

Chapter Two

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Child Poverty

Child poverty in Connecticut rose slightly statewide, from 10.4 percent of all children in the 2000 Census to 11.1 percent of all children in the 2007 American Community Survey (ACS).¹ In 2007, children were living in poverty if their family income was less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or \$20,650 annually for a family of four.²

This increase in poverty occurred during a period that included a brief recession followed by several years of economic growth. The increase in child poverty also occurred during the three years following the 2004 enactment of state legislation that aims to reduce child poverty by 50 percent by 2014. The current economic downturn that began in 2008 is not reflected in these numbers and is likely to cause a further increase in the state's child poverty rate.

The 2007 ACS reported child poverty data for cities with populations of 65,000 or more; therefore, data were available for only eight Connecticut cities (Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford, and Waterbury) and the state as noted above. Child poverty declined in Danbury (6.0 percent), New Haven (28.7 percent), Norwalk (6.2 percent), and Stamford (8.7 percent). Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford had child poverty rates below the state average.

Hartford's child poverty rate of 41.3 percent in 2000 was the second highest of any city with a population over 100,000 in the U.S., behind only Brownsville, Texas. The 2007 ACS reported an increase in child poverty to 47 percent for

Child Poverty - Census 2000

Locality	Total < 18	< 100% FPL	< 200% FPL	Locality	Total < 18	< 100% FPL	< 200% FPL
Fairfield Co.	223,382	8.5%	20.4%				
Bethel	4,899	1.3%	8.3%	Norwalk	18,031	9.9%	26.1%
Bridgeport	38,649	25.1%	51.4%	Redding	2,369	2.1%	7.7%
Brookfield	4,262	2.6%	5.8%	Ridgefield	7,228	1.7%	5.5%
Danbury	15,918	9.0%	26.2%	Shelton	8,854	3.4%	11.3%
Darien	6,337	1.8%	4.6%	Sherman	1,010	2.1%	8.0%
Easton	2,076	2.0%	6.8%	Stamford	25,524	8.9%	26.0%
Fairfield	13,476	3.0%	7.6%	Stratford	11,400	5.8%	17.8%
Greenwich	15,419	4.2%	10.3%	Trumbull	8,896	2.4%	5.1%
Monroe	5,561	2.7%	9.2%	Weston	3,334	1.6%	3.3%
New Canaan	6,026	2.2%	5.5%	Westport	7,115	2.9%	6.1%
New Fairfield	4,143	1.5%	6.1%	Wilton	5,553	2.1%	4.4%
Newtown	7,302	3.3%	7.2%				
Hartford Co.	207,321	13.2%	27.7%				
Avon	4,101	1.3%	7.0%	Manchester	12,276	11.6%	27.2%
Berlin	4,455	1.2%	5.5%	Marlborough	1,521	0.0%	6.3%
Bloomfield	3,996	10.5%	22.4%	New Britain	16,854	25.3%	50.8%
Bristol	13,691	9.1%	24.7%	Newington	5,879	3.8%	11.5%
Burlington	2,311	0.9%	6.6%	Plainville	3,597	5.0%	14.8%
Canton	2,208	3.2%	10.0%	Rocky Hill	3,486	2.5%	10.1%
East Granby	1,246	0.6%	8.1%	Simsbury	6,789	1.6%	3.8%
East Hartford	11,848	16.0%	36.5%	Southington	9,367	3.3%	11.8%
East Windsor	2,129	3.1%	15.7%	South Windsor	6,618	0.8%	4.1%
Enfield	10,110	3.8%	19.1%	Suffield	2,986	3.0%	8.3%
Farmington	5,670	3.2%	8.8%	West Hartford	13,829	4.7%	12.9%
Glastonbury	8,507	1.9%	8.7%	Wethersfield	5,220	4.5%	13.1%
Granby	2,774	4.2%	11.2%	Windsor	6,850	4.4%	11.7%
Hartford	35,624	41.3%	69.3%	Windsor Locks	2,836	5.2%	17.9%
Hartland	543	0.6%	15.3%				
Litchfield Co.	43,866	4.8%	15.2%				
Barkhamsted	871	5.2%	16.0%	Norfolk	396	5.6%	21.5%
Bethlehem	835	0.0%	5.0%	North Canaan	770	3.1%	29.6%
Bridgewater	402	5.5%	9.0%	Plymouth	2,945	3.2%	14.5%
Canaan	250	5.6%	22.8%	Roxbury	486	4.1%	14.2%
Colebrook	357	0.6%	14.8%	Salisbury	831	11.7%	29.7%
Cornwall	337	3.0%	11.0%	Sharon	635	10.4%	16.9%
Goshen	612	4.6%	8.7%	Thomaston	1,881	5.8%	17.1%
Harwinton	1,316	0.7%	5.3%	Torrington	7,988	8.8%	25.0%
Kent	648	0.9%	15.1%	Warren	286	6.3%	12.6%
Litchfield	1,970	2.6%	11.6%	Washington	795	2.9%	8.1%
Morris	562	11.4%	18.5%	Watertown	5,248	1.0%	10.6%
New Hartford	1,630	0.0%	4.5%	Winchester	2,437	10.7%	25.2%
New Milford	7,276	3.2%	9.4%	Woodbury	2,102	5.2%	12.2%
Middlesex Co.	35,051	4.1%	13.6%				
Chester	826	0.0%	11.3%	East Hampton	2,773	2.7%	13.7%
Clinton	3,233	5.2%	10.0%	Essex	1,351	1.0%	2.7%
Cromwell	2,697	3.9%	9.0%	Haddam	1,764	4.6%	4.9%
Deep River	1,095	4.7%	16.8%	Killingworth	1,616	0.0%	4.2%
Durham	1,809	0.4%	5.8%	Middlefield	1,027	0.8%	9.4%
East Haddam	2,026	2.1%	13.5%	Middletown	9,042	7.7%	23.3%

