

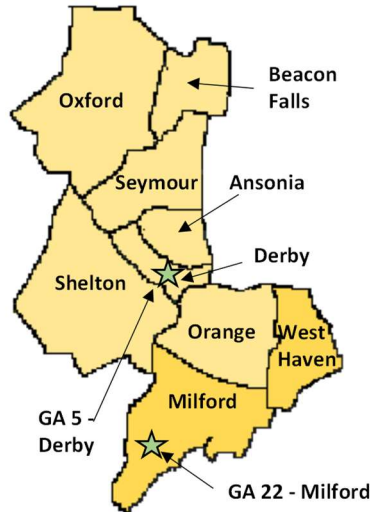


CT DCJ Fact Sheet:

Ansonia-Milford Judicial District

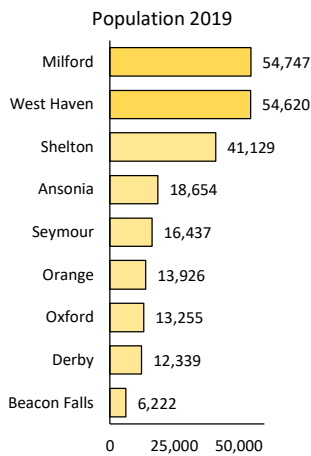
The Ansonia-Milford Judicial District (JD) contains nine small- to medium-sized towns in the southern part of the state. The district includes two GA courts: GA-5 in Derby and GA-22 in

Towns in the Ansonia Derby Judicial District



Each year, the FBI releases Uniform Crime Report data (UCR) which tallies the major crimes reported to state and local jurisdictions in the previous calendar year. In this data, murders, robberies, aggravated assaults and sexual assaults are grouped as violent crimes. Property crimes are larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts.

The incidence of crime in the Ansonia-Milford JD varies significantly across the 9-town region. West Haven, the second largest town in the District was the scene of 42% of the reported violent crime. Milford, with slightly more residents, had a much lower violent crime rate than West Haven. Derby had the highest violent crime rate among towns in the District in 2018.



Milford.

About 230,000 people live in the Ansonia-Milford JD. In 2018, town per-capita income was estimated to range from \$28,009 in Ansonia to \$53,267 in Orange. Statewide, per capita income was \$43,056.

Almost 25% of residents in the Ansonia-Milford JD belong to ethnic or racial minority groups. Milford and West Haven, the two largest towns in the District, are home to about 68% of the District's Blacks and 55% of its Hispanics.

In the table below, we see that the West Haven Police Department is the most active police department in the District in terms of criminal arrests. Oddly, in 2019, police in Orange reported three times more motor vehicle arrests than police in Milford, a town almost three times larger.

Although the number of total arrests, on a district-wide basis, decreased between 2019 and 2020, police in Ansonia and Seymour both saw moderate increases in the number of criminal arrests during the pandemic. It remains unclear whether declines in the number of arrests mirrored actual drops in crime during the pandemic.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
West Haven	104	18.9	1178	213.8
Derby	38	29.1	290	222.4
Milford	37	6.7	1119	203.3
Ansonia	24	12.3	443	226.9
Shelton	23	5.7	285	71.1
Seymour	10	6.1	153	94.1
Orange	7	5.0	466	334.6
Oxford	3	2.9	35	33.9
Beacon Falls	2	3.6	31	56.2
Ansonia-Milford JD	248	10.8	4000	174.8

Source: CT DESPP, 2018 UCR data

Major arresting agencies in the Judicial District

Agency	Arrests 2019		Arrests 2020	
	Criminal	MV	Criminal	MV
West Haven PD	1298	584	1045	478
Milford PD	923	364	621	176
Orange PD	418	726	232	391
Ansonia PD	389	350	417	171
Derby PD	365	353	315	219
Shelton PD	352	186	306	127
Seymour PD	199	281	221	244

Arrests in the District

Year	Arrests	
	Criminal arrests	MV arrests
2018	3,950	2,542
2019	3,949	2,862
2020	3,168	1,810

