Chester, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	Chester	State
Current Population	3,825	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	16	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	238	748
Number of Households	1,628	1,434,007
Median Age	54	41
Median Household Income	$109,191	$95,781
Poverty Rate	12%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Manufacturing	897	
Transportation Equip Mfg		*37%*
2 Health Care and Social Assistance	520	
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities		*77%*
3 Government	176	
Local Government		*61%*
4 Accommodation and Food Services	164	
Food Services and Drinking Places		*87%*
5 Professional, Scientific, and Tech Svc	112	
Professional, Scientific, and Tech Svc		*100%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	2,081	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	37	37	42	42	48

Total Active Businesses 411

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. Whelen Engineering
2. Roto-FrankofAmerica,Inc
3. Masonicare at Chester Village
4. YMCA Camp Hazen
5. Marinas (multiple)

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

		Chester	State
Under 10	475	12%	10%
10 to 19	275	7%	13%
20 to 29	341	9%	13%
30 to 39	420	11%	13%
40 to 49	239	6%	12%
50 to 59	723	19%	14%
60 to 69	650	17%	13%
70 to 79	498	13%	8%
80 and over	204	5%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

	Chester	State
Asian	<1%	5%
Black	2%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	7%	18%
White	86%	62%
Other	5%	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

	Chester	State
English	77	95%
Spanish	4	13%

Educational Attainment

	Chester	State
High School Diploma Only	19	25%
Associate Degree	8	8%
Bachelor's Degree	22	23%
Master's Degree or Higher	19	26%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	Chester	State
Median Home Value	$442,200	$366,900
Median Rent	$1,549	$1,488
Housing Units	1,715	1,541,822

	Chester	State
Owner-Occupied	66	73%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	81%
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)
Chester School District	PK-6	194	0	
Regional School District 04	7-12	595	0	96%
Statewide	-	497,764	20,604	89%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

	Math	ELA
Chester School District	66%	70%
Regional School District 04	58%	63%
Statewide	46%	50%

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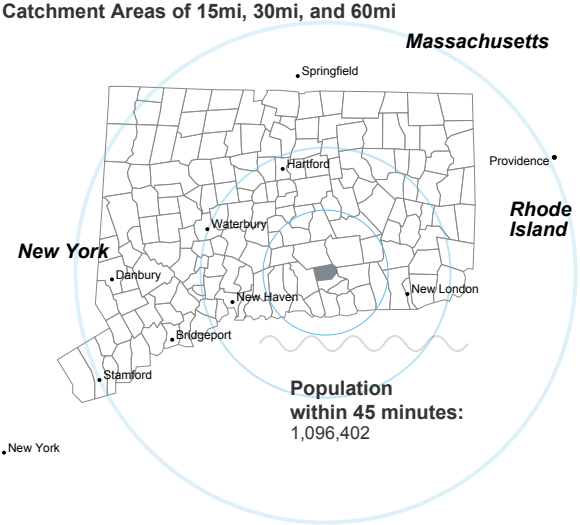
Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	Chester	State
Employed	1,851	1,869,450
Unemployed	66	76,777
Unemployment Rate	4 4%	
Self-Employment Rate*	8 10%	

*ACS, 2020–2024

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



Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	Chester	State
Mean Commute Time *	28 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	7 9%	
No Internet Access	2 6%	

Commute Mode

Public Transport	2 3%
Walking or Cycling	1 3%
Driving	77 79%
Working From Home *	16 18%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	Express
Other Public Bus Operations	Estuary Transit District d.b.a. 9 Town Transit
Train Service	-

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

Fiscal Indicators

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

Municipal Revenue

Total Revenue	$16,299,439
Property Tax Revenue	$13,661,547
per capita	$3,632
per capita, as % of state avg.	108%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$1,736,071
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	109%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$14,905,746
Educational	$10,561,544
Other	$4,344,202

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$863,771,241
per capita	$229,665
per capita, as % of state avg.	115%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	18%
Actual Mill Rate	29.50
Equalized Mill Rate	15.76

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	-
S&P Rating (2025)	-
Total Indebtedness	$602,779
per capita	$160
per capita, as % of state avg.	5%
as percent of expenditures	4%
Annual Debt Service	$75,235
as % of expenditures	1%

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