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Middlesex Co. contd.							
Old Saybrook	2,208	1.9%	13.9%	Westbrook	1,375	4.1%	14.3%
Portland	2,209	4.8%	12.7%				
New Haven Co.							
Total	198,584	13.3%	28.9%	New Haven	30,577	32.6%	59.1%
Ansonia	4,478	12.6%	33.1%	North Branford	3,565	1.2%	13.2%
Beacon Falls	1,292	9.8%	16.1%	North Haven	5,107	2.1%	10.6%
Bethany	1,382	4.1%	13.2%	Orange	3,255	1.9%	5.0%
Branford	5,845	4.6%	14.7%	Oxford	2,667	3.0%	9.0%
Cheshire	6,982	2.7%	5.4%	Prospect	2,127	0.8%	2.4%
Derby	2,676	10.1%	20.6%	Seymour	3,708	5.6%	16.9%
East Haven	6,178	5.3%	18.5%	Southbury	4,203	2.6%	7.3%
Guilford	5,411	3.7%	8.7%	Wallingford	10,221	5.3%	14.6%
Hamden	11,616	9.3%	18.8%	Waterbury	27,932	23.9%	50.1%
Madison	5,004	0.9%	2.3%	West Haven	11,954	12.0%	31.4%
Meriden	14,576	17.6%	40.2%	Wolcott	3,944	3.1%	10.3%
Middlebury	1,566	2.8%	9.9%	Woodbridge	2,480	3.1%	8.6%
Milford	11,556	4.2%	12.0%				
Naugatuck	8,282	10.2%	24.8%				
New London Co.							
Total	61,860	8.2%	24.2%	New London	5,633	23.8%	54.3%
Bozrah	544	5.5%	28.3%	North Stonington	1,216	6.3%	18.8%
Colchester	4,268	2.6%	10.1%	Norwich	8,512	14.8%	37.5%
East Lyme	3,976	3.1%	11.5%	Old Lyme	1,737	5.4%	15.5%
Franklin	444	2.3%	11.5%	Preston	1,039	2.4%	9.9%
Griswold	2,732	6.7%	18.1%	Salem	1,139	1.3%	5.7%
Groton	9,709	8.3%	33.7%	Sprague	748	5.1%	33.0%
Lebanon	1,782	2.0%	13.7%	Stonington	3,855	5.7%	12.5%
Ledyard	4,094	4.8%	13.5%	Voluntown	662	5.7%	14.0%
Lisbon	1,042	2.7%	15.2%	Waterford	4,081	5.7%	14.3%
Lyme	408	0.0%	12.5%				
Montville	4,239	5.0%	19.1%				
Tolland Co.							
Total	31,198	4.9%	15.2%	Somers	2,117	3.5%	10.8%
Andover	814	2.8%	6.8%	Stafford	2,852	7.8%	26.4%
Bolton	1,304	1.4%	8.0%	Tolland	3,689	2.4%	6.3%
Columbia	1,297	6.0%	8.1%	Union	152	5.9%	20.4%
Coventry	3,119	2.9%	19.0%	Vernon	6,071	8.5%	24.1%
Ellington	3,234	4.1%	10.7%	Willington	1,228	5.3%	7.9%
Hebron	2,592	0.6%	7.2%				
Mansfield	2,729	6.9%	20.3%				
Windham Co.							
Total	26,909	10.9%	29.6%	Pomfret	1,016	3.9%	8.0%
Ashford	1,059	6.1%	17.7%	Putnam	2,122	15.1%	31.4%
Brooklyn	1,673	6.2%	19.1%	Scotland	432	5.8%	17.4%
Canterbury	1,211	5.2%	11.7%	Sterling	853	4.3%	22.6%
Chaplin	542	0.9%	12.7%	Thompson	2,206	6.6%	31.0%
Eastford	416	11.3%	21.4%	Windham	5,158	23.8%	48.6%
Hampton	444	1.4%	15.8%	Woodstock	1,909	5.8%	19.1%
Killingly	4,047	9.1%	30.8%				
Plainfield	3,821	9.6%	33.3%				
CONNECTICUT							
Total	828,171	10.4%	24.1%				



