

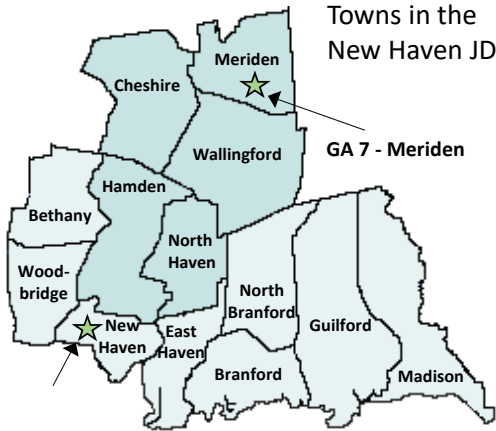


# CT DCJ Fact Sheet:

## New Haven Judicial District

The New Haven Judicial District (JD) contains 13 municipalities, 3 DOC facilities and several colleges and universities. The District is has two GA courts: GA 23 in New Haven and GA 7 in Meriden.

About 470,000 people live in the District, making it the second largest JD in the state. District-wide, per capita income in 2018 was estimated at \$38,497 per person. Statewide, per capita income was \$43,056. Within the District per capita income ranged from \$28,818 in New Haven to \$60,843 in Guilford.



Each year, the FBI releases Uniform Crime Report data (UCR) which tallies the major crimes that are reported in local jurisdictions in the previous calendar year. In this data, murders, robberies, aggravated assaults and rape are grouped as violent crime. Property crimes are larceny, burglary and motor vehicle theft and arson.

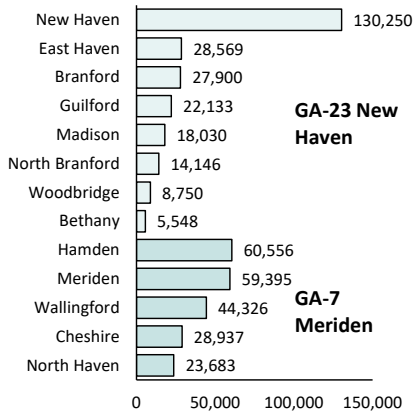
The incidence of crime in the New Haven JD varies significantly across the 13-town region. The city of New Haven, while, home to only 25% of the District's residents, accounted for 67% of the District's violent crime and 47% of its property crime in 2017. Among GA-23 towns, New Haven accounted for 94% of the violent crime and 74% of property crimes. On a positive note, the city is less violent than it was in the recent past. In 2010, the FBI ranked New Haven as the 4<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city in the nation.

Crimes per 10,000 residents

Town	Violent Crimes per 10,000	Property Crimes per 10,000
New Haven	84.0	398.8
Meriden	37.2	239.0
Hamden	29.9	192.2
East Haven	14.2	210.3
North Haven	7.2	195.8
Branford	5.7	198.9
Wallingford	5.6	140.8
North Branford	4.2	125.3
Bethany	3.6	50.9
Woodbridge	3.4	92.6
Guilford	2.2	118.9
Cheshire	1.0	59.7
Madison	0.0	47.3
Meriden GA 7	20.6	177.1
New Haven GA 23	45.7	273.5
New Haven JD	34.1	229.2

Source: CT UCR data, 2017

Population, 2019 est.



Although 35% of residents in the JD self-identified as members of ethnic or racial minority groups in 2014, 91% of Black non-Hispanics and 82% of Hispanics in the District lived in either Hamden, Meriden or New Haven.

Annual arrests by GA court

	Criminal arrests	MV arrests	*MV infractions
GA 23 New Haven			
2019	7,652	4,539	9,330
2018	8,393	4,905	12,145
2017	9,637	5,752	13,285
GA 7 Meriden			
2019	3,656	3,502	4,543
2018	4,041	3,093	4,870
2017	4,310	3,114	4,254

Source: CIIS

The volume of criminal caseloads at GA-23 in New Haven is typically twice as large as the volume at GA-7 in Meriden. The presence of the I-95 and I-91 corridors helps to explain the high volume of motor vehicle infractions in the JD. MV infractions are non-criminal offenses and do not result in arrest.

