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## **ESTIMATED POPULATIONS IN CONNECTICUT AS OF JULY 1, 2021**

Population estimates for Connecticut's eight counties and 169 towns for 2021 were prepared for distribution by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), Surveillance Analysis and Reporting Unit within the section of Health Statistics and Surveillance. These estimates constitute the basis of birth, death, and other population-based rates for 2021 and forward.

### **Method of Estimation**

County and town population estimates for July 1, 2021 were released by the U.S. Census Bureau's (USCB) Population Estimates Program in May 2022.<sup>(1,2,3)</sup> Vintage 2021 estimates for state, county, town, and borough were adopted as official state population estimates without modification.

USCB adopted new methods to estimate national, state, county, and town population estimates for Vintage 2021. In previous years, the most recent decennial census was used as the base, or starting point, for the annual time series of population estimates. Due to delays in availability of the Decennial 2020 Census results, an alternative approach was used for the [Vintage 2021 series that blends data from different sources](#) when estimating national, state, and county populations. Likewise, the USCB [methods used to estimate sub-county \(town\) populations](#) were also adjusted to reflect the limited availability of traditional data sources.

### **2021 Population Estimates**

The July 1, 2021 population estimate for the state of Connecticut is 3,605,597.<sup>(3,4)</sup> The 2021 estimate was 2,149 persons higher than the July 1, 2020 population estimate of 3,603,448.<sup>(5,6)</sup> Population estimates for Connecticut's counties and towns are given in the attached table.

### **ESTIMATED POPULATION OF CONNECTICUT AS OF JULY 1, 2021**

Estimated Population	Change in Population, 2020-2021	
	Number	Percent
3,605,597	2,149	0.06%

# CONNECTICUT POPULATION ESTIMATES AS OF JULY 1, 2021

**State Total: 3,605,597**

County	Est. Pop.	County	Est. Pop.
Fairfield	959,768	New Haven	863,700
Hartford	896,854	New London	268,805
Litchfield	185,000	Tolland	150,293
Middlesex	164,759	Windham	116,418

Town	Est.	Town	Est. Pop.	Town	Est. Pop.	Town	Est.
Andover	3,133	East Hartford	50,731	Monroe	18,764	Sherman	3,521
Ansonia	18,815	East Haven	27,804	Montville	18,478	Simsbury	24,807
Ashford	4,186	East Lyme	18,849	Morris	2,259	Somers	10,279
Avon	18,848	Easton	7,594	Naugatuck	31,433	Southbury	19,796
Barkhamsted	3,647	East Windsor	11,161	New Britain	73,841	Southington	43,500
Beacon Falls	6,033	Ellington	16,630	New Canaan	20,732	South Windsor	26,767
Berlin	20,113	Enfield	42,031	New Fairfield	13,545	Sprague	2,950
Bethany	5,288	Essex	6,759	New Hartford	6,668	Stafford	11,412
Bethel	20,537	Fairfield	61,949	New Haven	135,081	Stamford	136,309
Bethlehem	3,386	Farmington	26,645	Newington	30,365	Sterling	3,577
Bloomfield	21,480	Franklin	1,862	New London	27,635	Stonington	18,427
Bolton	4,819	Glastonbury	35,054	New Milford	28,182	Stratford	52,268
Bozrah	2,417	Goshen	3,165	Newtown	27,522	Suffield	15,862
Branford	28,176	Granby	10,953	Norfolk	1,587	Thomaston	7,453
Bridgeport	148,333	Greenwich	63,514	North Branford	13,498	Thompson	9,226
Bridgewater	1,658	Griswold	11,407	North Canaan	3,185	Tolland	14,511
Bristol	60,661	Groton	38,456	North Haven	24,169	Torrington	35,357
Brookfield	17,482	Guilford	22,031	North Stonington	5,137	Trumbull	36,950
Brooklyn	8,488	Haddam	8,529	Norwalk	91,194	Union	781
Burlington	9,591	Hamden	60,923	Norwich	40,014	Vernon	30,326
Canaan	1,078	Hampton	1,728	Old Lyme	7,577	Voluntown	2,554
Canterbury	5,060	Hartford	120,576	Old Saybrook	10,563	Wallingford	44,194
Canton	10,083	Hartland	1,891	Orange	14,246	Warren	1,349
Chaplin	2,143	Harwinton	5,508	Oxford	12,768	Washington	3,633
Cheshire	28,628	Hebron	9,066	Plainfield	14,959	Waterbury	113,811
Chester	3,752	Kent	2,984	Plainville	17,445	Waterford	19,553
Clinton	13,400	Killingly	17,742	Plymouth	11,659	Watertown	22,110
Colchester	15,501	Killingworth	6,268	Pomfret	4,271	Westbrook	6,810
Colebrook	1,357	Lebanon	7,108	Portland	9,462	West Hartford	63,973
Columbia	5,246	Ledyard	15,336	Preston	4,802	West Haven	55,294
Cornwall	1,571	Lisbon	4,198	Prospect	9,344	Weston	10,336
Coventry	12,205	Litchfield	8,170	Putnam	9,227	Westport	27,279
Cromwell	14,302	Lyme	2,344	Redding	8,735	Wethersfield	27,124
Danbury	86,759	Madison	17,619	Ridgefield	25,011	Willington	5,528
Darien	21,500	Manchester	59,426	Rocky Hill	20,746	Wilton	18,460
Deep River	4,462	Mansfield	26,357	Roxbury	2,269	Winchester	10,217
Derby	12,274	Marlborough	6,093	Salem	4,200	Windham	24,362
Durham	7,231	Meriden	60,517	Salisbury	4,112	Windsor	29,376
Eastford	1,660	Middlebury	7,684	Scotland	1,568	Windsor Locks	12,531
East Granby	5,180	Middlefield	4,274	Seymour	16,679	Wolcott	16,160
East Haddam	8,965	Middletown	47,108	Sharon	2,675	Woodbridge	9,045
East Hampton	12,874	Milford	52,390	Shelton	41,474	Woodbury	9,761
						Woodstock	8,221