Hartford. Now the city ties with Brownsville, Texas for having the second largest percent of children in poverty in cities with a population over 100,000 nationally.³ Bridgeport's child poverty rate rose from 25.1 percent in 2000 to 28.4 percent in the 2007 ACS. New Britain's rate rose slightly from 25.3 percent to 26 percent during the same period. Waterbury's child poverty rate jumped from 23.9 percent in the 2000 census to 31.4 percent.

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Endnotes

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Care 4 Kids

The Care 4 Kids child participation numbers provide a snapshot of Care 4 Kids enrollment between SFY 2000 and SFY 2007, a period during which funding levels for the state's child care subsidy program were drastically cut and then partially restored. Total child enrollment for the state in 2000 showed a high of 39,559, dropped to 26,035 in 2005, and rose again in 2007, but to a level below that of seven years prior. The increase in annual growth in the number of children enrolled since 2005 is apparent across the state. In many cities and towns, child enrollment was greater in 2007 than in 2005; but in larger cities (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, and New Haven, as well as New London), child enrollment never climbed back to the local level in 2000.

State and federal funding for Care 4 Kids went from \$121.6 million in 2002 to a low of \$59.6 million in 2005, a reduction of \$62 million (51 percent). As a result, 48 percent fewer children were served per month in 2005 than in 2002. Between the state fiscal years 2005 and 2006, Connecticut invested approximately \$38 million of state funds in the Care 4 Kids Program, which accounts for about 52 percent of the total Care 4 Kids spending

Care 4 Kids - Child Enrollment

Locality	SFY 2000	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2000	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Fairfield Co.	6,202	3,550	5,254				
Bethel	39	34	62	Norwalk	556	382	560
Bridgeport	3,924	1,946	2,714	Redding	5	1	0
Brookfield	33	21	21	Ridgefield	6	4	9
Danbury	393	278	470	Shelton	91	72	127
Darien	2	3	1	Sherman	0	0	2
Easton	0	0	2	Stamford	575	413	637
Fairfield	39	50	65	Stratford	368	232	378
Greenwich	66	27	55	Trumbull	30	11	32
Monroe	16	16	25	Weston	2	1	3
New Canaan	3	3	5	Westport	17	15	19
New Fairfield	10	19	38	Wilton	2	3	8
Newtown	25	19	21				
Hartford Co.	15,045	9,408	12,157				
Avon	16	16	21	Manchester	855	737	925
Berlin	34	27	43	Marlborough	9	8	11
Bloomfield	356	203	269	New Britain	2,317	1,547	1,917
Bristol	685	553	692	Newington	103	81	149
Burlington	6	11	15	Plainville	110	76	115
Canton	15	12	19	Rocky Hill	38	39	46
East Granby	12	5	25	Simsbury	26	23	44
East Hartford	1,387	882	1,061	Southington	63	128	221
East Windsor	52	81	127	South Windsor	190	34	52
Enfield	291	2	537	Suffield	25	41	39
Farmington	53	44	67	West Hartford	259	213	263
Glastonbury	74	66	102	Wethersfield	114	97	122
Granby	20	3	13	Windsor	332	221	326
Hartford	7,527	4,195	4,820	Windsor Locks	74	61	115
Hartland	2	2	1				
Litchfield Co.	647	706	931				
Barkhamsted	6	3	19	Norfolk	10	7	9
Bethlehem	6	2	2	North Canaan	0	18	16
Bridgewater	0	0	0	Plymouth	54	73	54
Canaan	14	32	19	Roxbury	0	3	2
Colebrook	0	1	2	Salisbury	7	10	18
Cornwall	0	5	1	Sharon	4	0	7
Goshen	1	0	0	Thomaston	24	19	33
Harwinton	4	3	12	Torrington	249	270	384
Kent	2	5	8	Warren	0	2	1
Litchfield	4	10	10	Washington	3	5	8
Morris	11	0	0	Watertown	60	56	82
New Hartford	15	16	6	Winchester	55	82	125
New Milford	110	76	98	Woodbury	8	8	15
Middlesex Co.	991	663	912				
Chester	3	8	7	East Hampton	21	16	32
Clinton	35	33	45	Essex	2	6	12
Cromwell	55	37	55	Haddam	6	19	17
Deep River	35	11	16	Killingworth	13	9	9
Durham	10	5	5	Middlefield	11	3	5
East Haddam	19	15	18	Middletown	657	453	599

