

Children In Poverty

Although the number of children living in poverty grew slightly in Connecticut between 2000 and 2002, the increase was not as fast as in most other states. As a result, Connecticut is one of nine states whose share of federal Title I money for disadvantaged schoolchildren will decrease this year. Here are poverty figures for children ages 5 to 17 in selected cities and towns, based on U.S. Census data. The figures also include small numbers of other disadvantaged children, such as those in foster homes or institutions for neglected children. The state has not yet announced town-by-town allocations of Title I money.

MUNICIPALITY	DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN 2002	PERCENT CHANGE SINCE 2000	PERCENT OF TOTAL CHILD POPULATION
Bloomfield	365	-6.4	11.5
Bridgeport	6,562	1.5	22.5
East Hartford	1,227	0.7	14.1
Hamden	947	5.7	10.7
Hartford	9,905	1.1	37.5
Killingly	289	-2	9.3
Manchester	982	1.7	10.9
Meriden	1,857	8.4	17
New Britain	2,883	0.5	23
New Haven	7,505	7.1	32.8
New London	898	0.7	21.8
Newington	166	1.2	3.7
Norwich	942	2.8	14.9
Rocky Hill	39	25	1.5
Waterbury	4,756	6.9	23.3
West Hartford	422	0	4.1
Wethersfield	169	4.3	4.4
Windham	897	0.8	24.4
Windsor	268	7.2	5.1