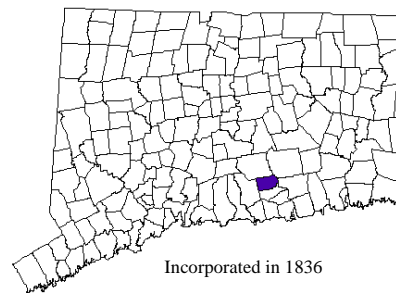


Chester, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2010

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Belongs to
Middlesex County
LMA New Haven
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in 1836

Demographics

<i>Population (2009)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2009)</i>				
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
1990	3,417	143,196	3,287,116	White	3,591	148,059	2,756,861	
2000	3,743	155,071	3,405,565	Black	33	5,933	319,730	
2009	3,790	164,892	3,497,398	Asian Pacific	48	3,760	120,457	
2014	3,679	166,731	3,485,122	Native American	48	999	9,990	
'09-'14 Growth / Yr	-0.6%	0.2%	-0.1%	Other/Multi-Race	70	6,141	290,360	
				Hispanic (any race)	92	6,840	426,255	
Land Area (sq. miles)	16	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	1.3%	4.6%	7.9%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2009)	236	447	698	<i>Educational Attainment (2009)</i>				
Median Age (2009)	45	40	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (2009)	1,484	63,185	1,311,307	High School Graduate	752	27%	688,198	29%
Med HH Inc. (2009)	\$80,353	\$82,184	\$68,055	Some College	707	25%	537,908	23%
				Bachelors or More	1,117	40%	854,541	36%
<i>Age Distribution (2009)</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	94 2%	261 7%	120 3%	617 16%	441 12%	290 8%	1,823	
Female	91 2%	299 8%	104 3%	641 17%	395 10%	437 12%	1,967	
County Total	7,963 5%	26,007 16%	15,334 9%	55,425 34%	35,625 22%	24,538 15%	164,892	
State Total	210,817 6%	588,675 17%	330,112 9%	1,182,009 34%	696,537 20%	489,248 14%	3,497,398	

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>			<i>Top Five Grand List (2006)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	4.5%	2.6%	Chester Woods Inc	\$14,700,000	3.9%
Const. and Mining	10.7%	5.6%	Whelen Engineering Co Inc	\$4,051,300	1.1%
Manufacturing	7.2%	15.2%	318 Main LLC	\$2,760,800	0.7%
Trans. and Utilities	4.1%	6.5%	The Eastern Co	\$2,644,700	0.7%
Trade	16.2%	12.0%	Whelen Aviation LLC	\$2,487,200	0.7%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.2%	6.7%	Net Grand List (2006)	\$376,967,550	
Services	45.5%	51.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	6.6%	0.0%	Whelen Engineering Inc	First Student Transportation Serv	
			Chester Village West	Chesterfield Healthcare Center	
			Greenwald Industries (Division of		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2007)</i>	\$43,329,177	\$136,936,194,241
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

Education

<i>2005-2006 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	548	566,606	Reading	68	53	68	60	87	65	
Most public school students through grade 6 attend Chester School District, which has 333 students. Students then go to Regional School District 4, which has 862 Students.			Math	78	57	78	61	77	56	
			Writing	61	63	73	61	86	61	
For more education data please see:	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Average SAT Score</i>			
http://www.state.ct.us/sde/	Elementary:	5.0	4.0	Grade K	14.0	Grade 2	18.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
	Middle:	2.0	3.0	Grade 5	16.0	Grade 7	20.0	Verbal	525	508
	Secondary:	2.0	3.2	High School	14.4	Math	524	508		

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Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (2007)	\$468,765		
			As % of Expenditures	4.2%		
Total Revenue (2007)	\$11,117,134	Total Expenditures (2007)	\$11,059,627	Eq. Net Grand List (2006)	\$768,858,652	
Tax Revenue	\$9,408,545	Education	\$7,384,983	Per Capita	\$187,025	
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,708,589	Other	\$3,674,644	As % of State Average	116%	
Intergovernmental	\$1,101,272	Total Indebtness (2007)	\$7,073,955	Date of Last Revaluation (2009)	2003	
Per Capita Tax (2007)	\$2,410	As % of Expenditures	64.0%	Moody's Bond Rating (2007)	A2	
As % of State Average	109.1%	Per Capita	\$1,812	Actual Mill Rate (2007)	22.37	
			As % of State Average	86.7%	Equalized Mill Rate (2007)	12.13
			% of Grand List Com/Ind (2006)			15.7%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2008)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	1,122	44,216	869,742
Existing Units (total)	1,693	72,662	1,449,440	As % Total Dwellings	70%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	80.6%	74.3%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2008)	33	5,025	149,355
New Permits Auth. (2008)	6	355	5,220	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2007)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.35%	0.49%	0.36%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2008)	2	44	1,462	Less than \$100,000	0	32	495
House Sales (2007)	38	1,848	32,395	\$100,000-\$199,999	3	219	5,866
Median Price	\$333,500	\$303,000	\$295,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	11	637	10,094
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	43.7%	27.6%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	12	506	5,655
				\$400,000 or More	12	454	10,285

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2008)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	2,300	93,981	1,876,144	Chester	508	Chester	508
Employed	2,204	89,439	1,769,233	Deep River	170	Middletown	220
Unemployed	96	4,542	106,911	Middletown	142	Essex	161
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.8%	5.7%	Essex	125	Old Saybrook	133
<i>Place of Work (2008)</i>				East Haddam	115	Deep River	105
# of Units	154	5,008	105,005	Old Saybrook	106	Hartford	77
Total Employment	1,988	70,462	1,676,493	Haddam	101	Westbrook	73
2000-'08 Growth AAGR	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	Killingworth	88	New Haven	54
Mfg Employment	819	10,589	186,522	Westbrook	88	Norwich	53
				Clinton	73	East Haddam	47

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2007)	3	1,029	Total Volumes	14,315	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.9	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1999)	3	1,721			(800) 286-2000	
Infant Mortality Rate			<i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i>		Gas Provider	
Per 1,000 births (2001)	0.0	4.5	Hartford	27	na	
Crime Rate (2004)			Boston	99	na	
Per 100,000 Residents	374	2,981	New York City	92	Water Provider	
			Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company	
	Town	County				
Hospitals (1999)	0	1	Cable Provider			
Total Beds	0	275	COMCAST/CLINTON			
			(800) 266-2278			