

**COMMUNITY  
PROFILE**  
*Fairfield County, Connecticut*

<b>COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Population</b>					
Total population	884,639	880,493	877,829	867,393	864,591
Male	48.9	48.6	48.4	49.0	48.2
Male median age	38	37	37	36	37
Female	51.2	51.4	51.6	51.0	51.8
Female median age	39	40	39	40	38
Under 18 years of age	25.9	25.8	26.9	25.2	26.1
Male	51.8	50.9	50.9	53.3	50.9
Female	48.2	49.1	49.1	46.7	49.1
Between 18 and 64 years of age	61.8	61.9	60.3	62.5	61.5
Male	49.0	48.9	48.8	48.7	48.5
Female	51.0	51.1	51.2	51.3	51.5
Over 65 years of age	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.3	12.5
Male	42.1	42.5	41.1	42.0	41.0
Female	57.9	57.5	58.9	58.0	59.0
<b>Race (Alone or in combination with one or more other races) <sup>1</sup></b>					
White	77.2	78.1	78.0	79.6	78.6
Black or African American	10.3	10.0	10.2	9.7	10.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Other Race category	8.5	7.9	8.1	7.0	7.9
<b>Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)</b>	13.7	13.0	12.7	12.3	11.9
<b>Immigrants and U.S. Citizenship Status</b>					
Total immigrant population	150,672	175,342	153,674	175,342	152,498
Entered U.S. before 1980	26.4	29.4	31.9	28.0	32.0
Naturalized U.S. citizen	79.5	75.7	76.8	78.2	85.7
Not a U.S. citizen	20.5	24.3	23.2	21.8	14.3
Entered U.S. between 1980 and 1989	23.3	22.8	18.0	23.1	31.5
Naturalized U.S. citizen	60.6	60.5	56.7	49.5	44.8
Not a U.S. citizen	39.4	39.5	43.3	50.5	55.2
Entered U.S. between 1990 and 1999 <sup>2</sup>	36.1	35.9	34.1	48.8	36.5
Naturalized U.S. citizen	26.5	15.4	21.3	8.9	18.5
Not a U.S. citizen	73.5	84.6	78.7	91.1	81.5
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	14.1	11.9	16.0	Not Available	Not Available
Naturalized U.S. citizen	12.8	6.0	3.4	Not Available	Not Available

Not a U.S. citizen	87.2	94.0	96.6	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Household Structure</b>					
Total households	328,304	317,419	324,731	317,419	321,096
Family households	222,886	228,684	229,442	225,781	224,795
Married households	75.6	77.6	80.3	78.4	76.4
Female householder, no spouse present	20.8	17.4	14.9	15.2	18.3
Male householder, no spouse present	3.6	5.1	4.8	6.5	5.3
Non-family households	16,829	19,768	18,105	14,809	14,236
<b>Educational Attainment<sup>3</sup></b>					
Less than high school completed	10.9	10.9	15.3	14.4	13.5
High School graduate (includes equivalency)	24.2	24.7	23.0	24.8	23.2
Some college completed	21.4	20.8	20.6	21.8	20.7
Bachelor's degree completed	25.9	25.7	24.5	22.3	24.3
Graduate or professional degree completed	17.6	18.0	16.6	16.8	18.4
<b>Income Indicators<sup>4</sup></b>					
Median family Income	\$87,434	\$84,013	\$84,452	\$89,613	\$83,939
Per capita income	\$43,875	\$41,741	\$40,997	\$43,408	\$42,049
Families below poverty within last 12 months					
Total families	12,447	9,925	11,763	8,604	12,996
Married-Couple families	27.9	39.4	39.9	25.3	21.3
Female householder, no spouse present	67.7	45.9	59.1	72.2	64.8
Male householder, no spouse present	4.4	14.7	1.0	2.4	14.0
Households received income assistance	2.2	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.8
Households received food stamps	4.1	1.8	3.1	2.5	4.6
Households received social security income	25.8	25.0	27.5	26.5	24.9
Households received supplemental security income	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
<b>Employment Sectors<sup>5</sup></b>					
Total employment	435,266	429,107	420,620	431,291	431,284
For profit companies	68.0	66.9	65.8	70.5	68.2
Self-employed	12.8	15.0	14.1	12.7	12.7
Not-for-profit organizations	8.2	8.5	9.1	6.4	7.7
Local, state and federal government	10.6	9.5	10.6	10.3	11.2
<b>Occupation<sup>6</sup></b>					
Management, business & related fields	19.7	21.2	19.1	20.8	22.1
Professional & related fields	22.9	21.8	22.7	22.0	20.7
Service	15.8	14.8	15.1	13.1	14.1
Sales & office	26.0	26.9	25.0	26.1	27.0
Farming, fishing, & forestry	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction, extraction, maintenance & repair	7.8	6.6	8.0	8.2	6.5
Production, transportation, & material moving	4.2	4.4	5.9	6.1	6.5
Transportation & material moving	3.5	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.1

<b>Unemployment rate<sup>7</sup></b>	6.0	7.4	5.9	5.1	3.7
<b>Travel Time to Work</b>					
Less than 29minutes	63.5	63.5	66.3	63.5	64.7
Between 30 and 59 minutes	23.7	24.0	21.9	24.0	23.2
More than 59 minutes	12.8	12.5	11.8	12.5	12.1
<b>Housing</b>					
Occupied housing units	328,304	327,370	324,731	317,419	321,096
Owner occupied	71.2	71.5	71.4	72.2	65.8
Renter occupied	28.8	28.6	28.6	27.8	34.2
Median housing value <sup>8</sup>	\$422,495	\$406,071	\$353,718	\$333,690	\$292,168
Median gross rent <sup>9</sup>	\$967	\$966	\$933	\$955	\$844
Housing affordability (Rent cost as a percentage of household income) <sup>10</sup>					
Rent more than 50 % of household income	25.9	21.6	14.5	17.4	18.8
Rent between 30 %and 50% of household income	20.0	20.8	26.2	20.1	15.8
Vacancy rate	4.9	5.4	5.8	7.7	5.7
Tenure of housing structures <sup>11</sup>					
Built in 1939 or earlier	20.8	21.8	24.8	22.5	21.3
Built between 1940 and 1959	24.3	27.1	26.1	27.1	26.6
Built between 1960 and 1979	31.1	29.3	30.5	30.1	28.3
Built between 1980 and 1999 <sup>12</sup>	21.2	19.8	17.4	19.5	22.1
Build in 2000 or later <sup>13</sup>	2.6	1.9	1.2	0.9	1.6

<sup>1</sup> In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12).

<sup>2</sup> 2000 – 2001 category is "year of entry 1990 – 2000" (source: P040). 2002 – 2003 category is "year of entry 1990 – 1999" (source: P040, B05005).

<sup>3</sup> These figures relate to population 25yrs and over.

<sup>4</sup> 2004 Inflation – adjusted Dollars.

<sup>5</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>6</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>7</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>8</sup> 2000 – 2003 value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: H074), 2004 value for Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25075).

<sup>9</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>10</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent percentage for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent percentage for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>11</sup> 2000 – 2003 figures relate to occupied housing units (source: H033), 2004 figures relate to total housing units (source: B25034).

<sup>12</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is "Built between 1980 and 1998" (source: H033), 2004 category is "Built between 1980 – 1999" (source: B25034).

<sup>13</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is "Built 1999 or later" (source: H033), 2004 category is "Built 2000 or later" (source: B25034).