# Bethel, Connecticut

## General

ACS, 2020–2024

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Current Population | 20,796 | 3,624,508 |
| Land Area *mi²* | 17 | 4,842 |
| Population Density *people per mi²* | 1,226 | 748 |
| Number of Households | 7,782 | 1,434,007 |
| Median Age | 43 | 41 |
| Median Household Income | $116,541 | $95,781 |
| Poverty Rate | 5% | 10% |

## Economy

### Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

| | Jobs | Share of Industry |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Manufacturing | 1,373 | |
| *Machinery Mfg* | | *49%* |
| 2 Health Care and Social Assistance | 1,114 | |
| *Ambulatory Health Care Services* | | *36%* |
| 3 Retail Trade | 1,089 | |
| *Food and Beverage Stores* | | *26%* |
| 4 Mgmt of Companies and Enterprises | 736 | |
| *Mgmt of Companies and Enterprises* | | *100%* |
| 5 Accommodation and Food Services | 728 | |
| *Food Services and Drinking Places* | | *96%* |
| Total Jobs, All Industries | 8,423 | |

### SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

| Year | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 261 | 278 | 290 | 305 | 290 |

Total Active Businesses 2,303

### Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. Steiner & Associates Businesses
2. Bethel Food Market
3. Bethel Health and Rehabilitation
4. Target
5. Resonetics

## Demographics

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### Age Distribution

| | | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 10 | 2,198 | 11% | 10% |
| 10 to 19 | 2,579 | 12% | 13% |
| 20 to 29 | 2,455 | 12% | 13% |
| 30 to 39 | 2,497 | 12% | 13% |
| 40 to 49 | 2,387 | 11% | 12% |
| 50 to 59 | 3,453 | 17% | 14% |
| 60 to 69 | 2,934 | 14% | 13% |
| 70 to 79 | 1,521 | 7% | 8% |
| 80 and over | 772 | 4% | 5% |

### Race and Ethnicity

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Asian | 7% | 5% |
| Black | 4% | 10% |
| Hispanic or Latino/a | 14% | 18% |
| White | 64% | 62% |
| Other | 10% | 5% |

*Hispanic includes those of any race. Remaining racial groups include only non-hispanic. 'Other' includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, two or more races.*

### Language Spoken at Home

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| English | 77 | 77% |
| Spanish | 8 | 13% |

### Educational Attainment

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| High School Diploma Only | 21 | 25% |
| Associate Degree | 7 | 8% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 23 | 24% |
| Master's Degree or Higher | 19 | 22% |

## Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Median Home Value | $434,600 | $366,900 |
| Median Rent | $1,640 | $1,488 |
| Housing Units | 8,181 | 1,541,822 |

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Owner-Occupied | 66 | 75% |
| Detached or Semi-Detached | 65 | 73% |
| Vacant | 5 | 7% |

## Schools

CT Department of Education, 2025-26

### School Districts

| | Available Grades | Total Enrollment | Pre-K Enrollment | 4-Year Grad Rate (2023-24) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel School District | PK-12 | 3,125 | 81 | 94% |
| Statewide | - | 497,764 | 20,604 | 89% |

### Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

| | Math | ELA |
|---|---|---|
| Bethel School District | 60% | 60% |
| Statewide | 46% | 50% |

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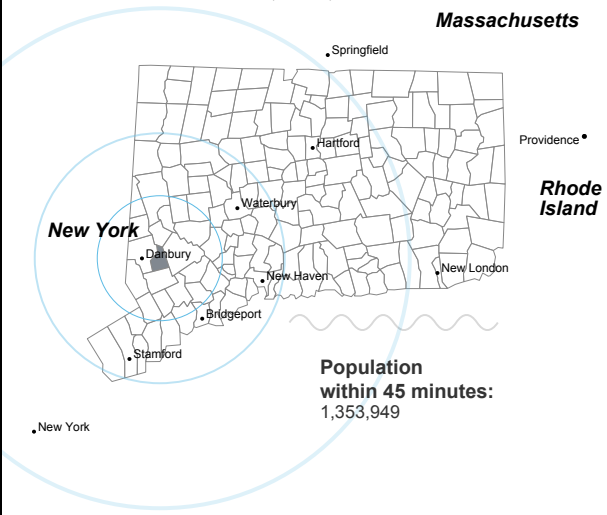
## Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Employed | 11,642 | 1,869,450 |
| Unemployed | 454 | 76,777 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4 4% | |
| Self-Employment Rate* | 10 13% | |

*ACS, 2020–2024

### Catchment Areas of 15mi, 30mi, and 60mi




**Population within 45 minutes:** 1,353,949

## Access

ACS, 2020–2024

| | Bethel | State |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Commute Time * | 32 min | 26 min |
| No Access to a Car | 5 9% | |
| No Internet Access | 4 6% | |

### Commute Mode

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Transport | 1 3% |
| Walking or Cycling | 1 3% |
| Driving | 77 78% |
| Working From Home * | 16 18% |

### Public Transit

| | |
|---|---|
| CT*transit* Service | - |
| Other Public Bus Operations | Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART) |
| Train Service | Metro-North |

** 5 year estimates include Covid-19 pandemic data*

## Fiscal Indicators

CT Office of Policy and Management, State FY 2022-23

### Municipal Revenue

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Revenue | $96,030,095 |
| Property Tax Revenue | $74,712,050 |
| *per capita* | $3,613 |
| *per capita, as % of state avg.* | 107% |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | $17,754,473 |
| Revenue to Expenditure Ratio | 103% |

### Municipal Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Expenditure | $93,496,897 |
| Educational | $60,273,667 |
| Other | $33,223,230 |

### Grand List

| | |
|---|---|
| Equalized Net Grand List | $4,308,324,704 |
| *per capita* | $208,353 |
| *per capita, as % of state avg.* | 104% |
| Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List | 11% |
| Actual Mill Rate | 32.00 |
| Equalized Mill Rate | 17.41 |

### Municipal Debt

| | |
|---|---|
| Moody's Rating (2025) | - |
| S&P Rating (2025) | AAA |
| Total Indebtedness | $63,584,683 |
| *per capita* | $3,075 |
| *per capita, as % of state avg.* | 105% |
| *as percent of expenditures* | 68% |
| Annual Debt Service | $6,793,738 |
| *as % of expenditures* | 7% |

### About Town Profiles

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