Care 4 Kids - Child Enrollment

Locality	SFY 2000	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2000	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Middlesex Co. contd.							
Old Saybrook	31	19	21	Westbrook	29	1	24
Portland	64	28	47				
New Haven Co.							
	13,042	8,964	10,889				
Ansonia	251	215	304	New Haven	5,061	3,132	3,575
Beacon Falls	7	10	29	North Branford	18	18	33
Bethany	5	6	7	North Haven	58	37	44
Branford	130	79	116	Orange	14	5	6
Cheshire	21	25	38	Oxford	11	14	17
Derby	120	114	149	Prospect	23	6	9
East Haven	333	198	236	Seymour	77	38	77
Guilford	45	34	37	Southbury	14	11	18
Hamden	557	344	469	Wallingford	177	209	230
Madison	12	13	19	Waterbury	3,292	2,459	2,950
Meriden	1,311	935	1,153	West Haven	1,009	644	828
Middlebury	6	3	8	Wolcott	37	34	39
Milford	192	122	156	Woodbridge	0	7	11
Naugatuck	261	252	331				
New London Co.							
	2,026	1,435	2,270				
Bozrah	16	7	1	New London	590	360	543
Colchester	76	53	80	North Stonington	14	10	13
East Lyme	51	46	56	Norwich	599	464	700
Franklin	11	0	11	Old Lyme	0	10	18
Griswold	63	48	77	Preston	9	7	16
Groton	288	214	317	Salem	3	2	14
Lebanon	21	24	23	Sprague	22	22	32
Ledyard	24	12	57	Stonington	80	47	78
Lisbon	0	16	22	Voluntown	17	3	17
Lyme	8	1	0	Waterford	51	28	65
Montville	83	61	130				
Tolland Co.							
	604	488	667				
Andover	1	5	5	Somers	32	31	34
Bolton	12	5	10	Stafford	6	54	74
Columbia	3	6	13	Tolland	13	9	17
Coventry	22	46	27	Union	81	0	3
Ellington	32	21	39	Vernon	325	277	362
Hebron	6	5	17	Willington	10	8	13
Mansfield	61	21	53				
Windham Co.							
	1,002	821	1,105				
Ashford	16	26	14	Pomfret	12	9	6
Brooklyn	17	12	46	Putnam	71	65	120
Canterbury	18	10	26	Scotland	2	0	2
Chaplin	2	6	7	Sterling	11	20	28
Eastford	2	1	0	Thompson	48	38	58
Hampton	7	1	4	Windham	461	407	460
Killingly	177	150	192	Woodstock	1	6	16
Plainfield	157	70	126				
CONNECTICUT							
	39,559	26,035	34,185				

(\$73 million).¹ In 2007, total state and federal funding on the child care subsidy program had increased to \$93 million. The Department of Social Services is keeping the program open despite the fact that increasing enrollment is requiring the Department to spend over and above the allocated budget.²

While the demand for child care itself and the subsidy program has increased, access to child care services is decreasing. The number of licensed family child care providers is steadily declining and child care centers are reporting deficits due to the high cost of operating.³ Care 4 Kids reimbursement rates have not kept pace with the cost of care. Connecticut sets its reimbursement for centers and family child care homes at the 60th percentile of the average price of the particular type of care (kith or kin care is set at a lower reimbursement rate). Current rates are based upon a market rate survey completed in 2001 and not yet updated. A revised market rate survey and an increase in reimbursement rates to Care 4 Kids providers are clearly overdue. Increased investment from the state is imperative to ensure that families are able to access needed child care.

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Key SFY State Fiscal Year



Earned Income Tax Credit

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is widely recognized as the most effective national anti-poverty initiative, lifting more than four million people out of poverty each year, including two million children.

These data show the effect of the federal EITC here in Connecticut, where the EITC helps hard-working families make ends meet. In 2005, one in every ten families (173,000) benefited from the credit, which brought more than \$286 million into the state to families in every city and town. While some of Connecticut's larger cities, such as Hartford and Bridgeport, benefit greatly from the infusion of federal dollars into their local economies, even wealthy towns such as Greenwich are positively affected by the credit. In Hartford, 34 percent of families received the EITC in 2005; in Bridgeport, 26 percent received the EITC. Greenwich tax filers received \$1.5 million in EITC payments in 2005.

