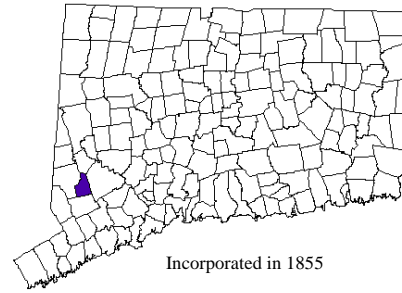


# Bethel, Connecticut

## CERC Town Profile 2007

Town Hall  
1 School Street  
Bethel, CT 06801  
(203) 794-8501

*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Danbury Labor Market Area  
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1855

### Demographics

<i>Population (2006)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2006)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	17,541	827,645	3,287,116	White	16,279	696,164	2,817,144
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565	Black	441	95,018	336,250
2006	18,309	910,335	3,551,413	Asian Pacific	881	40,497	117,614
2011	18,505	931,624	3,667,369	Native American	19	1,009	5,713
'06-'11 Growth / Yr	0.2%	0.5%	0.6%	Other/Multi-Race	689	77,647	274,692
				Hispanic (any race)	885	133,197	403,194
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	2.5%	6.9%	7.9%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2006)	1,090	1,455	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>			
Median Age (2006)	39	39	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2006)	6,562	333,367	1,343,258	High School Graduate	3,416	28%	653,300 28%
Med HH Inc. (2006)	\$79,260	\$74,454	\$61,879	Some College	2,881	24%	553,667 24%
				Bachelors or More	4,439	37%	720,994 31%
<i>Age Distribution (2006)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	589 3%	1,898 10%	726 4%	3,251 18%	1,726 9%	807 4%	8,997
Female	576 3%	1,792 10%	639 3%	3,376 18%	1,785 10%	1,144 6%	9,312
County Total	60,127 7%	166,384 18%	76,816 8%	315,084 35%	170,411 19%	121,513 13%	910,335
State Total	212,473 6%	615,114 17%	327,812 9%	1,240,233 35%	666,797 19%	488,984 14%	3,551,413

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2004)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	3.4%	2.3%	Duracell	\$49,588,200	3.1%
Const. and Mining	17.8%	9.5%	Steiner, Inc.	\$24,652,220	1.5%
Manufacturing	9.4%	25.1%	Bethel Health & Rehab	\$14,149,330	0.9%
Trans. and Utilities	2.8%	8.9%	Connecticut Light & Power Co.	\$13,684,070	0.9%
Trade	20.4%	19.0%	Target	\$9,659,170	0.6%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.4%	3.7%	Net Grand List (2004)	\$1,595,344,170	
Services	37.0%	30.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	3.7%	1.1%	Duracell Inc	Bethel Food Market Inc	
			Eaton Corporation	Cannondale Corporation	
			Consolidated Controls		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2002)</i>	\$225,547,355	\$105,014,859,890
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

### Education

<i>2004-2005 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>						
			<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>		
			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Total Town School Enrollment	3,244	563,216	Reading	57	53	67	60	76	65
Most public school students in Bethel attend Bethel School District, which has 3,258 students.			Math	71	57	79	61	75	56
			Writing	68	63	66	61	71	61
<b>For more education data please see:</b>	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Average SAT Score</i>		
<a href="http://www.state.ct.us/sde/">http://www.state.ct.us/sde/</a>	Elementary:	6.0	4.0	Grade K	18.0	Grade 2	18.0	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
	Middle:	4.0	3.0	Grade 5	22.0	Grade 7	21.0	Verbal	503 508
	Secondary:	3.4	3.2	High School	17.2	Math	504	508	

### Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2005)	\$3,297,880
				As % of Expenditures	6.6%
Total Revenue (2005)	\$51,337,555	Total Expenditures (2005)	\$50,062,478	Eq. Net Grand List (2003)	\$2,875,465,606
Tax Revenue	\$40,092,643	Education	\$32,467,895	Per Capita	\$156,114
Non-tax Revenue	\$11,244,912	Other	\$17,594,583	As % of State Average	109%
Intergovernmental	\$9,515,534	Total Indebtness (2005)	\$28,983,272	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2002
Per Capita Tax (2005)	\$2,172	As % of Expenditures	57.9%	Moody's Bond Rating (2005)	Aa3
As % of State Average	109.3%	Per Capita	\$1,570	Actual Mill Rate (2005)	25.48
				Equalized Mill Rate (2005)	13.83
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	13.5%

### Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2005)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	4,980	224,509	869,742
Existing Units (total)	6,911	347,877	1,431,569	As % Total Dwellings	75%	66%	63%
% Single Unit	76.1%	65.3%	64.7%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	272	30,502	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2005)	16	3,119	11,885	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2006)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.23%	0.90%	0.83%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2005)	5	784	1,386	Less than \$100,000	4	139	1,332
House Sales (2006)	179	9,239	37,483	\$100,000-\$199,999	4	404	7,461
Median Price	\$378,500	\$535,000	\$275,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	27	1,033	11,804
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	23.7%	31.5%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	71	1,369	6,393
				\$400,000 or More	73	6,294	10,493

### Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2005)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	10,750	457,566	1,817,032	Bethel	2,118	Danbury	2,557
Employed	10,363	437,318	1,727,934	Danbury	1,897	Bethel	2,118
Unemployed	387	20,248	89,098	Newtown	361	Norwalk	490
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.4%	4.9%	Brookfield	317	Stamford	484
<i>Place of Work (2005)</i>				New Milford	291	Ridgefield	476
Total Employment	6,878	412,453	1,643,963	Southbury	178	Brookfield	385
'92-'05 Growth	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	New Fairfield	157	Wilton	295
AAGR				Norwalk	153	Newtown	233
Manufacturing	1,249	n.a.	195,400	Waterbury	136	New Milford	159
				Bridgeport	130	Manhattan, NY	151

### Quality of Life

	<b>Town</b>	<b>State</b>	Library (2001)	<b>Town</b>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2003)	8	1,226	Total Volumes	89,722	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	2	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.2	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	10	1,721			(800) 286-2000		
Infant Mortality Rate			<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<b>Miles</b>	Gas Provider		
Per 1,000 births (2001)	0.0	4.5	Hartford	46	Yankee Gas Company		
Crime Rate (1999)			Boston	140	(800) 989-0900		
Per 1,000 Residents	11	33	New York City	56	Water Provider		
% Open Land (1990)	66.0%	68.7%	Providence	107	Municipal Provider		
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	local Contact				
Hospitals (1999)	0	7	Cable Provider				
Total Beds	0	1,954	Comcast Cablevision of Danbury, Inc.				
				203-792-0900			