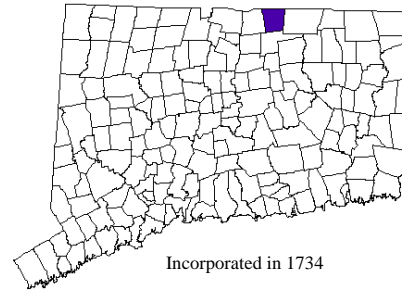


Somers, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2005

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Belongs to
Tolland County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Capitol Area Economic Dev. Region
Capitol Region Planning Area



Incorporated in 1734

Demographics

<i>Population (2005)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2005)</i>				
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
1990	9,108	128,699	3,287,116	White	9,529	138,265	2,858,875	
2000	10,417	136,364	3,405,565	Black	1,143	3,988	318,835	
2005	11,555	149,871	3,534,280	Asian Pacific	82	3,611	117,997	
2010	12,161	162,862	3,656,299	Native American	105	503	14,298	
'05-'10 Growth / Yr	1.0%	1.7%	0.7%	Other/Multi-Race	696	3,504	224,275	
				Hispanic (any race)	1,084	4,698	370,958	
Land Area (sq. miles)	28	410	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	4.6%	5.6%	7.9%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2005)	408	365	706	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>				
Median Age (2005)	39	37	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (2005)	3,042	52,747	1,336,674	High School Graduate	2,380	33%	653,300	28%
Med HH Inc. (2005)	\$71,293	\$65,274	\$59,761	Some College	2,030	28%	553,667	24%
				Bachelors or More	1,670	23%	720,994	31%
<i>Age Distribution (2005)</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	211 2%	918 8%	854 7%	3,354 29%	1,177 10%	588 5%	7,102	
Female	188 2%	845 7%	197 2%	1,603 14%	984 9%	636 6%	4,453	
County Total	7,453 5%	24,693 16%	18,656 12%	55,415 37%	27,333 18%	16,321 11%	149,871	
State Total	214,308 6%	614,744 17%	320,277 9%	1,251,454 35%	650,169 18%	483,328 14%	3,534,280	

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>				<i>Top Five Grand List (2004)</i>			
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>	
Agriculture	25	5.8%	109	4.6%	Connecticut Light & Power Co.	\$4,382,432 0.6%	
Const. and Mining	77	18.0%	224	9.5%	Grower Direct INC	\$2,325,450 0.3%	
Manufacturing	25	5.8%	165	7.0%	Phoenix Somers LLC	\$1,589,920 0.2%	
Trans. and Utilities	15	3.5%	111	4.7%	Somers Recreation INC	\$1,557,314 0.2%	
Trade	80	18.7%	291	12.3%	Birkenshaw David	\$1,511,640 0.2%	
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	25	5.8%	61	2.6%	Net Grand List (2004)	\$722,914,749	
Services	144	33.6%	686	29.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2002)</i>		
Government	14	3.3%	717	30.3%	State Prison System	Grower Direct, Inc.	
Total	428	100.0%	2,368	100.0%	Board of Education	Power Systems Inc.	
					Conval, Inc.		
					<i>Retail Sales (2002)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					All Outlets	\$44,763,092	\$105,014,859,890

Education

<i>2000-2001 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	1,581	542,193	Reading	71 58	78 64	71 66			
Most public school students in Somers attend Somers School District, which has 1,612 students.			Math	74 61	69 61	69 55			
			Writing	53 61	73 60	70 59			
			<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Average SAT Score</i>			
For more education data please see:	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	Grade K	18.3	Grade 2	22.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
http://www.state.ct.us/sde/	Elementary:	6.5	5.3	Grade 5	21.3	Grade 7	24.5	Verbal	494 502
	Middle:	7.2	4.4	High School	20.1	Math	514	503	
	Secondary:	3.1	4.1						

Somers Connecticut



Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2002)	\$2,499,773
				As % of Expenditures	11.6%
Total Revenue (2002)	\$22,289,945	Total Expenditures (2002)	\$21,620,867	Eq. Net Grand List (2001)	\$872,852,931
Tax Revenue	\$11,642,702	Education	\$14,550,114	Per Capita	\$81,766
Non-tax Revenue	\$10,647,243	Other	\$4,570,980	As % of State Average	
Intergovernmental	\$9,413,693	Total Indebtness (2002)	\$19,345,790	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1994
Per Capita Tax (2002)	\$1,069	As % of Expenditures	89.5%	Moody's Bond Rating (2001)	A1
As % of State Average	62.3%	Per Capita	\$1,777	Actual Mill Rate (2002)	27.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (2002)	14.00
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2001)	4.9%
				As % of State Average	102.9%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2002)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	2,551	36,316	869,742
Existing Units (total)	3,108	52,960	1,401,802	As % Total Dwellings	85%	70%	63%
% Single Unit	91.1%	74.0%	64.4%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	85	4,509	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2002)	48	742	9,731	<i>Real Estate Sales Distribution (2004)</i>			
As % Existing Units	1.54%	0.69%	1.40%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2003)		5	1,275	Less than \$100,000	27	546	10,608
Residential Sales (2004)	173	3,105	83,255	\$100,001-\$200,000	54	1,091	26,425
Median Price	\$210,000	\$190,000	\$219,900	\$200,001-\$300,000	55	838	18,676
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	20.5%	21.7%	31.5%	\$300,001-\$400,000	20	400	10,402
				\$400,001 or More	17	230	17,144

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2004)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	4,546	79,857	1,797,361	Somers	608	Enfield	922
Employed	4,347	76,642	1,709,849	Enfield	271	Somers	608
Unemployed	199	3,215	87,512	Springfield, MA	129	Springfield, MA	276
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.0%	4.9%	Vernon	106	Hartford	275
<i>Place of Work (2004)</i>				Stafford	104	Windsor	200
Total Employment	2,273	39,879	1,631,848	Ellington	93	Bloomfield	132
'92-'04 Growth	-0.4%	1.5%	0.6%	Manchester	49	Windsor Locks	129
AAGR				East Hartford	46	Ellington	120
Manufacturing				Agawam, MA	46	Stafford	116
				E. Longmeadow,	45	Vernon	111

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2003)	3	1,226	Total Volumes	43,480	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.5	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	4	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	20	Yankee Gas Company		
Crime Rate (1999)			Boston	77	(800) 989-0900		
Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	New York City	120	Water Provider		
% Open Land (1990)	63.4%	68.7%	Providence	55	Connecticut Water Company		
	Town	County			(800) 286-5700		
Hospitals (1999)	0	2			Cable Provider		
Total Beds	0	180			Cox Communications CT, Inc.		
				888-633-4266			