census Tract
1990 - 2000**

Census Tract	Population		% Change
	1990	2000	
1401	908	1,919	111%
1402	1,676	1,652	-2%
1403	3,173	2,496	-21%
1404	3,370	3,349	-1%
1405	4,684	3,430	-27%
1406	6,261	4,815	-23%
1407	6,799	6,619	-3%
1408	4,525	4,149	-8%
1409	4,371	4,684	7%
1410	3,827	3,641	-5%
1411	3,077	2,803	-8%
1412	4,548	4,545	0%
1413	6,772	5,313	-22%
1414	4,953	4,965	0%
1415	7,722	6,478	-16%
1416	6,298	5,011	-21%
1417	5,383	6,042	12%
1418	4,402	4,052	-8%
1419	4,969	4,910	-1%
1420	4,321	3,088	-29%
1421	1,535	1,446	-6%
1422	1,526	1,465	-4%
1423	4,909	4,709	-4%
1424	4,866	4,831	-1%
1425	4,770	5,329	12%
1426.01	4,328	5,277	22%
1426.02	6,018	6,442	7%
1427	5,362	5,529	3%
1428	5,113	4,637	-9%
Total	130,466	123,626	-5%

Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports

POPULATION AND DENSITY BY NEIGHBORHOOD

Population and Density New Haven Neighborhoods, 2000

The City of New Haven is home to a variety of historic and diverse neighborhoods that provide a multitude of living environments for residents. The housing options of each area contribute to the size and density of the neighborhoods, and a look at the population breakdown within each neighborhood properly reflects those characteristics.

The Hill and Fair Haven neighborhoods are home to more residents than any other areas in the City. With 15,682 residents in the Hill and 13,683 residents in Fair Haven, these two neighborhoods alone account for almost 25% of the City's total population. The next most populous neighborhoods, East Rock, Westville and Downtown, account for slightly less than 20% of the City's population. Among the neighborhoods with a residential population base, Wooster Square is the smallest (2,008). The next least populous neighborhoods are the West Rock, West River and Prospect Hill neighborhoods.

In terms of residential density, Dwight is the most densely populated neighborhood in the City, followed by Downtown. The least densely populated neighborhoods are Westville and the East Shore.

**Population & Density of New Haven's Neighborhoods
2000**

Neighborhood	Land Area	Population	Density
Amity	0.74	4,545	6,141.9
Annex	1.37	5,496	4,011.7
Beaver Hills	0.69	5,309	7,694.2
Dixwell	0.53	6,498	12,260.4
Downtown	0.47	6,938	14,761.7
Dwight	0.32	6,836	21,362.5
East Rock	1.17	8,792	7,514.5
East Shore	1.51	4,637	3,070.9
Edgewood	0.37	4,684	12,659.5
Fair Haven	0.99	13,693	13,831.3
Fair Haven Heights	1.15	6,847	5,953.9
Hill	1.42	15,682	11,043.7
Long Wharf	0.83	60	72.3
Mill River	0.35	902	2,577.1
Newhallville	0.63	6,478	10,282.5
Prospect Hill	0.65	4,081	6,278.5
Quinnipiac Meadows	1.42	4,979	3,506.3
West River	0.67	4,050	6,044.8
West Rock	1.21	3,934	3,251.2
Westville	2.28	7,177	3,147.8
Wooster Square	0.25	2,008	8,032.0
Total	18.9	123,626	6,541.1

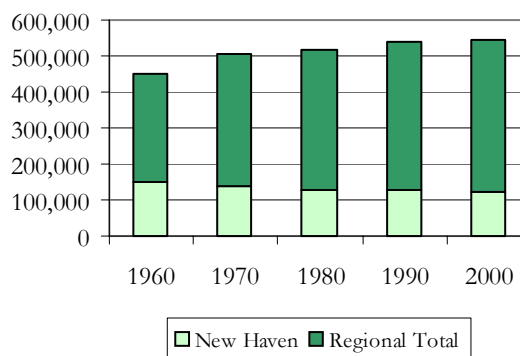
Note: Land area includes all land within the neighborhood and is shown square miles.

Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports.