One thing that is striking about the federal EITC in Connecticut is that despite fluctuations in the

EITC 2005

Location	# Tax Filers	# Rcvg EITC	% Rcvg EITC	Total \$ EITC Claimed	% Returns Using RALS	Location	# Tax Filers	# Rcvg EITC	% Rcvg EITC	Total \$ EITC Claimed	% Returns Using RALS
Fairfield Co.	412,940	35,989	8.7%	\$60,013,112	3.5%						
Bethel	8,846	510	5.8%	\$734,208	1.6%	Norwalk	39,827	3,892	9.8%	\$6,152,368	3.1%
Bridgeport	57,241	14,998	26.2%	\$28,063,717	14.8%	Redding	4,425	102	2.3%	\$105,701	0.0%
Brookfield	7,686	323	4.2%	\$424,611	0.5%	Ridgefield	10,973	232	2.1%	\$265,518	0.2%
Danbury	34,703	3,456	10.0%	\$5,618,790	2.4%	Shelton	19,553	1,007	5.2%	\$1,440,167	1.9%
Darien	8,864	157	1.8%	\$183,156	0.2%	Sherman	1,745	63	3.6%	\$95,965	0.0%
Easton	3,574	71	4.0%	\$379,600	1.5%	Stamford	57,507	5,187	9.0%	\$8,111,812	3.1%
Fairfield	25,513	479	3.8%	\$652,041	0.9%	Stratford	25,044	2,190	8.7%	\$3,453,919	4.1%
Greenwich	28,992	1,146	4.0%	\$1,499,439	0.6%	Trumbull	16,495	572	3.5%	\$749,495	0.7%
Monroe	9,008	298	3.3%	\$378,242	0.8%	Weston	4,471	76	1.7%	\$90,254	0.0%
New Canaan	9,120	162	1.8%	\$186,167	0.2%	Westport	12,647	266	2.1%	\$322,473	1.4%
New Fairfield	6,534	275	4.2%	\$403,515	0.7%	Wilton	8,273	121	1.5%	\$141,341	0.1%
Newtown	11,899	406	3.4%	\$560,613	0.6%						
Hartford Co.	418,101	51,518	12.3%	\$80,255,319	4.5%						
Avon	8,904	210	2.4%	\$214,587	0.4%	Manchester	28,535	3,175	11.1%	\$5,264,937	4.1%
Berlin	9,785	399	4.1%	\$553,836	1.2%	Marlborough	3,033	92	3.0%	\$130,393	0.8%
Bloomfield	10,974	1,109	10.1%	\$1,737,185	4.5%	New Britain	31,420	6,757	21.5%	\$12,310,635	10.4%
Bristol	29,722	2,987	10.0%	\$4,891,156	5.0%	Newington	15,677	865	5.5%	\$1,186,989	1.4%
Burlington	4,247	136	3.2%	\$172,802	0.8%	Plainville	8,939	683	7.6%	\$964,523	3.3%
Canton	4,909	191	3.9%	\$241,275	0.6%	Rocky Hill	10,222	478	4.7%	\$572,106	1.2%
East Granby	2,455	114	4.6%	\$148,052	1.2%	Simsbury	11,364	345	3.0%	\$477,990	0.5%
East Hartford	24,340	4,285	17.6%	\$7,444,331	6.9%	Southington	20,775	1,123	5.4%	\$1,614,923	1.7%
East Windsor	5,445	483	8.9%	\$741,848	3.3%	South Windsor	12,725	478	3.8%	\$707,412	1.0%
