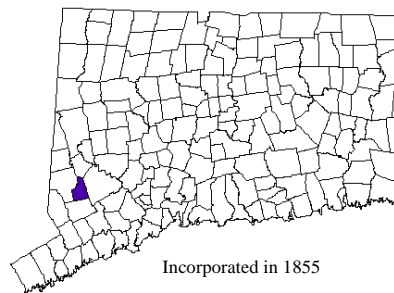


# Bethel, Connecticut

## CERC Town Profile 2009

Town Hall  
1 School Street  
Bethel, CT 06801  
(203) 794-8501

*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Danbury Labor Market Area  
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1855

### Demographics

<i>Population (2008)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2008)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	17,541	827,645	3,287,116	White	16,541	700,281	2,807,439
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565	Black	403	91,770	340,407
2008	18,481	903,614	3,540,846	Asian Pacific	901	40,323	128,690
2013	18,520	915,352	3,621,281	Native American	18	939	6,679
'08-'13 Growth / Yr	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	618	70,301	257,631
				Hispanic (any race)	953	139,041	415,806
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	2.5%	6.9%	7.9%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2008)	1,101	1,444	707	<i>Educational Attainment (2008)</i>			
Median Age (2008)	39	40	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2008)	6,569	326,398	1,333,050	High School Graduate	3,585	29%	723,175
Med HH Inc. (2008)	\$86,273	\$81,058	\$67,236	Some College	2,856	23%	592,297
				Bachelors or More	4,854	40%	824,309
<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	576 3%	1,886 10%	779 4%	3,210 17%	1,841 10%	831 4%	9,123
Female	558 3%	1,771 10%	675 4%	3,287 18%	1,871 10%	1,196 6%	9,358
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>% 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	3.4%	2.3%	Duracell Inc	\$40,213,460	2.8%
Const. and Mining	17.8%	9.5%	Bethel Assoc LP	\$13,083,280	0.9%
Manufacturing	9.4%	25.1%	Target Corp	\$8,208,340	0.6%
Trans. and Utilities	2.8%	8.9%	Shepards Inc	\$4,477,200	0.3%
Trade	20.4%	19.0%	Berkshire Indus Corp	\$4,047,960	0.3%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.4%	3.7%	Net Grand List (2006)	\$1,426,101,860	
Services	37.0%	30.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	3.7%	1.1%	Duracell Inc	Bethel Food Market Inc	
			Eaton Corporation	Cannondale Corporation	
			Consolidated Controls		
			<i>Retail Sales (2006)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			All Outlets	\$301,006,786	\$131,862,299,674

### 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	3,267	566,606	Reading	57	53	67	60	76	65
Most public school students in Bethel attend Bethel School District, which has 3,258 students.			Math	71	57	79	61	75	56
			Writing	68	63	66	61	71	61
<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:	6.0	4.0	Grade K	18.0	Grade 2	18.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	4.0	3.0	Grade 5	22.0	Grade 7	21.0	Verbal	503
	Secondary:	3.4	3.2	High School	17.2	Math	504	508	

### Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2006)	\$54,668,918	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$54,323,509	Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$4,103,668
Tax Revenue	\$42,643,654	Education	\$34,717,251	As % of Expenditures	7.6%
Non-tax Revenue	\$12,025,264	Other	\$19,606,258	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$3,075,222,716
Intergovernmental	\$10,443,839	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$26,632,604	Per Capita	\$167,414
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$2,329	As % of Expenditures	49.0%	As % of State Average	120%
As % of State Average	111.4%	Per Capita	\$1,455	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2002
		As % of State Average	72.3%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	Aa3
				Actual Mill Rate (2006)	26.48
				Equalized Mill Rate (2006)	13.68
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	13.5%

### Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2007)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	4,980	224,509	869,742
Existing Units (total)	6,964	350,632	1,445,682	As % Total Dwellings	75%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	76.3%	65.3%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2007)	314	27,900	149,340
New Permits Auth. (2007)	8	2,290	7,746	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2007)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
As % Existing Units	0.11%	0.65%	0.54%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2007)	2	609	1,285	Less than \$100,000	1	27	495
House Sales (2007)	135	8,209	32,395	\$100,000-\$199,999	5	232	5,866
Median Price	\$378,500	\$593,000	\$295,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	21	873	10,094
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	23.7%	31.5%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	53	1,094	5,655
				\$400,000 or More	55	5,983	10,285

### Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2007)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
Labor Force	10,859	470,167	1,865,499	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Employed	10,503	451,328	1,780,481	Bethel	2,118	Danbury	2,557
Unemployed	356	18,839	85,018	Danbury	1,897	Bethel	2,118
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.0%	4.6%	Newtown	361	Norwalk	490
<i>Place of Work (2007)</i>				Brookfield	317	Stamford	484
# of Units	587	32,627	104,094	New Milford	291	Ridgefield	476
Total Employment	6,913	422,460	1,686,262	Southbury	178	Brookfield	385
2000-'07 Growth AAGR	2.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	New Fairfield	157	Wilton	295
Mfg Employment	1,256	41,788	191,264	Norwalk	153	Newtown	233
				Waterbury	136	New Milford	159
				Bridgeport	130	Manhattan, NY	151

### Quality of Life

	<b>Town</b>	<b>State</b>	Library (2001)	<b>Town</b>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2007)	8	1,029	Total Volumes	89,722	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.2	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	10	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	46	Yankee Gas Company		
Crime Rate (2004)			Boston	140	(800) 989-0900		
Per 100,000 Residents	724	2,981	New York City	56	Water Provider		
			Providence	107	Municipal Provider		
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>			local Contact		
Hospitals (1999)	0	7			Cable Provider		
Total Beds	0	1,954			COMCAST/DANBURY		
					(800) 266-2278		