POPULATION IN SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

Population in the South Central Region of Connecticut 1960-2000

Over the past forty years, as New Haven's population has seen a steady decline, every other town in the region has experienced dramatic growth. Towns such as Madison, Guilford, Bethany and North Branford have seen triple digit population growth over this time, Madison alone grew nearly 300%, from 4,567 people in 1960 to 17,858 people in 2000. Taken as a whole, the region has grown from 448,835 people in 1960 to 546,796 people in 2000. This represents a 22% growth. These changing dynamics are similar to what has happened across the state, with central cities losing their population base to the surrounding towns. Then, the surrounding towns begin to reach a plateau, and then the population begins moving to towns further from the center.



Population in the South Central Region of Connecticut 1960 - 2000

Town	Population					% Change 1960-2000
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Bethany	2,384	3,857	4,330	4,608	5,040	111%
Branford	16,610	20,444	23,363	27,603	28,683	73%
East Haven	21,388	25,120	25,028	26,144	28,189	32%
Guilford	7,913	12,033	17,375	19,848	21,398	170%
Hamden	41,056	49,357	51,071	52,434	56,913	39%
Madison	4,567	9,768	14,031	15,485	17,858	291%
Meriden	51,850	55,959	57,118	59,479	58,244	12%
Milford	41,662	50,858	50,898	49,938	52,305	26%
New Haven	152,048	137,707	126,021	130,474	123,626	-19%
North Branford	6,771	10,778	11,554	12,996	13,906	105%
North Haven	15,935	22,194	22,080	22,247	23,035	45%
Orange	8,547	13,524	13,237	12,830	13,233	55%
Wallingford	29,920	35,714	37,274	40,822	43,026	44%
West Haven	43,002	52,851	53,184	54,021	52,360	22%
Woodbridge	5,182	7,673	7,761	7,924	8,983	73%
Total	448,835	507,837	514,325	536,853	546,799	22%

Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports.

POPULATION DENSITY IN SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

Population Density in South Central Connecticut 1960-2000

As population levels have changed throughout the region, the population density within each of these towns has also changed. Unlike other parts of the nation, there are no unincorporated lands in Connecticut. Therefore, population increases in each suburban town correlates to higher population density. Branford, who in 1960 had only 755 people per square mile, now has over 1,300 people in the same amount of space. In 1960 Madison had just over 100 people per square mile, and as of 2000 they now have close to 500 people per square mile.

In New Haven, population density has seen a 19% decrease since 1960. In 1960 there were over 8,000 people per square mile living in New Haven, that number has been reduced to around 6,500 in 2000. At 6,500 and 4,830 respectively, New Haven and West Haven remain well ahead of the regional and town averages in South Central Connecticut.

**Population Density in South Central Connecticut
1960 - 2000**

Town	Land Area	1960		2000		Change in Density
		Population	Density	Population	Density	
Bethany	20.97	2,384	113.69	5,040	240.34	111.4%
Branford	21.99	16,610	755.34	28,683	1304.37	72.7%
East Haven	12.27	21,388	1743.11	28,189	2297.39	31.8%
Guilford	47.16	7,913	167.79	21,398	453.73	170.4%
Hamden	32.78	41,056	1252.47	56,913	1736.21	38.6%
Madison	36.19	4,567	126.20	17,858	493.45	291.0%
Meriden	23.74	51,850	2184.08	58,244	2453.41	12.3%
Milford	22.57	41,662	1845.90	52,305	2317.46	25.5%
New Haven	18.85	152,048	8066.21	123,626	6558.41	-18.7%
North Branford	24.92	6,771	271.71	13,906	558.03	105.4%
North Haven	20.78	15,935	766.84	23,035	1108.52	44.6%
Orange	17.19	8,547	497.21	13,233	769.81	54.8%
Wallingford	39.02	29,920	766.79	43,026	1102.67	43.8%
West Haven	10.84	43,002	3966.97	52,360	4830.26	21.8%
Woodbridge	18.84	5,182	275.05	8,983	476.80	73.4%
Total	368.11	448,835	1219.30	546,799	1485.42	21.8%

Source: United States Census Bureau. Estimated land area courtesy of DECD.

POPULATION BY RACE & ETHNICITY IN NEW HAVEN

Racial and Ethnic Composition of New Haven's Population

As New Haven's population increased in the second half of the 19th century (mainly through immigration), it became home to a large population of Irish descent. Italian and Eastern European Jewish populations arrived generally between 1890 and 1920. Subsequent immigration from the American South and from other parts of Europe characterized the mid-20th century (1920 – 1980).