Notes:

- (1) U.S. Census Bureau, December 2021, Methodology for the United States Population Estimates: Vintage 2021, Nation, States, Counties, and Puerto Rico – April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2021/methods-statement-v2021.pdf>
- (2) These town population estimates count incarcerated individuals in their place of incarceration, consistent with the [U.S. Census Bureau's decision](#) to maintain its practice of counting prisoners at the correctional facility. While [Connecticut passed legislation in 2021](#) that requires the reallocation of most incarcerated persons to their place of residence prior to incarceration, this reallocation is limited to the purposes of determining state legislative and municipal voting districts. The Census Bureau will not make any changes to the official decennial census counts as a result of state legislative redistricting and therefore Census products based on Decennial 2020 Census data will count prisoners in their place of incarceration.
- (3) U.S. Census Bureau, May 2022, Methodology for the Subcounty Total Resident Population Estimates (Vintage 2021): April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2021/2021-subco-method.pdf>
- (4) Backus, K (2022) Town-level Population Estimates for Connecticut, July 1, 2021. Connecticut Department of Public Health, Health Statistics and Surveillance, Statistics Analysis & Reporting, Hartford, CT.
- (5) Backus, K (2021) Town-level Population Estimates for Connecticut, July 1, 2020. Connecticut Department of Public Health, Health Statistics and Surveillance, Surveillance Analysis & Reporting, Hartford, CT.
- (6) The April 1, 2020 Census count released in the 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File was used as the 2020 base population for each town. The change in population for the three months between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 was estimated by calculating the “natural increase” in population (i.e., births minus deaths) for each town using the provisional 2020 birth and death files. During the three-month period, Connecticut had 9,420 births and 11,924 deaths resulting in a natural decrease of 2,496 residents. The estimated three-month population change was added to the base April 1, 2020 population for each town to calculate the July 1, 2020 population estimate. Net migration also affects population change and has been estimated in the past using migration patterns from previous years. During the first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut experienced atypical in-migration limiting the applicability of historical data. Alternative sources for migration estimates are not available at the town-level and do not explicitly cover the three-month period of April 1 to July 1. As such, the official state and town estimates for July 1, 2020 do not account for migration between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020.

Citation:

Backus, K (2022) Town-level Population Estimates for Connecticut, July 1, 2021. Connecticut Department of Public Health, Health Statistics and Surveillance, Surveillance Analysis & Reporting, Hartford, CT.

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*These estimates are also available at:*

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Health-Information-Systems--Reporting/Population/Population-Statistics>