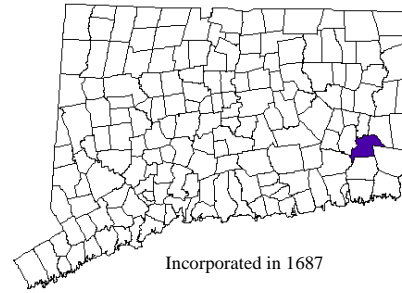


# Preston, Connecticut

## CERC Town Profile 2008

Town Hall  
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Preston, CT 06365  
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*Belongs to*  
New London County  
New London Labor Market Area  
Southeast Economic Dev. Region  
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area



Incorporated in 1687

### 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	5,006	254,957	3,287,116	White	4,463	227,196	2,875,466						
2000	4,688	259,088	3,405,565	Black	55	12,971	324,251						
2007	4,802	269,488	3,549,606	Asian Pacific	111	9,647	125,880						
2012	4,881	276,712	3,647,526	Native American	46	2,789	8,220						
'07-'12 Growth / Yr	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	127	16,885	215,789						
				Hispanic (any race)	88	17,396	405,662						
Land Area (sq. miles)	31	666	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	3.3%	6.4%	7.9%						
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2007)	155	405	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>									
Median Age (2007)	43	39	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>					
Households (2007)	1,945	107,061	1,332,283	High School Graduate	1,167	35%	653,300	28%					
Med HH Inc. (2007)	\$67,503	\$61,008	\$65,859	Some College	952	28%	553,667	24%					
				Bachelors or More	763	23%	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	112	2%	394	8%	171	4%	864	18%	542	11%	322	7%	2,405
Female	98	2%	409	9%	145	3%	852	18%	552	11%	341	7%	2,397
County Total	15,679	6%	45,388	17%	25,545	9%	96,937	36%	49,861	19%	36,078	13%	269,488
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 (2004)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Grand list data</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	13.1%	9.5%	not provided		
Const. and Mining	23.8%	21.5%	Net Grand List ()		
Manufacturing	3.6%	2.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Trans. and Utilities	3.6%	19.0%	Preston School District	Strawberry Park	
Trade	19.6%	21.5%	American Ref-Fuel CO	Town of Preston	
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.4%	3.4%	Overhead Door CO		
Services	27.4%	22.4%		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Government	3.6%	0.6%		\$51,961,937	\$105,014,859,890
			<i>Retail Sales (2002)</i>	<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	779	567,138	Reading	44	0	69	0	70	0
Most public school students through grade 8 attend Preston School District, which has 517 students. Students then go to multiple school districts including Norwich Free Academy.			Math	31	0	53	0	59	0
			Writing	54	0	44	0	72	0
<b>For more education data please see:</b>	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Average SAT Score</i>		
<a href="http://www.state.ct.us/sde/">http://www.state.ct.us/sde/</a>	Elementary:	2.5	4.2	Grade K	21.0	Grade 2	17.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	3.2	3.5	Grade 5	17.0	Grade 7	20.0	Verbal	n.a.
	Secondary:		3.4	High School	n.a.			Math	n.a.

## Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$1,522,436
				As % of Expenditures	11.7%
Total Revenue (2006)	\$13,278,612	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$12,979,722	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$563,638,206
Tax Revenue	\$7,236,273	Education	\$9,465,177	Per Capita	\$114,004
Non-tax Revenue	\$6,042,339	Other	\$3,514,545	As % of State Average	82%
Intergovernmental	\$4,978,013	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$6,378,596	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2002
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$1,513	As % of Expenditures	49.1%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	
As % of State Average	72.4%	Per Capita	\$1,333	Actual Mill Rate (2006)	25.70
				Equalized Mill Rate (2006)	12.77
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	5.4%

## Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2005)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	1,522	66,548	869,742
Existing Units (total)	2,031	115,841	1,431,569	As % Total Dwellings	80%	60%	63%
% Single Unit	93.5%	69.0%	64.7%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	74	11,508	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2006)	18	1,006	9,236	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2006)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.88%	0.86%	0.64%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2006)		61	1,584	Less than \$100,000	6	119	1,332
House Sales (2006)	72	2,992	37,483	\$100,000-\$199,999	9	588	7,461
Median Price	\$251,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	31	1,313	11,804
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	25.2%	32.7%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	15	546	6,393
				\$400,000 or More	11	426	10,493

## Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2006)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	2,837	146,963	1,844,244	Preston	423	Preston	423
Employed	2,735	140,959	1,765,083	Griswold	87	Norwich	413
Unemployed	102	6,004	79,161	Norwich	62	Ledyard	284
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.3%	Groton	46	Groton	257
<i>Place of Work (2006)</i>				New London	46	Waterford	127
# of Units	103	6,822	103,662	Plainfield	42	Montville	118
Total Employment	771	129,356	1,672,161	Ledyard	39	New London	110
'92-'06 Growth AAGR	-4.4%	1.2%	0.7%	Waterford	37	Stonington	106
Mfg Employment	n.a.	16,926	193,727	East Haddam	30	East Lyme	52
				Lisbon	29	Griswold	44

## Quality of Life

	<b>Town</b>	<b>State</b>	Library (2001)	<b>Town</b>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>			
Banks (2007)	0	1,029	Total Volumes	22,592	Electric Provider			
Lodging (1998)	6	756	Circulation Per Capita	3.4	Connecticut Light & Power			
Day Care Facilities (1999)	3	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	39	na			
Crime Rate (1999)			Boston	76	na			
Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	New York City	117	Water Provider			
				Providence	37	Municipal Provider		
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>						
Hospitals (1999)	0	2	Cable Provider					
Total Beds	0	490	Century Norwich Corporation					
				800-609-5505				