Over the last 30 years, the racial composition of New Haven has evolved into a truly diverse population. In 1970, minorities comprised approximately 30% of the population; by 2000, the city's minority population had increased to over 60%. Between 1970 and 2000, the City's African American population increased by over 10,000 people, and the Asian population has grown to almost 5,000 people over the same time.

The growth in New Haven's minority population is best illustrated by the exceptional population increase in the Hispanic population. The Hispanic population in New Haven more than doubled between 1970 (4,916) and 1980 (10,042). Between 1980 and 1990, the City's Hispanic population continued to grow by an additional 72% to 17,243 persons, and between 1990 and 2000 grew another 52% to 26,443 persons. This growth has taken the Hispanic population from less than 4% of New Haven's total population in 1970 to just over 21% of the total in 2000.

The 2000 Census also marked the first time in New Haven's history that the White population was not the City's largest racial group. At 46,181, the Black or African American population is now largest racial group in New Haven.

Racial and Ethnic Change within New Haven's Population 1970 - 2000				
Race / Ethnicity	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	137,707	126,021	130,474	123,626
White	94,266	74,557	63,890	43,979
% White	68.5%	59.2%	49.0%	35.6%
Black or African American	36,175	39,590	46,257	46,181
% Black or African American	26.3%	31.4%	35.5%	37.4%
Hispanic	4,916	10,138	17,243	26,443
% Hispanic	3.6%	8.0%	13.2%	21.4%
Asian	n/a	1,373	3,182	4,819
% Asian	<1.0%	1.1%	2.4%	3.9%

Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports

POPULATION BY RACE & ETHNICITY IN NEW HAVEN'S NEIGHBORHOODS

Racial and Ethnic Population in New Haven's Neighborhoods

Racial and ethnic diversity is seen across the city's neighborhoods with strong, historical concentrations in certain sections of New Haven. For example, there is large African-American community in Newhallville (90.7% of the total neighborhood population) and a large and rising Hispanic population in Fair Haven (52.5% of the total neighborhood population). Among the most racially and ethnically balanced neighborhoods are Dwight and Quinnipiac Meadows. In both neighborhoods, no racial or ethnic group exceeds 39% of the total neighborhood population.

Population by Race & Ethnicity in New Haven Neighborhoods 2000				
Neighborhood	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Amity	27.2%	55.8%	11.5%	1.7%
Annex	52.2%	17.4%	26.1%	2.5%
Beaver Hills	24.4%	62.8%	8.5%	1.1%
Dixwell	19.9%	61.7%	11.8%	3.5%
Downtown	58.8%	11.6%	8.2%	16.3%
Dwight	30.5%	36.3%	20.7%	8.5%
East Rock	66.5%	10.7%	11.1%	8.5%
East Shore	89.5%	1.1%	7.1%	1.1%
Edgewood	24.4%	59.5%	9.3%	2.0%
Fair Haven	20.8%	23.5%	52.5%	0.6%
Fair Haven Heights	49.1%	25.9%	21.3%	1.1%
Hill	11.6%	38.5%	46.1%	0.5%
Long Wharf	33.3%	40.0%	26.7%	0.0%
Mill River	7.8%	58.4%	30.8%	0.0%
Newhallville	2.0%	90.7%	4.7%	0.4%
Prospect Hill	41.1%	31.8%	5.0%	19.5%
Quinnipiac Meadows	38.3%	29.2%	21.8%	7.3%
West River	16.3%	62.4%	16.9%	0.3%
West Rock	34.0%	51.9%	11.1%	0.8%
Westville	67.8%	22.3%	5.2%	2.5%
Wooster Square	64.3%	15.9%	14.6%	2.0%
New Haven Total	35.6%	37.4%	21.4%	3.9%

Source: United States Census Bureau

POPULATION DIVERSITY IN SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

Racial Diversity within the South Central Region

When analyzing the racial makeup of the communities in a region, a common methodology used is the measuring of the “White” and “Non-White” populations. In this analysis, New Haven stands out as the only town in the South Central Connecticut region whose “non-white” population is equal to or greater than its “white” population. Towns like West Haven, Meriden and Hamden do have a significant minority representation within their towns but still remain around 70-75 percent White. The remaining 11 towns in the region have virtually no minority representation, as their percentage of “non-white” residents remain between 4% and 8%.

