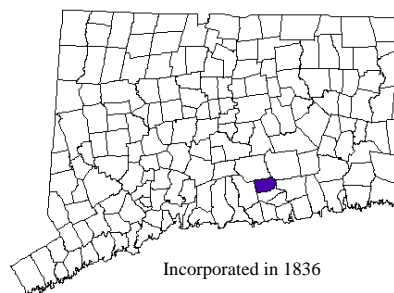


Chester, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2007

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Belongs to
Middlesex County
Lower River Labor Market Area
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in 1836

Demographics

<i>Population (2006)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2006)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	3,417	143,196	3,287,116	White	3,945	150,752	2,817,144
2000	3,743	155,071	3,405,565	Black	47	8,026	336,250
2006	4,111	167,895	3,551,413	Asian Pacific	49	3,689	117,614
2011	4,401	178,087	3,667,369	Native American	8	169	5,713
'06-'11 Growth / Yr	1.4%	1.2%	0.6%	Other/Multi-Race	62	5,259	274,692
				Hispanic (any race)	86	6,110	403,194
Land Area (sq. miles)	16	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	1.3%	4.6%	7.9%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2006)	256	455	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>			
Median Age (2006)	44	41	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2006)	1,592	63,758	1,343,258	High School Graduate	720	26%	653,300 28%
Med HH Inc. (2006)	\$73,328	\$67,780	\$61,879	Some College	728	27%	553,667 24%
				Bachelors or More	981	36%	720,994 31%
<i>Age Distribution (2006)</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	108 3%	297 7%	119 3%	708 17%	447 11%	285 7%	1,964
Female	117 3%	333 8%	102 2%	744 18%	398 10%	453 11%	2,147
County Total	9,063 5%	27,524 16%	14,518 9%	59,476 35%	33,778 20%	23,536 14%	167,895
State Total	212,473 6%	615,114 17%	327,812 9%	1,240,233 35%	666,797 19%	488,984 14%	3,551,413

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2004)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	4.5%	2.6%	Chester Woods Inc.	\$15,227,760	3.7%
Const. and Mining	10.7%	5.6%	Connecticut Water Co.	\$5,872,270	1.4%
Manufacturing	7.2%	15.2%	Whelen Engineering Co. Inc.	\$4,843,460	1.2%
Trans. and Utilities	4.1%	6.5%	The Eastern Company	\$3,600,180	0.9%
Trade	16.2%	12.0%	Roto Frank of America Inc.	\$3,165,610	0.8%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.2%	6.7%	Net Grand List (2004)	\$407,060,188	
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 (2002)</i>	\$32,848,434	\$105,014,859,890
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

Education

<i>2004-2005 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	545	563,216	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	

Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2005)	\$506,240
				As % of Expenditures	4.8%
Total Revenue (2005)	\$10,389,674	Total Expenditures (2005)	\$10,543,296	Eq. Net Grand List (2003)	\$574,697,440
Tax Revenue	\$8,861,907	Education	\$7,053,700	Per Capita	\$151,037
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,527,767	Other	\$3,489,596	As % of State Average	105%
Intergovernmental	\$1,017,389	Total Indebtness (2005)	\$8,983,113	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2003
Per Capita Tax (2005)	\$2,177	As % of Expenditures	85.2%	Moody's Bond Rating (2005)	A2
As % of State Average	109.6%	Per Capita	\$2,207	Actual Mill Rate (2005)	21.90
				Equalized Mill Rate (2005)	15.31
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	16.3%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2005)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	1,122	44,216	869,742
Existing Units (total)	1,670	71,279	1,431,569	As % Total Dwellings	70%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	80.4%	74.4%	64.7%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	35	5,076	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2005)	12	795	11,885	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2006)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.72%	1.12%	0.83%	Town County State			
Demolitions (2005)	1	72	1,386	Number of Sales			
House Sales (2006)	64	1,975	37,483	Less than \$100,000			
Median Price	\$296,400	\$290,000	\$275,000	\$100,000-\$199,999			
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	43.7%	27.6%	31.5%	\$200,000-\$299,999			
				\$300,000-\$399,999			
				\$400,000 or More			

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2005)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	2,230	90,004	1,817,032	Chester	508	Chester	508
Employed	2,154	86,150	1,727,934	Deep River	170	Middletown	220
Unemployed	76	3,854	89,098	Middletown	142	Essex	161
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.3%	4.9%	Essex	125	Old Saybrook	133
<i>Place of Work (2005)</i>				East Haddam	115	Deep River	105
Total Employment	1,970	68,719	1,643,963	Old Saybrook	106	Hartford	77
'92-'05 Growth	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	Haddam	101	Westbrook	73
AAGR				Killingworth	88	New Haven	54
Manufacturing	782	n.a.	195,400	Westbrook	88	Norwich	53
				Clinton	73	East Haddam	47

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2003)	3	1,226	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 (1999)			Boston	99	na		
Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	New York City	92	Water Provider		
% Open Land (1990)	80.7%	68.7%	Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company		
	Town	County			(800) 286-5700		
Hospitals (1999)	0	1			Cable Provider		
Total Beds	0	275			Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.		
				860-388-3354			