Essex, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	Essex	State
Current Population	6,794	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	10	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	653	748
Number of Households	2,987	1,434,007
Median Age	52	41
Median Household Income	$104,395	$95,781
Poverty Rate	3%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Manufacturing	735	
Transportation Equip Mfg		*35%*
2 Health Care and Social Assistance	580	
Ambulatory Health Care Services		*44%*
3 Accommodation and Food Services	495	
Food Services and Drinking Places		*81%*
4 Professional, Scientific, and Tech Svc	262	
Professional, Scientific, and Tech Svc		*100%*
5 Construction	250	
Specialty Trade Contractors		*62%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	3,568	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	82	94	81	78	102

Total Active Businesses 1,012

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. Lee Company
2. Essex Meadows
3. Tower Laboratories
4. Overabove
5. Essex Savings Bank

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

			State
Under 10	650	10%	10%
10 to 19	514	8%	13%
20 to 29	899	13%	13%
30 to 39	624	9%	13%
40 to 49	456	7%	12%
50 to 59	1,144	17%	14%
60 to 69	1,087	16%	13%
70 to 79	829	12%	8%
80 and over	591	9%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

		State
Asian	<1%	5%
Black	3%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	4%	18%
White	89%	62%
Other	4%	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

	Essex	State
English	77	95%
Spanish	3	13%

Educational Attainment

	Essex	State
High School Diploma Only	18	25%
Associate Degree	8	11%
Bachelor's Degree	23	32%
Master's Degree or Higher	19	22%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	Essex	State
Median Home Value	$552,000	$366,900
Median Rent	$1,623	$1,488
Housing Units	3,282	1,541,822

	Essex	State
Owner-Occupied	66	78%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	76%
Vacant	7	9%

Schools

CT Department of Education, 2025-26

School Districts

	Available Grades	Total Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	4-Year Grad Rate (2023-24)
Essex School District	PK-6	307	53	
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
Essex School District	66%	67%
Regional School District 04	58%	63%
Statewide	46%	50%

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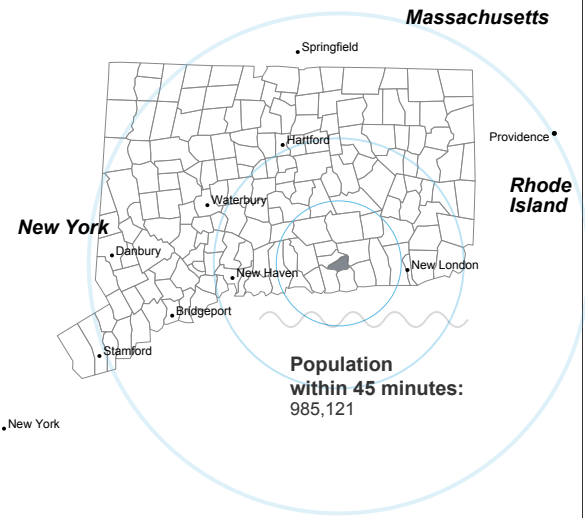
Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	Essex	State
Employed	3,754	1,869,450
Unemployed	109	76,777
Unemployment Rate	3 4%	
Self-Employment Rate*	10 19%	

*ACS, 2020–2024

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



Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	Essex	State
Mean Commute Time *	27 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	5 9%	
No Internet Access	4 6%	

Commute Mode

Public Transport	1 3%
Walking or Cycling	3 4%
Driving	74 77%
Working From Home *	16 19%

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	$27,194,392
Property Tax Revenue	$24,864,333
per capita	$3,655
per capita, as % of state avg.	109%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$1,416,555
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	104%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$26,203,092
Educational	$17,132,115
Other	$9,070,977

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$2,311,959,365
per capita	$339,894
per capita, as % of state avg.	170%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	14%
Actual Mill Rate	19.50
Equalized Mill Rate	10.74

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	Aa2
S&P Rating (2025)	AA+
Total Indebtedness	$7,904,189
per capita	$1,162
per capita, as % of state avg.	40%
as percent of expenditures	30%
Annual Debt Service	$1,291,349
as % of expenditures	5%

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