Portland, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	Portland	State
Current Population	9,434	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	23	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	404	748
Number of Households	3,762	1,434,007
Median Age	42	41
Median Household Income	$118,929	$95,781
Poverty Rate	4%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Government	750	
Local Government		*70%*
2 Retail Trade	617	
Gasoline Stations & Fuel Dealers		*27%*
3 Accommodation and Food Services	396	
Food Services and Drinking Places		*94%*
4 Health Care and Social Assistance	393	
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities		*79%*
5 Manufacturing	318	
Transportation Equip Mfg		*46%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	3,607	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	91	95	94	82	108

Total Active Businesses 784

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. Birdon
2. Specialty Lighting Group
3. Airex Rubber Products Corp
4. Jarvis Airfoil
5. Standard Knapp

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

		Portland	State
Under 10	959	10%	10%
10 to 19	1,393	15%	13%
20 to 29	550	6%	13%
30 to 39	1,510	16%	13%
40 to 49	1,309	14%	12%
50 to 59	1,463	16%	14%
60 to 69	1,044	11%	13%
70 to 79	786	8%	8%
80 and over	420	4%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

	Portland	State
Asian	3%	5%
Black	1%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	4%	18%
White	88%	62%
Other	3%	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

	Portland	State
English	77	91%
Spanish	3	13%

Educational Attainment

	Portland	State
High School Diploma Only	18	25%
Associate Degree	8	9%
Bachelor's Degree	23	32%
Master's Degree or Higher	19	20%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	Portland	State
Median Home Value	$337,400	$366,900
Median Rent	$1,129	$1,488
Housing Units	4,100	1,541,822

	Portland	State
Owner-Occupied	66	84%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	82%
Vacant	7	8%

Schools

CT Department of Education, 2025-26

School Districts

	Available Grades	Total Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	4-Year Grad Rate (2023-24)
Portland School District	PK-12	1,232	43	85%
Statewide	-	497,764	20,604	89%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

	Math	ELA
Portland School District	58%	66%
Statewide	46%	50%

Portland, Connecticut

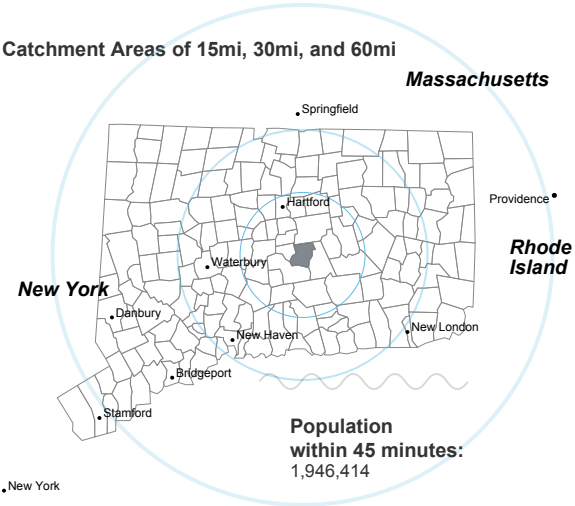
Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	Portland	State
Employed	4,933	1,869,450
Unemployed	180	76,777
Unemployment Rate	4	4%
Self-Employment Rate*	10	10%

*ACS, 2020–2024

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



Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	Portland	State
Mean Commute Time *	28 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	4	9%
No Internet Access	6	8%

Commute Mode

Public Transport	1	3%
Walking or Cycling	1	3%
Driving	77	80%
Working From Home *	16	19%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	-
Other Public Bus Operations	Middletown Transit District (MAT)
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	$41,473,696
Property Tax Revenue	$30,691,317
per capita	$3,255
per capita, as % of state avg.	97%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$8,521,340
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	107%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$38,913,294
Educational	$26,287,742
Other	$12,625,552

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$1,348,751,258
per capita	$143,058
per capita, as % of state avg.	72%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	12%
Actual Mill Rate	32.44
Equalized Mill Rate	22.83

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	Aa3
S&P Rating (2025)	AA+
Total Indebtedness	$11,873,020
per capita	$1,259
per capita, as % of state avg.	43%
as percent of expenditures	31%
Annual Debt Service	$2,141,380
as % of expenditures	6%

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