In terms of criminal arrests, the New Haven Police is the most active law enforcement agency in the District. Half of all arrests in the 13-town region, in 2019, were booked in New Haven.

**Arrests by Agency, 2019**

	Criminal arrests	MV arrests	Sworn officers, 2017
New Haven PD	5,598	2,082	427
Meriden PD	1,588	971	111
Hamden PD	850	404	107
Wallingford PD	753	1,403	66
East Haven PD	627	383	52
Branford PD	408	367	51
State Pol. Troop I	338	886	na
North Haven PD	300	430	49
Cheshire PD	163	292	45
Guilford PD	140	128	37
N. Branford PD	107	113	22
Yale Univ.	94	92	na
Madison PD	86	107	27
SAO New Haven	82	0	na
Woodbridge PD	76	305	24
All other agencies	98	78	
District-wide	11,308	8,041	

Source: Arrests - CIIS, Police manpower, UCR data

Given the high incidence of crime, it is not surprising that New Haven is also the most heavily-policed town in the district. In 2017, New Haven had

over 3 sworn officer for every 1,000 residents. Most other towns in the district had less than 2 sworn officers per 1,000 residents.

**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

Source: CIIS, CT DPH

Compared to other Judicial Districts, the New London JD was the 2nd largest in terms of population and in the number of arrests reported each year.

**Arraignments in 2019\*\***

Judicial District	Arraignments from lock-up
Hartford JD	7,033
New Haven JD	5,397
Waterbury JD	3,637
Farifield 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 arrested in CT are released with a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement, or after paying a bond. In general, about 20% of people are unable to meet these release conditions. As a result they held in lock-ups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At arraignment, judges may impose new release conditions.

Over 12,000 criminal cases are disposed each year in the New Haven District's two GA courts.

**Caseloads in GA courts**

	Cases Added	Transfers to JD	Cases Disposed
GA 23 New Haven			
FY 19	8,565	130	9,023
FY 18	9,887	148	9,557
FY 17	10,080	133	10,032
GA 7 Meriden			
FY 19	4,292	74	4,477
FY 18	4,746	71	4,490
FY 17	5,062	50	5,101

Source: CT Judicial Branch

The most serious cases in the GA are often transferred to the Part A Court at the JD. In a typical year, the New Haven GA transfers the most cases.

Because they involve more serious charges, Part A transfer cases are more likely to go to trial. In fact, only a small percentage of cases in the JD were disposed at trial. Statewide, the figure was 4%.

**Part A cases, New Haven JD**

Fiscal Year	Cases Added	Cases disposed w/o Trial	Cases disposed w/trial	Cases disposed
2019	197	224	24	248
2018	215	123	29	152
2017	181	218	28	246
2016	250	248	38	286

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In terms of total reported crime, the New Haven Judicial District is second only to Hartford In number of property and violent crimes reported by residents.

**Crime by Judicial District**

Judicial District	Violent crimes 2017	Violent crimes 2016	Property crimes, 2017	Property crimes, 2016
Hartford	1,888	1,897	14,370	14,056
New Haven	1,625	1,750	10,910	11,654
Fairfield	1,493	1,266	6,464	6,444
Waterbury	621	630	5,517	5,765
Stamford-Norwalk	586	677	4,866	4,643
New Britain	509	406	6,644	6,203
New London	440	496	3,324	3,603
Ansonia-Milford	285	290	3,755	3,979
Danbury	193	184	1,709	1,870
Litchfield	121	120	1,397	1,552
Middlesex	116	130	1,768	2,112
Tolland	70	66	923	910
Windham	65	84	481	609
CT total	8,012	7,996	62,128	63,400

Source: CT DESPP, UCR

The information presented in this Fact Sheet is based on operational data compiled from several sources. \*\* 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 NL JD September 17, 2020).