Enfield	20,985	1,651	7.9%	\$2,625,588	3.1%	Suffield	6,527	258	4.0%	\$353,966	1.1%
Farmington	12,513	4,779	3.8%	\$652,041	0.9%	West Hartford	30,517	1,861	6.1%	\$2,742,773	1.5%
Glastonbury	16,310	598	3.7%	\$849,040	0.7%	Wethersfield	13,837	739	5.3%	\$1,014,145	1.4%
Granby	5,312	160	3.0%	\$211,330	0.8%	Windsor	14,676	1,243	8.5%	\$1,808,978	3.2%
Hartford	46,303	15,731	34.0%	\$29,726,695	14.5%	Windsor Locks	6,416	515	8.0%	\$787,248	2.7%
Hartland	1,234	73	5.9%	\$108,535	0.0%						
Litchfield Co.	91,023	7,062	7.8%	\$10,786,386	2.1%						
Barkhamsted	2,687	210	7.8%	\$338,248	2.2%	Norfolk	831	73	8.8%	\$95,774	3.0%
Bethlehem	1,749	91	5.2%	\$116,941	1.2%	North Canaan	284	26	9.5%	\$35,577	0.0%
Bridgewater	930	34	3.7%	\$36,540	0.0%	Plymouth	5,938	495	8.3%	\$776,007	3.3%
Canaan	2,046	188	9.2%	\$285,211	1.8%	Roxbury	1,129	54	4.8%	\$76,678	0.0%
Colebrook	2,529	276	10.9%	\$447,454	3.6%	Salisbury	1,869	142	7.6%	\$182,228	0.0%
Cornwall	445	24	5.4%	\$35,219	0.0%	Sharon	1,246	108	8.7%	\$168,819	0.8%
Goshen	1,374	75	5.5%	\$104,930	0.0%	Thomaston	3,894	310	8.0%	\$472,165	3.4%
Harwinton	2,685	118	4.4%	\$172,470	0.9%	Torrington	17,176	2,066	12.0%	\$3,449,478	4.2%
Kent	1,444	101	7.0%	\$124,165	0.8%	Warren	704	57	8.1%	\$82,726	0.0%
Litchfield	4,138	209	5.1%	\$297,667	0.4%	Washington	2,168	127	5.9%	\$203,830	0.0%
Morris	1,122	68	6.1%	\$93,414	1.2%	Watertown	10,888	690	6.3%	\$980,380	2.2%
New Hartford	3,383	167	4.9%	\$209,047	0.9%	Winchester	2,327	261	11.2%	\$424,377	3.9%
New Milford	13,014	847	6.5%	\$1,244,931	1.5%	Woodbury	5,023	245	4.9%	\$332,110	1.2%
Middlesex Co.	78,797	5,232	6.6%	\$7,653,992	2.5%						
Chester	1,929	11	6.9%	\$149,896	1.7%	East Hampton	5,943	311	5.2%	\$447,506	1.8%
Clinton	6,628	441	6.7%	\$586,486	1.9%	Essex	3,429	134	3.9%	\$151,029	1.3%
Cromwell	7,113	404	5.7%	\$498,832	1.8%	Haddam	3,980	184	4.6%	\$244,500	0.9%
Deep River	2,280	154	6.8%	\$230,342	2.1%	Killingworth	3,022	99	3.3%	\$127,301	0.5%
Durham	3,456	116	3.4%	\$154,461	0.8%	Middlefield	2,175	109	5.0%	\$135,810	1.4%
East Haddam	3,743	200	5.3%	\$276,584	1.7%	Middletown	21,809	2,302	10.6%	\$3,570,104	5.0%

