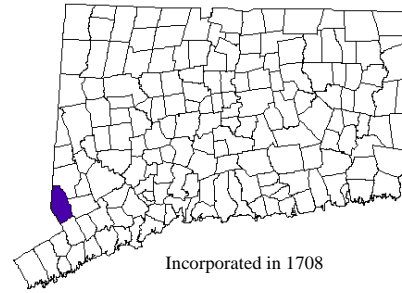


Ridgefield, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2008

Town Hall
400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Danbury Labor Market Area
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1708

Demographics

<i>Population (2007)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2007)</i>				
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
1990	20,919	827,645	3,287,116	White	22,634	710,795	2,875,466	
2000	23,643	882,567	3,405,565	Black	345	91,788	324,251	
2007	24,073	910,003	3,549,606	Asian Pacific	690	39,220	125,880	
2012	24,386	929,285	3,647,526	Native American	13	990	8,220	
'07-'12 Growth / Yr	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	391	67,210	215,789	
				Hispanic (any race)	684	134,901	405,662	
Land Area (sq. miles)	34	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	2.4%	6.9%	7.9%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2007)	699	1,454	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>				
Median Age (2007)	42	40	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (2007)	8,310	324,836	1,332,283	High School Graduate	1,799	11%	653,300	28%
Med HH Inc. (2007)	\$134,367	\$79,326	\$65,859	Some College	2,915	19%	553,667	24%
				Bachelors or More	10,323	66%	720,994	31%
<i>Age Distribution (2007)</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	894 4%	2,616 11%	577 2%	3,907 16%	2,557 11%	1,165 5%	11,716	
Female	842 4%	2,578 11%	550 2%	4,219 18%	2,625 11%	1,543 6%	12,357	
County Total	59,744 7%	166,189 18%	77,939 9%	308,348 34%	175,818 19%	121,965 13%	910,003	
State Total	211,025 6%	609,581 17%	332,254 9%	1,223,861 34%	683,396 19%	489,489 14%	3,549,606	

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	3.5%	2.6%	Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd	\$51,643,481	1.3%
Const. and Mining	10.1%	6.1%	Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd	\$44,623,392	1.2%
Manufacturing	4.0%	7.7%	Boehringer Ingelheim	\$21,443,647	0.6%
Trans. and Utilities	2.1%	2.5%	Ridgefield Prop LLC	\$16,316,260	0.4%
Trade	17.9%	24.4%	Well Schlumberger	\$11,130,000	0.3%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.2%	6.6%	Net Grand List (2006)	\$3,842,174,696	
Services	49.4%	48.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	4.8%	2.2%	Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceu	Adam Boderick Salon & Spa	
			Schlumberger Doll Research	Laurel Ridge Health Care Center	
			Town of Ridgefield		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2006)</i>	\$315,315,543	\$131,862,299,674
			<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	5,503	567,138	Reading	80	0	87	0	89	0
Most public school students in Ridgefield attend Ridgefield School District, which has 5,533 students.			Math	77	0	89	0	84	0
			Writing	87	0	86	0	88	0
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:	4.5	4.2	Grade K	19.2	Grade 2	20.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	3.1	3.5	Grade 5	23.7	Grade 7	23.3	Verbal	575
	Secondary:	3.1	3.4	High School	21.8	Math	586	504	508

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Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$14,862,341
				As % of Expenditures	13.8%
Total Revenue (2006)	\$110,914,321	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$107,834,966	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$7,917,590,872
Tax Revenue	\$95,539,518	Education	\$67,019,707	Per Capita	\$325,318
Non-tax Revenue	\$15,374,803	Other	\$40,815,259	As % of State Average	233%
Intergovernmental	\$6,176,504	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$132,487,001	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2002
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$3,962	As % of Expenditures	122.9%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	Aaa
As % of State Average	189.6%	Per Capita	\$5,494	Actual Mill Rate (2006)	23.42
				Equalized Mill Rate (2006)	12.02
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	8.8%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	7,193	224,509	869,742
Existing Units (total)	9,160	350,632	1,445,682	As % Total Dwellings	81%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	84.5%	65.3%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	157	30,502	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2007)	107	2,290	7,746	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2007)</i>			
As % Existing Units	1.17%	0.65%	0.54%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2007)	9	609	1,285	Less than \$100,000	1	27	495
House Sales (2007)	318	8,209	32,395	\$100,000-\$199,999	1	232	5,866
Median Price	\$778,750	\$593,000	\$295,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	2	873	10,094
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	19.9%	31.5%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	6	1,094	5,655
				\$400,000 or More	308	5,983	10,285

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
Labor Force	11,811	470,167	1,865,499	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Employed	11,464	451,328	1,780,481	Ridgefield	3,151	Ridgefield	3,151
Unemployed	347	18,839	85,018	Danbury	2,182	Stamford	1,246
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	4.0%	4.6%	Bethel	476	Danbury	752
<i>Place of Work (2007)</i>				New Milford	472	Manhattan, NY	573
# of Units	1,007	32,627	104,094	Brookfield	370	Norwalk	522
Total Employment	9,714	422,460	1,686,262	Stamford	321	Wilton	442
2000-'07 Growth AAGR	1.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	Newtown	314	Greenwich	418
Mfg Employment	n.a.	41,788	191,264	Norwalk	282	White Plains, NY	260
				New Fairfield	231	Westport	228
				Southbury	201	Mount Pleasant, NY	199

Quality of Life

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	Library (2001)	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2007)	10	1,029	Total Volumes	106,559	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	7	756	Circulation Per Capita	10.5	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1999)	16	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	53	Yankee Gas Company	
Crime Rate (2004)			Boston	147	(800) 989-0900	
Per 100,000 Residents	345	2,981	New York City	50	Water Provider	
			Providence	114	Aquarion Water Company	
					(800) 732-9678	
Hospitals (1999)	0	7			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	1,954			Comcast Cablevision of Danbury, Inc.	
					203-792-0900	