

September 2, 2021

The Honorable Melissa McCaw
Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary McCaw:

Pursuant to Section 32-9j of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am providing you with the 2021 Connecticut's Distressed Municipalities list. The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has designated the following twenty-five communities as "distressed":

Ansonia	Bridgeport	Chaplin	Derby	East Hartford
East Haven	Griswold	Groton	Hartford	Meriden
Montville	New Britain	New London	Norwich	Plainfield
Putnam	Sprague	Sterling	Stratford	Torrington
Voluntown	Waterbury	West Haven	Winchester	Windham

The above municipalities received this designation based upon their ranking in the areas of per capita income, change in per capita income, the percentage of poverty in the population, the change in population between 2010 and 2020, the change in employment between 2010 and 2020, the unemployment rate, the percentage of housing stock built before 1939, the percent of adults age 25 and older with a high school degree or higher and the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita.

The municipalities mentioned above will be provided with a copy of this list.

Sincerely,



David Lehman
Commissioner

cc: Charlene Russell Tucker – Commissioner-Designate, SDE
Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner, DEEP

Enclosure

2021 Distressed Municipalities List
Ranked by Score

Windham	1,432	1
Norwich	1,408	2
Ansonia	1,384	3
New London	1,370	4
Griswold	1,362	5
Derby	1,360	6
Hartford	1,347	7
Waterbury	1,332	8
Sprague	1,317	9
Montville	1,303	10
Bridgeport	1,297	11
East Hartford	1,279	12
New Britain	1,271	13
Winchester	1,239	14
Torrington	1,239	15
Plainfield	1,231	16
Chaplin	1,224	17
Voluntown	1,211	18
Groton	1,210	19
West Haven	1,188	20
Putnam	1,170	21
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Meriden	1,166	23
Stratford	1,140	24
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Source: 2020 Census, American Community Survey,
DOL, DOE

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