Arrests by JD, 2019

Judicial District	Criminal arrests	Motor vehicle arrests	JD pop., 2019 est.
Hartford JD	16,918	10,390	589,513
New Haven JD	11,308	8,041	472,223
Waterbury JD	6,954	3,627	223,414
New Britain JD	6,427	4,737	311,685
Fairfield JD	5,570	3,488	320,921
New London JD	5,550	4,435	265,206
Stamford-	4,393	2,720	380,341
Ansonia-Milford	3,949	2,862	231,329
Middlesex JD	2,657	1,934	162,436
Danbury JD	2,334	2,302	200,941
Litchfield JD	2,317	2,278	139,775
Tolland JD	1,680	1,814	150,721
Windham JD	1,480	1,173	116,782

Source: CIIS, CT DPH

Compared to other Judicial Districts, the Ansonia-Milford JD falls in the middle range in terms of the population it serves, the number of arrests reported in the District each year and in the volume of reported crime.

The bulk of cases disposed in CT courts each year are handled in 19 Geographical Area (GA) courts. The Ansonia Milford JD contains two GA courts, GA-22 in

Caseloads in GA courts

	Cases Added	Cases Disposed
Derby GA 5		
FY 17	2,215	2,129
FY 18	2,219	2,179
FY 19	1,972	2,160
FY 20	1,539	1,185
Milford GA		
FY 17	2,357	2,474
FY 18	2,431	2,201
FY 19	2,323	2,225
FY 20	1,852	1,542

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Milford and GA-5 in Derby. Both GA courts manage a similar volume of cases. In FY 2019, both GA courts disposed about 4,400 cases. In the same year, the state's largest GA courts, GA 14 in Hartford and GA 23 in New Haven, disposed 10,793 and 9,023 cases, respectively.

In 2018, the Ansonia-Milford JD's violent crime rate per 10,000 residents (10.8) was significantly lower than the statewide average (20.6). The District's property crime rate was slightly higher.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
Hartford JD	1,815	30.4	13,211	221.6
New Haven JD	1,642	34.1	10,698	222.2
Fairfield JD	1,129	34.9	5,843	180.5
Waterbury JD	554	24.1	5,768	251.4
New Britain JD	524	16.6	6,154	194.8
Stamford-Norwalk	491	13.2	4,724	127.0
New London JD	385	15.0	2,593	100.8
Ansonia-Milford	248	10.8	4,000	174.8
Danbury JD	157	8.1	1,702	88.2
Windham JD	130	11.3	643	56.0
Litchfield JD	108	7.2	1,309	87.8
Middlesex JD	89	5.5	1,623	99.5
Tolland JD	76	5.3	846	59.0
Statewide	7,348	20.6	59,114	156.7

Source: CT DESPP, UCR

The most serious cases in GA courts are generally transferred to the Part A Court at the JD. In a typical year, the Milford and Derby courts transfer about 130 cases to the Part A Court.

Part A cases, Ansonia-Milford JD

Fiscal Year	Cases Added	Cases disposed		Cases disposed
		w/o Trial	w/trial	
2016	165	123	9	132
2017	104	118	4	122
2018	122	120	2	122
2019	129	89	1	90
2020	119	72	4	76

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Because they generally involve more serious offenses, Part A cases are more likely to require more resources and may be more likely to go to trial. In 2019, the Part A court in the Ansonia-Milford JD disposed of only 2% of the criminal cases in the district.

Arraignments in 2019

Judicial District	Arraignments from lock-up
Hartford JD	7,033
New Haven JD	5,397
Waterbury JD	3,637
Fairfield JD	2,986
New Britain JD	2,781
New London JD	2,757
Ansonia-Milford JD	1,897
Stamford-Norwalk	1,812
Middlesex JD	1,075
Windham JD	1,040
Litchfield JD	892
Danbury JD	754
Tolland JD	634

Source: CSSD, CT Judicial Branch

Most people who are arrested in CT are released with a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after paying a bond. Typically, fewer than 25% of people are unable to meet either of these release conditions. As a result, they are held in Judicial Branch lockups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At arraignment, a judge may impose new release conditions or order the person held until trial.

The information presented in this Fact Sheet is operational data compiled from several sources. * Motor vehicle cases are distinct from motor vehicle infractions, which are not considered crimes. ** These arraignment figures do not include persons held on Violation of Probation or Failure to Appear. For more information on this Fact Sheet, please contact the Division of Criminal Justice at (860) 258-5964. (Revision AAN JD February 14, 2023).