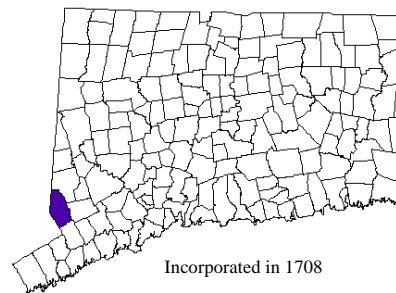


Ridgefield, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2009

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 (2008)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2008)</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	22,427	700,281	2,807,439	
2000	23,643	882,567	3,405,565	Black	399	91,770	340,407	
2008	24,031	903,614	3,540,846	Asian Pacific	737	40,323	128,690	
2013	24,043	915,352	3,621,281	Native American	13	939	6,679	
'08-'13 Growth / Yr	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	455	70,301	257,631	
				Hispanic (any race)	728	139,041	415,806	
Land Area (sq. miles)	34	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	2.4%	6.9%	7.9%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2008)	698	1,444	707	<i>Educational Attainment (2008)</i>				
Median Age (2008)	42	40	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (2008)	8,421	326,398	1,333,050	High School Graduate	1,883	12%	723,175	30%
Med HH Inc. (2008)	\$138,006	\$81,058	\$67,236	Some College	2,885	18%	592,297	25%
				Bachelors or More	10,849	67%	824,309	34%
<i>Age Distribution (2008)</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	848 4%	2,575 11%	611 3%	3,876 16%	2,612 11%	1,199 5%	11,721	
Female	802 4%	2,518 10%	594 2%	4,158 17%	2,652 11%	1,586 7%	12,310	
County Total	56,742 6%	163,689 18%	80,223 9%	303,283 34%	178,236 20%	121,441 13%	903,614	
State Total	209,662 6%	597,403 17%	332,316 9%	1,219,043 34%	692,305 20%	490,117 14%	3,540,846	

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>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	5,539	566,606	Reading	83	53	82	60	87	65	
Most public school students in Ridgefield attend Ridgefield School District, which has 5,560 students.			Math	77	57	82	61	87	56	
			Writing	89	63	81	61	84	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	19.0	Grade 2	23.0	<i>Town State</i>		
	Middle:	3.0	3.0	Grade 5	23.0	Grade 7	22.0	Verbal	575	508
	Secondary:	2.3	3.2	High School	21.1	Math	579	508		

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Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2006)	\$110,914,321	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$107,834,966	Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$14,862,341
Tax Revenue	\$95,539,518	Education	\$67,019,707	As % of Expenditures	13.8%
Non-tax Revenue	\$15,374,803	Other	\$40,815,259	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$7,917,590,872
Intergovernmental	\$6,176,504	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$132,487,001	Per Capita	\$325,318
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$3,962	As % of Expenditures	122.9%	As % of State Average	233%
As % of State Average	189.6%	Per Capita	\$5,494	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2002
		As % of State Average	273.0%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	Aaa
				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>	Town	County	State	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 (2007)	158	27,900	149,340
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%	Town	County	State	
Demolitions (2007)	9	609	1,285	Number of Sales			
House Sales (2007)	318	8,209	32,395	Less than \$100,000	1	27	495
Median Price	\$778,750	\$593,000	\$295,000	\$100,000-\$199,999	1	232	5,866
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	19.9%	31.5%	31.5%	\$200,000-\$299,999	2	873	10,094
				\$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>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	11,811	470,167	1,865,499	Ridgefield	3,151	Ridgefield	3,151
Employed	11,464	451,328	1,780,481	Danbury	2,182	Stamford	1,246
Unemployed	347	18,839	85,018	Bethel	476	Danbury	752
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	4.0%	4.6%	New Milford	472	Manhattan, NY	573
<i>Place of Work (2007)</i>				Brookfield	370	Norwalk	522
# of Units	1,007	32,627	104,094	Stamford	321	Wilton	442
Total Employment	9,714	422,460	1,686,262	Newtown	314	Greenwich	418
2000-'07 Growth AAGR	1.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	Norwalk	282	White Plains, NY	260
Mfg Employment	n.a.	41,788	191,264	New Fairfield	231	Westport	228
				Southbury	201	Mount Pleasant, NY	199

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<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		
	Town	County			(800) 732-9678		
Hospitals (1999)	0	7			Cable Provider		
Total Beds	0	1,954			COMCAST/DANBURY		
					(800) 266-2278		