West Haven, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	West Haven	State
Current Population	55,351	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	11	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	5,149	748
Number of Households	20,938	1,434,007
Median Age	36	41
Median Household Income	$74,382	$95,781
Poverty Rate	14%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Educational Services	3,182	
Educational Services		*100%*
2 Health Care and Social Assistance	2,209	
Ambulatory Health Care Services		*39%*
3 Wholesale Trade	1,722	
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Gds		*46%*
4 Government	1,531	
Local Government		*55%*
5 Retail Trade	1,348	
Food and Beverage Stores		*39%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	15,660	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	581	613	624	637	673

Total Active Businesses 3,823

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. VA Medical Center
2. Glanbia Nutritionals
3. University of New Haven
4. Yale University
5. MacDermid Alpha

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

		West Haven	State
Under 10	5,872	11%	10%
10 to 19	8,035	15%	13%
20 to 29	9,594	17%	13%
30 to 39	7,506	14%	13%
40 to 49	5,737	10%	12%
50 to 59	6,318	11%	14%
60 to 69	6,077	11%	13%
70 to 79	4,471	8%	8%
80 and over	1,741	3%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

	West Haven	State
Asian	5%	5%
Black	20%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	27%	18%
White	44%	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

	West Haven	State
English	68	77%
Spanish	13	18%

Educational Attainment

	West Haven	State
High School Diploma Only	25	33%
Associate Degree	7	8%
Bachelor's Degree	18	23%
Master's Degree or Higher	13	19%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	West Haven	State
Median Home Value	$291,700	$366,900
Median Rent	$1,442	$1,488
Housing Units	21,973	1,541,822

	West Haven	State
Owner-Occupied	51	66%
Detached or Semi-Detached	50	65%
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)
West Haven School District	PK-12	5,863	118	89%
Statewide	-	497,764	20,604	89%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

	Math	ELA
West Haven School District	40%	43%
Statewide	46%	50%

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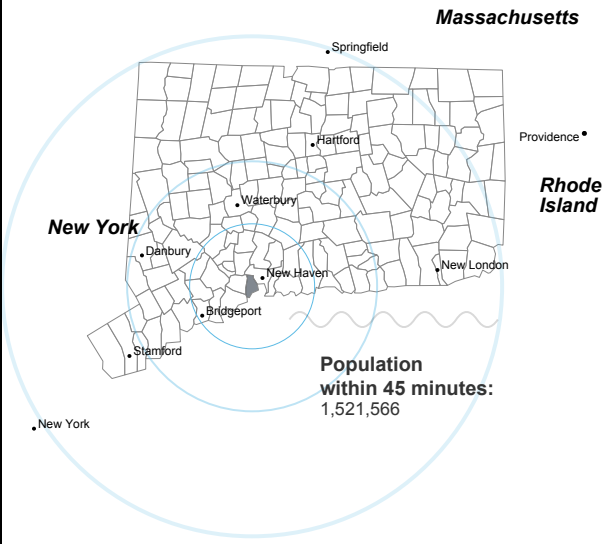
Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	West Haven	State
Employed	28,088	1,869,450
Unemployed	1,299	76,777
Unemployment Rate	4 4%	
Self-Employment Rate*	7 10%	

*ACS, 2020–2024

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



Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	West Haven	State
Mean Commute Time *	22 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	9 11%	
No Internet Access	5 6%	

Commute Mode

Public Transport	3 3%
Walking or Cycling	3 3%
Driving	77 85%
Working From Home *	9 16%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	New Haven metro
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	$185,763,713
Property Tax Revenue	$105,440,569
per capita	$1,924
per capita, as % of state avg.	57%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$72,702,392
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	103%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$179,784,536
Educational	$105,172,011
Other	$74,612,525

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$5,879,553,409
per capita	$107,311
per capita, as % of state avg.	54%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	17%
Actual Mill Rate	29.46
Equalized Mill Rate	18.13

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	Baa2
S&P Rating (2025)	A-
Total Indebtedness	$94,043,518
per capita	$1,716
per capita, as % of state avg.	59%
as percent of expenditures	52%
Annual Debt Service	$14,549,825
as % of expenditures	8%

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