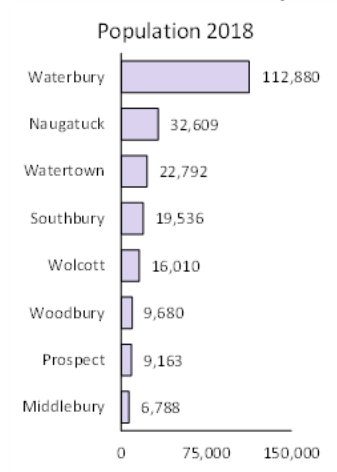




CT DCJ Fact Sheet: The Waterbury Judicial District

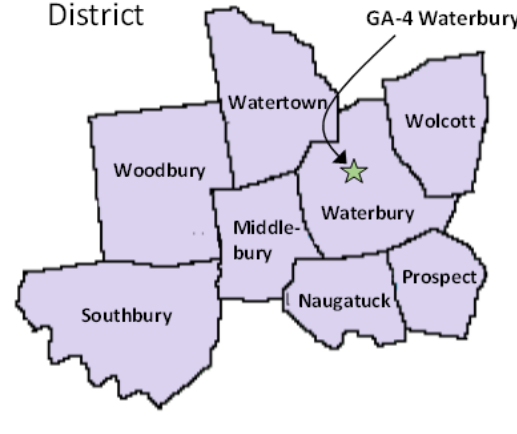
The Waterbury Judicial District (JD) serves approximately 225,000 residents in the city of Waterbury and seven surrounding towns. The GA 4 court in Waterbury handled most criminal cases in the jurisdiction.



About half of the JD's residents live in the city of Waterbury. Estimates report that 30% of residents in District belong to racial or ethnic minority groups. Of JD's Black non-Hispanic residents, 86% live in the city of Waterbury. So too do 85% of the District's Hispanic residents.

Most towns in the Waterbury Judicial District are solidly middle class. Per capita income of towns in the District, excluding Waterbury, ranges from about \$37,000 in Naugatuck to \$50,000 in Woodbury. Statewide, per capita income was \$43,056. In Waterbury city, the per capita income is estimated at about \$22,000.

Towns served by the Waterbury Judicial District



Each year, the FBI releases its Uniform Crime Report (UCR) which details the number of major crimes reported by state and local jurisdictions during the previous calendar year. In the report, violent crimes includes murder, non-negligent manslaughter, robbery, aggravated assault and rape. Property crimes include larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle theft.

Although only half of the District's population lived there, the city of Waterbury was the scene of 87% of the District's violent crimes and 74% of its property crimes in 2018. Although high, relative to other District towns, the violent crime rate in Waterbury (42.8 per 10,000) was lower than Bridgeport's (67.1), New Haven's (84.0) and Hartford's (102.6).

Crimes and crime rate per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
Waterbury	483	42.8	4253	376.8
Naugatuck	26	8.0	505	154.9
Watertown	21	9.2	493	216.3
Wolcott	8	5.0	240	149.9
Southbury	6	3.1	111	56.8
Prospect	4	4.4	44	48.0
Middlebury	3	4.4	70	103.1
Woodbury	3	3.1	52	53.7
Waterbury JD	554	24.1	5768	251.4

Source: CT DESPP, 2018 UCR

Police in the Waterbury JD make about 6,000 to 7,000 criminal arrests in a typical year. The 2020 data reflect the impact of Covid.

Arrests, Waterbury JD

Year	Criminal arrests	MV arrests
2017	6,922	3,268
2018	7,051	3,668
2019	6,954	3,627
2020	4,669	2,279

Source: CJIS

In terms of criminal arrests, the Waterbury PD is the most active law enforcement agency in the District. In 2019, the Waterbury PD made 78% of all criminal arrests in the District. The Naugatuck PD filed 13% of criminal cases in the district.

Major arresting agencies, Waterbury JD

	2019 arrests		2020 arrests	
	Criminal	MV	Criminal	MV
Waterbury PD	5,424	2,215	3,497	1,414
Naugatuck PD	899	804	656	492
Watertown PD	310	211	227	123
Wolcott PD	210	108	144	75
Southbury PD	45	97	90	76
Middlebury PD	42	39	34	38
Woodbury PD	9	94	9	30
Prospect PD	9	56	8	27
All other agencies	6	3	4	4

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Typically, the most serious criminal cases in the district are transferred to the Part A where more prosecutorial resources are available.

Part A cases, Waterbury JD

Fiscal year	Cases added	Cases disposed	Cases disposed	Cases disposed
		w/trial	w/o trial	
2017	312	259	11	270
2018	350	240	12	352
2019	272	279	2	281
2020	245	190	4	194

Source: CT Judicial Branch

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

Most people arrested in CT are released with a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after paying a bond. Those who are unable to meet these release conditions are held in Judicial Branch lock-ups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At arraignment, judges may impose new release conditions.

The bulk of cases in the Waterbury Judicial District are handled in GA 4, the superior court in Waterbury. In a typical - pre-Covid- year,

GA 4 caseloads

Fiscal year	Cases Added	Cases Disposed
2017	7,033	6,136
2018	7,347	6,045
2019	6,239	7,195
2020	5,588	4,581

Source: CT Judicial Branch

about 7,000 criminal cases were disposed each year in the District's single GA court.

In terms of the population it serves, the Waterbury JD is the 7th largest Judicial District in the state. In terms of the incidence of violent crime, the Waterbury JD ranks 4th.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate	Population 2018 est.
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