Distribution of Minority Population in the South Central Region

The South Central Connecticut Region is home to close 550,000 people. Of that population, 146,603 people identify themselves as part of a minority race or ethnicity. This represents the largest number ever for the region.

Over the years, the diversity of many area towns has increased as the population has grown, though historic trends are still prevalent. New Haven alone is home to 55% (nearly 80,000 people) of the region’s entire minority population. The next largest Minority communities are located in Meriden, West Haven and Hamden. As a group, these four communities represent close to 90% of the region’s total minority population. The remaining 11 towns, which account for over 55% of the region’s total population have just over 10% of the minority population for the area.

**Racial Diversity in the South Central Region
2000**

Town	% White	% Non-White	Minority Population	% of Regional Total
Bethany	93.5%	6.5%	327	0.2%
Branford	92.1%	7.9%	2,259	1.5%
East Haven	91.4%	8.6%	2,435	1.7%
Guilford	94.4%	5.6%	1,189	0.8%
Hamden	75.2%	24.8%	14,101	9.6%
Madison	95.6%	4.4%	788	0.5%
Meriden	69.9%	30.1%	17,535	12.0%
Milford	91.3%	8.7%	4,565	3.1%
New Haven	35.6%	64.4%	79,647	54.3%
North Branford	95.3%	4.7%	648	0.4%
North Haven	91.7%	8.3%	1,908	1.3%
Orange	93.0%	7.0%	921	0.6%
Wallingford	91.7%	8.3%	3,568	2.4%
West Haven	69.7%	30.3%	15,839	10.8%
Woodbridge	90.3%	9.7%	873	0.6%
Total			146,603	100.0%

Source: United States Census Bureau.

INCOME AND POVERTY

Income and Poverty in New Haven and Select Cities

Over the past 20 years, per capita, median household and median family income have all risen substantially. In New Haven, median family income was \$14,993 in 1980 and is now \$35,950 (a 140% increase). However, the 2000 figures remain well below statewide averages and the data indicates a widening gap between the state's wealthiest and poorest communities. There are now three times as many persons in poverty in New Haven than the state as a whole and four times as many families in poverty. Among Connecticut's major cities, only Hartford has higher poverty rates.

Income and Poverty in New Haven 1980 - 2000			
	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	126,109	130,474	123,626
Number of Households	46,880	48,986	47,094
Number of Family Households	28,639	28,052	25,852
<u>Income</u>			
Per Capita Income	\$5,822	\$12,968	\$16,393
Median Household Income	\$11,683	\$25,811	\$29,604
Median Family Income	\$14,993	\$31,163	\$35,950
<u>Poverty Status</u>			
Persons Below Poverty	27,021	25,481	27,613
% Below Poverty	23.2	19.5	24.4
Families Below Poverty	5,551	5,194	5,381
% Below Poverty	19.4	18.5	20.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census Reports 1980-2000

Income and Poverty in Connecticut and Select Cities 2000						
	Connecticut	New Haven	Hartford	Bridgeport	Waterbury	Stamford
Total Population	3,405,565	123,626	121,578	139,529	107,271	117,083
Number of Households	1,301,670	47,094	44,986	50,307	42,622	45,399
Number of Family Households	881,170	25,852	27,189	32,730	26,911	28,951
<u>Income</u>						
Per Capita Income	\$28,766	\$16,393	\$13,428	\$16,306	\$17,701	\$34,987
Median Household Income	\$53,935	\$29,604	\$24,820	\$34,658	\$34,285	\$60,566
Median Family Income	\$65,521	\$35,950	\$27,051	\$39,571	\$42,300	\$69,337
<u>Poverty Status</u>						
Persons Below Poverty	259,514	27,613	35,741	24,920	16,774	9,194
% Below Poverty	7.9	24.4	30.6	18.4	16	7.9
Families Below Poverty	49,983	5,381	7,748	5,341	3,428	1,581
% Below Poverty	5.6	20.5	28.2	16.2	12.7	5.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census Reports 2000