

# Darien, Connecticut

## General

|                                                      |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ACS, 2020–2024                                       | Darien    | State     |
| Current Population                                   | 21,936    | 3,624,508 |
| Land Area <i>mi</i> <sup>2</sup>                     | 13        | 4,842     |
| Population Density <i>people per mi</i> <sup>2</sup> | 1,734     | 748       |
| Number of Households                                 | 7,234     | 1,434,007 |
| Median Age                                           | 40        | 41        |
| Median Household Income                              | \$250,001 | \$95,781  |
| Poverty Rate                                         | 6%        | 10%       |

## Economy

### Top Industries

| Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)     | Jobs  | Share of Industry |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1 Retail Trade                            | 1,474 |                   |
| Food and Beverage Stores                  |       | 43%               |
| 2 Health Care and Social Assistance       | 1,109 |                   |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services           |       | 70%               |
| 3 Accommodation and Food Services         | 995   |                   |
| Food Services and Drinking Places         |       | 100%              |
| 4 Finance and Insurance                   | 731   |                   |
| Securities, Commodities, & Financial Inv. |       | 73%               |
| 5 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation     | 724   |                   |
| Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation         |       | 100%              |
| Total Jobs, All Industries                | 7,072 |                   |

### SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

#### New Business Registrations by Year

| Year  | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total | 316  | 353  | 407  | 371  | 412  |

Total Active Businesses 3,196

### Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

- 1 Town of Darien
- 2 Woodway Contry Club
- 3 Wee Barn Country Club
- 4 Rings' End, Inc.
- 5 Zoto's International

## Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

### Age Distribution

|             | Darien | State |
|-------------|--------|-------|
| Under 10    | 3,473  | 16%   |
| 10 to 19    | 3,868  | 16%   |
| 20 to 29    | 1,804  | 8%    |
| 30 to 39    | 1,828  | 8%    |
| 40 to 49    | 3,478  | 16%   |
| 50 to 59    | 3,019  | 14%   |
| 60 to 69    | 2,493  | 11%   |
| 70 to 79    | 1,072  | 5%    |
| 80 and over | 901    | 4%    |

### Race and Ethnicity

|                      | Darien | State |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Asian                | 7%     | 5%    |
| Black                | <1%    | 10%   |
| Hispanic or Latino/a | 6%     | 18%   |
| White                | 81%    | 62%   |
| Other                | 6%     | 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

|         | Darien | State |
|---------|--------|-------|
| English | 77     | 88%   |
| Spanish | 4      | 13%   |

### Educational Attainment

|                           | Darien | State |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| High School Diploma Only  | 5      | 25%   |
| Associate Degree          | 3      | 8%    |
| Bachelor's Degree         | 23     | 47%   |
| Master's Degree or Higher | 19     | 39%   |

## Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

|                   | Darien      | State     |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Median Home Value | \$1,822,400 | \$366,900 |
| Median Rent       | \$3,501     | \$1,488   |
| Housing Units     | 7,675       | 1,541,822 |

|                           | Darien | State |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| Owner-Occupied            | 66     | 82%   |
| Detached or Semi-Detached | 65     | 88%   |
| Vacant                    | 6      | 7%    |

## Schools

CT Department of Education, 2025-26

### School Districts

|                        | Available Grades | Total Enrollment | Pre-K Enrollment | 4-Year Grad Rate (2023-24) |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Darien School District | PK-12            | 4,581            | 109              | 97%                        |
| Statewide              | -                | 497,764          | 20,604           | 89%                        |

### Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

|                        | Math | ELA |
|------------------------|------|-----|
| Darien School District | 83%  | 84% |
| Statewide              | 46%  | 50% |

# Darien, Connecticut

## Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

|            | Darien | State     |
|------------|--------|-----------|
| Employed   | 10,181 | 1,869,450 |
| Unemployed | 297    | 76,777    |

Unemployment Rate

Self-Employment Rate\*

\*ACS, 2020–2024

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

Massachusetts

Providence •

Rhode Island

New York

Population within 45 minutes:  
2,971,788

## Access

ACS, 2020–2024

Mean Commute Time \* 38 min 26 min

No Access to a Car

No Internet Access

## Commute Mode

Public Transport

Walking or Cycling

Driving

Working From Home \*

## Public Transit

CT transit Service

Other Public Bus Operations

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                  | \$181,872,486 |
| Property Tax Revenue           | \$152,077,462 |
| per capita                     | \$6,906       |
| per capita, as % of state avg. | 205%          |
| Intergovernmental Revenue      | \$21,414,810  |
| Revenue to Expenditure Ratio   | 103%          |

### Municipal Expenditure

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Total Expenditure | \$175,837,669 |
| Educational       | \$129,804,594 |
| Other             | \$46,033,075  |

### Grand List

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Equalized Net Grand List                      | \$16,435,870,934 |
| per capita                                    | \$746,406        |
| per capita, as % of state avg.                | 373%             |
| Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List | 10%              |
| Actual Mill Rate                              | 17.23            |
| Equalized Mill Rate                           | 9.24             |

### Municipal Debt

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Moody's Rating (2025)                    | Aaa                |
| S&P Rating (2025)                        | -                  |
| Total Indebtedness                       | \$119,424,165      |
| per capita                               | \$5,423            |
| per capita, as % of state avg.           | 185%               |
| as percent of expenditures               | 68%                |
| Annual Debt Service as % of expenditures | \$10,525,608<br>6% |

## About Town Profiles

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