EITC 2005

Location	# Tax Filers	# Rcvg EITC	% Rcvg EITC	Total \$ EITC Claimed	% Returns Using RALs	Location	# Tax Filers	# Rcvg EITC	% Rcvg EITC	Total \$ EITC Claimed	% Returns Using RALs
Middlesex Co. contd.											
Old Saybrook	5,312	284	5.3%	\$381,166	1.5%	Westbrook	3,384	236	7.0%	\$325,462	1.5%
Portland	4,594	247	5.4%	\$374,513	1.9%						
New Haven Co.	389,757	46,916	12.0%	\$81,946,979	5.7%						
Ansonia	8,737	1,290	14.8%	\$2,222,484	7.7%	New Haven	48,856	11,638	23.8%	\$21,321,417	12.3%
Beacon Falls	2,747	168	6.1%	\$241,417	3.2%	North Branford	7,281	344	4.7%	\$495,635	1.3%
Bethany	2,648	90	3.4%	\$109,573	0.9%	North Haven	11,919	534	4.5%	\$666,398	1.2%
Branford	14,726	862	5.9%	\$1,187,627	1.6%	Orange	6,927	225	3.2%	\$296,248	0.7%
Cheshire	12,724	447	3.5%	\$611,722	0.8%	Oxford	5,526	217	3.9%	\$313,900	1.2%
Derby	5,983	675	11.3%	\$1,164,138	5.8%	Prospect	4,407	203	4.6%	\$287,378	1.4%
East Haven	13,133	1,741	13.3%	\$2,920,809	6.3%	Seymour	7,904	565	7.1%	\$806,939	3.3%
Guilford	10,830	422	3.9%	\$504,813	0.8%	Southbury	9,723	272	2.8%	\$316,322	0.6%
Hamden	27,005	2,206	8.2%	\$3,407,498	3.7%	Wallingford	22,229	1,294	5.8%	\$2,889,285	2.5%
Madison	8,726	268	3.1%	\$320,072	0.5%	Waterbury	46,939	11,234	23.9%	\$21,442,201	11.7%
Meriden	28,255	4,566	16.2%	\$8,356,136	8.6%	West Haven	24,973	3,736	15.0%	\$6,234,594	7.6%
Middlebury	3,339	133	4.0%	\$194,444	0.5%	Wolcott	7,694	500	6.5%	\$744,361	2.1%
Millford	26,682	1,542	5.8%	\$2,068,561	2.1%	Woodbridge	4,762	145	3.0%	\$185,890	0.6%
Naugatuck	15,082	1,599	10.6%	\$2,637,117	5.1%						
New London Co.	129,121	13,309	10.3%	\$22,169,029	4.9%						
Bozrah	46	4	8.7%	\$6,558	0.0%	New London	12,193	2,667	21.9%	\$5,019,472	11.9%
Colchester	7,574	473	6.2%	\$764,778	1.8%	North Stonington	2,596	126	4.9%	\$195,798	2.1%
East Lyme	8,577	470	5.5%	\$670,429	1.5%	Norwich	20,045	3,203	16.0%	\$5,677,036	8.1%
Franklin	912	40	4.4%	\$53,915	1.8%	Old Lyme	2,693	112	4.1%	\$151,691	0.7%
Griswold	3,812	399	10.5%	\$628,468	5.0%	Preston	2,318	142	6.1%	\$186,328	2.5%
Groton	20,651	2,220	10.8%	\$3,544,940	5.4%	Salem	1,923	91	4.7%	\$140,976	1.7%
Lebanon	3,380	234	6.9%	\$361,533	2.2%	Sprague	1,473	180	12.2%	\$294,993	6.0%
Ledyard	7,348	450	6.1%	\$703,460	2.8%	Stonington	7,024	511	7.3%	\$762,539	2.8%
Lisbon	3,812	399	10.5%	\$628,468	5.0%	Voluntown	1,295	111	8.6%	\$168,784	3.2%
Lyme	2,401	102	4.2%	\$135,952	0.8%	Waterford	10,176	609	6.0%	\$891,263	2.4%
Montville	8,872	766	8.6%	\$1,181,648	4.8%						
Tolland Co.	65,055	4,107	6.3%	\$6,010,273	2.0%						
Andover	1,554	71	4.6%	\$100,296	0.8%	Somers	4,445	268	6.0%	\$334,296	1.4%
Bolton	2,560	116	4.5%	\$129,318	1.3%	Stafford	3,226	287	8.9%	\$425,436	3.2%
Columbia	2,721	148	5.4%	\$198,119	1.1%	Tolland	6,717	229	3.4%	\$314,648	0.7%
Coventry	5,893	335	5.7%	\$488,550	1.6%	Union	2,985	258	8.6%	\$393,754	3.5%
Ellington	7,017	284	4.0%	\$379,600	1.5%	Vernon	14,625	1,403	9.6%	\$2,225,132	3.4%
Hebron	4,302	173	4.0%	\$238,377	0.9%	Willington	2,767	137	5.0%	\$198,830	1.4%
Mansfield	6,243	398	6.4%	\$583,917	1.5%						
Windham Co.	52,386	6,752	12.9%	\$11,549,376	6.1%						
Ashford	2,118	153	7.2%	\$258,627	2.3%	Pomfret	1,919	131	6.8%	\$214,004	1.9%
Brooklyn	6,298	727	11.5%	\$1,149,597	6.5%	Putnam	4,332	591	13.6%	\$981,972	8.9%
Canterbury	2,476	194	7.8%	\$286,246	3.7%	Scotland	370	32	8.6%	\$42,350	0.0%
Chaplin	1,659	162	9.7%	\$255,331	3.6%	Sterling	1,470	187	12.7%	\$273,141	6.3%
Eastford	757	31	4.1%	\$55,799	2.9%	Thompson	4,427	422	9.5%	\$662,272	5.3%
Hampton	1,168	73	6.3%	\$99,183	1.0%	Windham	9,271	2,092	22.6%	\$3,989,375	9.1%
Killingly	5,367	772	14.4%	\$1,263,585	7.6%	Woodstock	3,752	218	5.8%	\$350,423	1.8%
Plainfield	7,002	968	13.8%	\$1,667,471	7.2%						
CONNECTICUT	1,681,956	172,838	10.3%	\$286,109,000	4.2%						

state and national economies, the proportion of Connecticut residents collecting the EITC has been surprisingly stable, consistently around 10 percent of filers. While the overall proportion of Connecticut filers relying on Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) has declined in recent years (standing at 4.2 percent in 2005), the reliance on RALs in Connecticut's larger cities—where the rates are double and triple statewide rates—remains troubling. RALs significantly reduce the size of returns received by families, thus undermining the intent of the program.

RALs, or short-term cash advances against a family's anticipated tax refund at very high fees and interest rates, are available through paid income tax preparers. EITC filers can get their taxes prepared free of charge at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites located throughout the state. Tax filers can learn more of local VITA sites by calling Infoline toll-free at 211.

