Waterbury, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	Waterbury	State
Current Population	114,869	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	29	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	4,028	748
Number of Households	45,663	1,434,007
Median Age	38	41
Median Household Income	$51,886	$95,781
Poverty Rate	25%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Health Care and Social Assistance	10,876	
Social Assistance		*40%*
2 Government	7,066	
Local Government		*74%*
3 Retail Trade	4,771	
Food and Beverage Stores		*27%*
4 Manufacturing	2,643	
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg		*44%*
5 Accommodation and Food Services	2,630	
Food Services and Drinking Places		*97%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	39,952	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	1,555	1,491	1,596	1,524	1,722

Total Active Businesses 8,581

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. St. Mary's Hospital
2. MacDermid Inc.
3. Waterbury Hospital
4. Webster Bank
5. Post University

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

		Waterbury	State
Under 10	14,405	13%	10%
10 to 19	15,419	13%	13%
20 to 29	15,046	13%	13%
30 to 39	16,134	14%	13%
40 to 49	14,626	13%	12%
50 to 59	14,539	13%	14%
60 to 69	12,509	11%	13%
70 to 79	8,146	7%	8%
80 and over	4,045	4%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

	Waterbury	State
Asian	2%	5%
Black	23%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	39%	18%
White	29%	62%
Other	7%	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

	Waterbury	State
English	61	77%
Spanish	13	28%

Educational Attainment

	Waterbury	State
High School Diploma Only	25	36%
Associate Degree	8	9%
Bachelor's Degree	10	23%
Master's Degree or Higher	7	19%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	Waterbury	State
Median Home Value	$208,500	$366,900
Median Rent	$1,225	$1,488
Housing Units	49,956	1,541,822

	Waterbury	State
Owner-Occupied	47	66%
Detached or Semi-Detached	47	65%
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)
Brass City Charter School District	PK-8	400	35	
Waterbury School District	PK-12	18,381	976	86%
Statewide	-	497,764	20,604	89%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

	Math	ELA
Brass City Charter School District	32%	44%
Waterbury School District	19%	27%
Statewide	46%	50%

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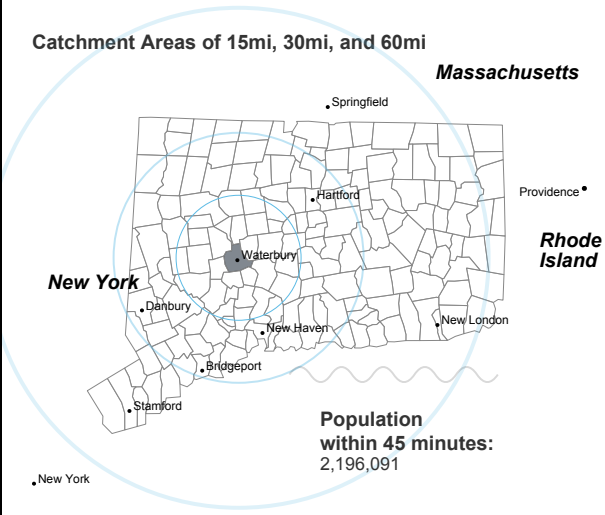
Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	Waterbury	State
Employed	50,118	1,869,450
Unemployed	3,243	76,777
Unemployment Rate	6%	
Self-Employment Rate*	10%	

*ACS, 2020–2024

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



Population within 45 minutes: 2,196,091

Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	Waterbury	State
Mean Commute Time *	27 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	19%	
No Internet Access	11%	

Commute Mode

Public Transport	4%
Walking or Cycling	3%
Driving	82%
Working From Home *	16%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	Local, Waterbury metro, Express, CTfastrak
Other Public Bus Operations	-
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	$472,592,000
Property Tax Revenue	$255,168,000
per capita	$2,219
per capita, as % of state avg.	66%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$197,972,000
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	116%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$406,912,000
Educational	$186,357,000
Other	$220,555,000

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$10,179,969,629
per capita	$88,529
per capita, as % of state avg.	44%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	27%
Actual Mill Rate	32.46
Equalized Mill Rate	25.09

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	A2
S&P Rating (2025)	AA-
Total Indebtedness	$425,827,000
per capita	$3,703
per capita, as % of state avg.	126%
as percent of expenditures	105%
Annual Debt Service	$49,260,000
as % of expenditures	12%

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