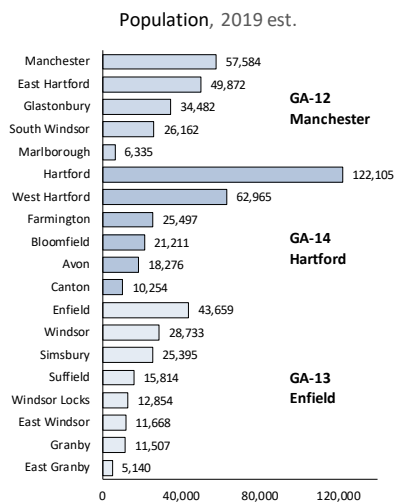




CT DCJ Fact Sheet: The Hartford Judicial District

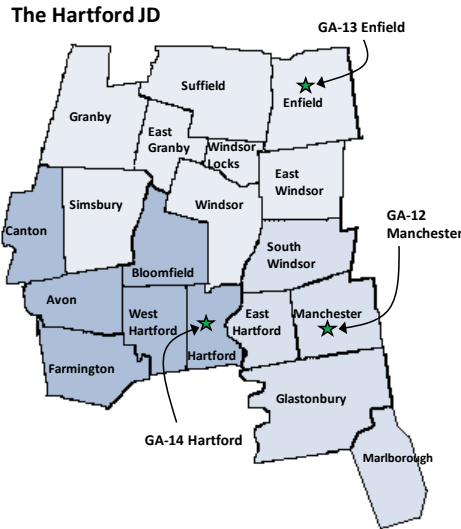
The Hartford Judicial District (JD) encompasses 19 towns including Hartford, the state capitol. The District includes three GA courts: GA-12 in Manchester, GA-13 in Enfield, and GA-14 in Hartford.

About 590,000 people live in the Hartford JD, making it the largest JD in the state.



In terms of per capita income, the District contains some of the poorest towns in the state (Hartford and East Hartford) as well as some of the most affluent (Avon and Glastonbury).

District-wide, 45% of residents belong to ethnic or racial minority groups. While seemingly diverse, residential patterns tell a different story. In



GA-14 towns, for example, 55% of residents are members of minority communities. In GA-12 towns, minorities make up 36% of residents; in GA-13 towns, the figure is only 22%. That said, almost 85% of the minority population in the entire JD live in just 6 towns: Hartford, East Hartford, Manchester, West Hartford, Windsor and Bloomfield. In Hartford, the largest town in the District, 85% of residents belong to minority communities.

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 rapes are grouped as violent crimes. Property crimes are larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle theft.

Crime and crimes rates per 10,000 residents 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rates
Enfield GA 13	124	8.0	2,339	151.0
Hartford GA 14	1,437	54.0	7,539	283.1
Manchester GA 12	254	14.5	3,333	190.5
Hartford city	1,313	102.6	4,435	346.7
Hartford JD	1,815	30.4	13,211	221.6
JD w/o Hartford city	502	10.7	8,776	187.4

The incidence of crime varies significantly across the 19-town region. In 2018, the violent crime rate in Hartford JD's GA-14 was three time higher than the rate in GA-12 and seven times higher than the rate in GA-13.

Annual Arrests

	Criminal Arrests	MV arrests
GA 12 Manchester		
2018	3,781	3,274
2019	3,703	3,270
GA 13 Enfield		
2018	2,275	1,824
2019	1,981	1,990
GA 14 Hartford		
2018	10,451	4,689
2019	11,234	5,130

Not surprisingly, GA-14 in Hartford is the busiest GA court in the JD in terms of criminal arrests. GA-14 is, in fact, the busiest GA court in the state. In a typical year, GA-14 in Hartford handles five times more cases than GA-13 in Enfield court and three times as many as GA-12 in Manchester.

In terms of criminal arrests, the Hartford PD is, by far, the most active police department in the Judicial District in 2019. They accounted for 52% of all criminal arrests and 30% of all motor vehicle arrests. For comparative purposes, consider that during the same year, the New Haven PD made 5,598 criminal arrests; Waterbury PD made 5,424, and Bridgeport PD made 3,317.

