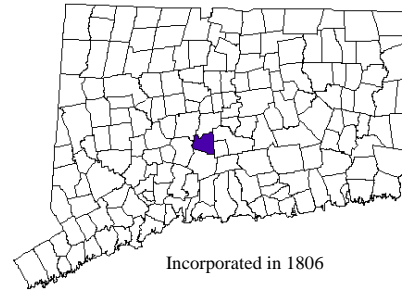


Meriden, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2007

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142 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450
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Belongs to
New Haven County
New Haven Labor Market Area
South Central Economic Dev. Region
South Central Connecticut Planning Area



Demographics

<i>Population (2006)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2006)</i>				
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
1990	59,479	804,219	3,287,116	White	46,056	656,488	2,817,144	
2000	58,244	824,008	3,405,565	Black	4,286	101,126	336,250	
2006	59,468	853,981	3,551,413	Asian Pacific	1,195	27,327	117,614	
2011	60,522	878,081	3,667,369	Native American	130	1,197	5,713	
'06-'11 Growth / Yr	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	Other/Multi-Race	7,801	67,843	274,692	
				Hispanic (any race)	15,431	107,126	403,194	
Land Area (sq. miles)	24	606	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	11.0%	9.5%	7.9%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2006)	2,505	1,410	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>				
Median Age (2006)	38	39	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (2006)	23,355	329,852	1,343,258	High School Graduate	13,467	35%	653,300	28%
Med HH Inc. (2006)	\$49,644	\$55,411	\$61,879	Some College	10,112	26%	553,667	24%
				Bachelors or More	6,309	16%	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	1,988 3%	5,425 9%	2,671 4%	10,421 18%	5,082 9%	3,281 6%	28,868	
Female	1,865 3%	5,078 9%	2,633 4%	10,611 18%	5,487 9%	4,926 8%	30,600	
County Total	50,874 6%	147,119 17%	80,680 9%	299,636 35%	155,642 18%	120,030 14%	853,981	
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>Top Five Grand List (2004)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>Employment</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	1.8%	0.5%	Meriden Square #3 LLC et al	\$49,320,460	2.1%
Const. and Mining	11.4%	6.6%	Connecticut Light & Power Co.	\$26,924,220	1.1%
Manufacturing	5.6%	18.9%	MERIDEN SQUARE PARTNERSHIP	\$26,318,530	1.1%
Trans. and Utilities	3.3%	8.6%	Radio Freq. Systems, Inc.	\$19,654,120	0.8%
Trade	27.3%	22.9%	YANKEE GAS	\$17,335,740	0.7%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6.4%	4.2%	Net Grand List (2004)	\$2,373,439,165	
Services	40.7%	34.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	3.5%	4.3%	SBC/SNET	Hunters Ambulance	
			MidState Medical Center	Cuno, Inc.	
			TI Automotive		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2002)</i>	\$776,749,741	\$105,014,859,890
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

Education

<i>2004-2005 School Year</i>			<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>						
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</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	9,574	563,216	Reading	33	53	40	60	43	65
Most public school students in Meriden attend Meriden School District, which has 8,946 students.			Math	48	57	46	61	33	56
			Writing	50	63	49	61	41	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:	4.0	4.0	Grade K	17.0	Grade 2	21.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	5.0	3.0	Grade 5	24.0	Grade 7	22.0	Verbal	483
	Secondary:	3.7	3.2	High School	20.6	Math	480	508	

Government

Government Form: Mayor-Council-City Manager				Annual Debt Service (2005)	\$44,758,076
				As % of Expenditures	27.9%
Total Revenue (2005)	\$162,490,384	Total Expenditures (2005)	\$160,618,455	Eq. Net Grand List (2003)	\$4,325,518,736
Tax Revenue	\$91,365,055	Education	\$78,349,396	Per Capita	\$72,805
Non-tax Revenue	\$71,125,329	Other	\$82,269,059	As % of State Average	51%
Intergovernmental	\$59,251,401	Total Indebtness (2005)	\$93,536,021	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2001
Per Capita Tax (2005)	\$1,537	As % of Expenditures	58.2%	Moody's Bond Rating (2005)	Baa1
As % of State Average	77.4%	Per Capita	\$1,574	Actual Mill Rate (2005)	39.09
				Equalized Mill Rate (2005)	21.34
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	23.5%
				As % of State Average	81.6%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2005)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	13,732	201,349	869,742
Existing Units (total)	25,131	348,703	1,431,569	As % Total Dwellings	56%	59%	63%
% Single Unit	54.5%	59.3%	64.7%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	4,558	42,124	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2005)	126	2,251	11,885	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2006)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.50%	0.65%	0.83%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2005)	13	215	1,386	Less than \$100,000	37	374	1,332
House Sales (2006)	817	8,490	37,483	\$100,000-\$199,999	347	1,878	7,461
Median Price	\$201,000	\$253,000	\$275,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	382	3,173	11,804
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	35.9%	33.2%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	45	1,600	6,393
				\$400,000 or More	6	1,465	10,493

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	30,768	434,250	1,817,032	Meriden	10,158	Meriden	10,158
Employed	28,938	411,107	1,727,934	Wallingford	2,110	Wallingford	4,212
Unemployed	1,830	23,143	89,098	Southington	1,027	Middletown	1,147
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.3%	4.9%	Middletown	767	New Haven	1,087
<i>Place of Work (2005)</i>				Waterbury	729	Hartford	968
Total Employment	25,067	360,787	1,643,963	New Haven	585	North Haven	857
'92-'05 Growth	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	Cheshire	579	Cheshire	831
AAGR				Hamden	442	Southington	718
Manufacturing	3,500	n.a.	195,400	New Britain	371	Waterbury	685
				Bristol	342	Hamden	385

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2003)	14	1,226	Total Volumes	234,103	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.7	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	22	1,721			(800) 286-2000		
Infant Mortality Rate			<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	Miles	Gas Provider		
Per 1,000 births (2001)	no calc	4.5	Hartford	17	Yankee Gas Company		
Crime Rate (1999)			Boston	107	(800)-989-0900		
Per 1,000 Residents	39	33	New York City	85	Water Provider		
% Open Land (1990)	34.3%	68.7%	Providence	74	City of Meriden Water Department		
	Town	County					
Hospitals (1999)	1	7					
Total Beds	94	2,487					
				Cable Provider			
				Cox Communications CT, Inc.			
				203-514-4269			