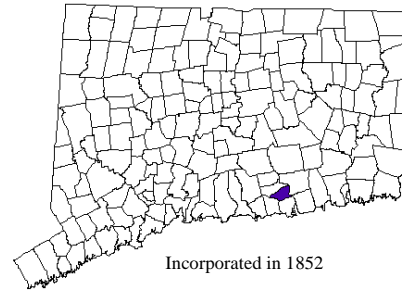


Essex, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2008

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



Demographics

<i>Population (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	5,904	143,196	3,287,116	White	6,964	151,198	2,875,466
2000	6,505	155,071	3,405,565	Black	50	8,169	324,251
2007	7,137	166,232	3,549,606	Asian Pacific	63	3,812	125,880
2012	7,544	173,217	3,647,526	Native American	1	75	8,220
'07-'12 Growth / Yr	1.1%	0.8%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	59	2,978	215,789
				Hispanic (any race)	128	6,223	405,662
Land Area (sq. miles)	10	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	2.8%	4.6%	7.9%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2007)	688	450	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>			
Median Age (2007)	46	41	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2007)	3,053	65,454	1,332,283	High School Graduate	1,002	21%	653,300
Med HH Inc. (2007)	\$82,921	\$72,202	\$65,859	Some College	1,102	23%	553,667
				Bachelors or More	2,532	52%	720,994
<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	181 3%	519 7%	179 3%	1,110 16%	791 11%	581 8%	3,361
Female	211 3%	517 7%	159 2%	1,182 17%	850 12%	857 12%	3,776
County Total	8,662 5%	26,759 16%	15,052 9%	58,034 35%	34,112 21%	23,613 14%	166,232
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>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2006)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	2.2%	1.7%	Essex Meadows Inc	\$21,713,000	2.4%
Const. and Mining	10.6%	9.9%	Lee Co	\$4,597,200	0.5%
Manufacturing	7.5%	13.4%	River Prop Inc	\$2,574,000	0.3%
Trans. and Utilities	3.3%	4.8%	Macbeth Ventures LLC	\$2,230,500	0.2%
Trade	22.8%	25.2%	Provident Bokum LLC	\$2,149,200	0.2%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	7.2%	5.7%	Net Grand List (2006)	\$921,696,900	
Services	43.7%	37.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	2.7%	1.8%	Tower Laboratories	Essex Credit Corporation	
			The Lee Company	Essex Elementary	
			Essex Meadows Inc		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2006)</i>	\$599,084,868	\$131,862,299,674
			<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	916	567,138	Reading	78	0	87	0	76	0
Most public school students through grade 6 attend Essex School District, which has 555 students. Students then go to Regional School District 4, which has 870 Students.			Math	56	0	80	0	63	0
			Writing	68	0	72	0	74	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:	3.0	4.2	Grade K	16.0	Grade 2	18.8	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	1.7	3.5	Grade 5	21.0	Grade 7	19.2	Verbal	543
	Secondary:	2.5	3.4	High School	14.1	Math	534	504	508

Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$636,822
				As % of Expenditures	3.7%
Total Revenue (2006)	\$17,511,000	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$16,993,352	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$1,665,980,478
Tax Revenue	\$15,444,453	Education	\$11,641,664	Per Capita	\$237,285
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,066,547	Other	\$5,351,688	As % of State Average	170%
Intergovernmental	\$1,146,079	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$9,904,481	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2003
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$2,144	As % of Expenditures	58.3%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	Aa3
As % of State Average	102.6%	Per Capita	\$1,375	Actual Mill Rate (2006)	15.50
				Equalized Mill Rate (2006)	9.25
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	13.6%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2007)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	2,226	44,216	869,742
Existing Units (total)	3,151	72,351	1,445,682	As % Total Dwellings	75%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	81.4%	74.4%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	53	5,076	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2007)	26	558	7,746	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2007)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.83%	0.77%	0.54%	Town County State			
Demolitions (2007)	3	44	1,285	Number of Sales			
House Sales (2007)	88	1,848	32,395	Less than \$100,000			
Median Price	\$415,000	\$303,000	\$295,000	0			
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	35.1%	27.6%	31.5%	\$100,000-\$199,999			
				0			
				\$200,000-\$299,999			
				12			
				\$300,000-\$399,999			
				28			
				\$400,000 or More			
				48			
				454			
				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	3,812	93,213	1,865,499	Essex	902	Essex	902
Employed	3,681	89,511	1,780,481	Old Saybrook	313	Middletown	246
Unemployed	131	3,702	85,018	Deep River	270	Old Saybrook	218
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.0%	4.6%	Westbrook	192	Clinton	136
<i>Place of Work (2007)</i>				Chester	161	Chester	125
# of Units	399	4,964	104,094	East Haddam	146	Hartford	122
Total Employment	3,803	70,669	1,686,262	Clinton	141	Old Lyme	103
2000-'07 Growth AAGR	0.0%	0.7%	0.1%	Old Lyme	118	New Haven	101
Mfg Employment	672	10,746	191,264	Killingworth	107	Groton	95
				Middletown	84	Westbrook	84

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2007)	9	1,029	Total Volumes	33,800	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	5.7	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	5	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	32	na		
Crime Rate (2004)			Boston	100	na		
Per 100,000 Residents	541	2,981	New York City	92	Water Provider		
				Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company	
						(800) 286-5700	
	Town	County	Cable Provider				
Hospitals (1999)	0	1	Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.				
Total Beds	0	275	860-388-3354				