Arrests by agency, 2019

Agency	Criminal Arrests	MV arrests
Hartford PD	8,826	3,084
Manchester PD	2,069	1,330
West Hartford PD	1,257	1,062
East Hartford PD	994	1,212
Enfield PD	761	538
Windsor PD	488	752
Farmington PD	483	435
Bloomfield PD	415	397
Glastonbury PD	321	278
S. Windsor PD	313	419
E. Windsor PD	265	260
Windsor Locks PD	205	161
Simsbury PD	125	140
Avon PD	116	65
Canton PD	72	76
Granby PD	72	54
Suffield PD	65	80
All other agencies	71	47
Hartford JD	16,918	10,390

Caseloads in GA courts

	Cases added	Cases disposed
Enfield GA 13		
FY 2018	2,453	2,134
FY 2019	2,303	2,493
FY 2020	1,948	1,486
Manchester GA 12		
FY 2018	4,048	3,516
FY 2019	3,642	3,741
FY 2020	2,893	2,498
Hartford GA 14		
FY 2018	10,459	9,909
FY 2019	10,997	10,793
FY 2020	9,456	7,623

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In 2019, about 17,000 criminal cases were disposed in one of the Hartford District's three GA courts. The decline in cases in FY 2020 reflects the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Typically, the most serious criminal cases in the GA courts are transferred to the Part-A Court at the District.

Because they involve more serious charges, Part-A cases generally require more prosecutorial resources and are more likely to go to trial.

Compared to other Judicial Districts, the Hartford JD ranked 1st in the volume of criminal arrests in 2019. GA-12 in Manchester, the 2nd largest GA court in the District, handled more criminal cases than five of the state's smaller Judicial Districts.

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-Norwalk	4,393	2,720	380,341
Ansonia-Derby JD	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

Part A cases, Hartford JD

Fiscal Year	Cases Added	Cases disposed w/o Trial	Cases disposed w/trial	Cases disposed
2016	348	359	44	403
2017	314	355	21	376
2018	297	255	19	274
2019	259	281	26	307
2020	215	181	16	197

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In comparison to other Judicial Districts, the Hartford JD topped the list in terms of reported violent and property crime in 2016, 2017 and 2018. As we have seen, crime in the city of Hartford is the reason the district ranks first. The New Haven and Fairfield JDs had slightly higher violent crime rates than the Hartford JD in 2018 because they serve a smaller population.

Most people arrested in CT are released with either a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after

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 JD	1,812
Middlesex JD	1,075
Windham JD	1,040
Litchfield JD	892
Danbury JD	754
Tolland JD	634

Source: CSSD, CT Judicial Branch

paying a bond. In general, only about 20% of people are unable to meet these release conditions. As a result they held until they can be arraigned before a judge. At arraignment, judges may impose new release conditions. Typically, fewer than half of the people coming out of lock-up following arraignment are transferred to the CT DOC as pre-trial detainees.

Crimes and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate	Population 2018
Hartford JD	1,815	30.4	13,211	221.6	596,181
New Haven JD	1,642	34.1	10,698	222.2	481,355
Fairfield JD	1,129	34.9	5,843	180.5	323,682
Waterbury JD	554	24.1	5,768	251.4	229,458
New Britain JD	524	16.6	6,154	194.8	315,937
Stamford-Norwalk	491	13.2	4,724	127.0	372,039
New London JD	385	15.0	2,593	100.8	257,191
Ansonia-Milford	248	10.8	4,000	174.8	228,835
Danbury JD	157	8.1	1,702	88.2	192,890
Windham JD	130	11.3	643	56.0	114,784
Litchfield JD	108	7.2	1,309	87.8	149,121
Middlesex JD	89	5.5	1,623	99.5	163,180
Tolland JD	76	5.3	846	59.0	143,488
Statewide	7,348	20.6	59,114	165.7	3,568,141

Source: CT DESPP, UCR