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Key RALs Refund Anticipation Loans

Temporary Family Assistance

The number of families, and therefore children, receiving cash assistance through the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program continues its steady decline. This decline is not reflective of the economic conditions of the state. In Connecticut and nationally, family welfare programs are no longer a reliable resource for families during an economic downturn. National estimates are that about 40 percent of families that are economically eligible for cash assistance actually receive that assistance. Prior to changes in the national welfare program in 1996, about 80 percent of eligible families received cash assistance.¹

The TFA figures in the table do not differentiate between children in families in which the adult is the parent who is considered employable and children not living with their parents or who are living with a disabled, unemployable parent. This is a crucial distinction in Connecticut. The strict time limits and work requirements of the Connecticut Jobs First program apply only to the former families and children. The decline in the number of families receiving cash assistance has been almost exclusively in those subject to time limits and work requirements.

Most children enrolled in TFA are living with a grandparent, other relative, a non-parent adult who is not receiving cash assistance, or a parent who has a significant disability. Children in these families are not at risk of losing their TFA benefits. Because the child participation numbers in this table do not distinguish among children in families facing different program requirements, it is difficult to tell what proportion of the annual declines reflects families leaving the program

Temporary Family Assistance - Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Fairfield Co.	9,362	8,489	6,405				
Bethel	35	22	36	Norwalk	1,034	818	539
Bridgeport	5,849	5,320	4,059	Redding	3	7	0
Brookfield	27	14	14	Ridgefield	12	6	7
Danbury	564	578	404	Shelton	153	130	133
Darien	7	2	4	Sherman	5	8	1
Easton	1	2	0	Stamford	884	773	591
Fairfield	91	119	81	Stratford	421	426	358
Greenwich	81	105	68	Trumbull	48	47	31
Monroe	19	21	14	Weston	9	3	1
New Canaan	8	7	6	Westport	47	20	11
New Fairfield	34	23	24	Wilton	7	1	0
Newtown	23	37	23				
Hartford Co.	19,541	18,104	14,124				
Avon	10	26	8	Manchester	896	890	712
Berlin	33	41	26	Marlborough	12	6	8
Bloomfield	249	233	169	New Britain	3,586	3,361	2,701
Bristol	1,014	1,052	847	Newington	112	116	77
Burlington	23	21	11	Plainville	132	116	107
Canton	19	15	11	Rocky Hill	23	27	28
East Granby	23	21	8	Simsbury	26	30	34
East Hartford	1,257	1,274	1,173	Southington	193	140	138
East Windsor	95	108	72	South Windsor	43	48	32
Enfield	370	426	302	Suffield	26	20	14
Farmington	57	57	45	West Hartford	370	362	236
Glastonbury	63	59	39	Wethersfield	122	126	89
Granby	14	10	9	Windsor	256	245	170
Hartford	10,450	9,190	6,997	Windsor Locks	67	80	58
Hartland	0	4	3				
Litchfield Co.	1,226	1,180	717				
Barkhamsted	16	13	7	Norfolk	10	9	9
Bethlehem	2	6	3	North Canaan	19	14	14
Bridgewater	1	1	0	Plymouth	105	88	0
Canaan	9	6	3	Roxbury	1	2	0
Colebrook	4	2	0	Salisbury	8	15	4
Cornwall	3	3	0	Sharon	4	7	2
Goshen	5	10	0	Thomaston	43	34	26
Harwinton	9	11	6	Torrington	534	524	339
Kent	5	6	4	Warren	4	3	3
Litchfield	13	22	14	Washington	2	8	11
Morris	10	16	4	Watertown	94	103	86
New Hartford	23	13	6	Winchester	199	157	96
New Milford	94	96	71	Woodbury	9	11	9
Middlesex Co.	1,143	1,110	754				
Chester	18	9	8	East Hampton	48	46	29
Clinton	74	51	26	Essex	7	10	10
Cromwell	25	45	35	Haddam	11	16	15
Deep River	29	25	5	Killingworth	9	13	6
Durham	20	2	6	Middlefield	7	8	8
East Haddam	29	30	19	Middletown	762	744	500

Temporary Family Assistance - Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Middlesex Co. contd.							
Old Saybrook	33	31	21	Westbrook	22	17	18
Portland	49	63	48				
New Haven Co.							
Ansonia	470	512	389	New Haven	7,645	6,973	5,196
Beacon Falls	20	26	16	North Branford	48	41	28
Bethany	8	6	8	North Haven	73	88	80
Branford	146	122	94	Orange	16	16	11
Cheshire	23	28	43	Oxford	16	22	14
Derby	188	210	161	Prospect	18	20	19
East Haven	268	330	257	Seymour	89	109	69
Guilford	48	40	37	Southbury	19	27	24
Hamden	549	529	444	Wallingford	224	168	124
Madison	26	31	10	Waterbury	5,458	5,060	4,187
Meriden	1,999	1,931	1,442	West Haven	1,108	1,020	396
Middlebury	12	5	11	Wolcott	55	60	51
Milford	235	258	184	Woodbridge	17	6	7
Naugatuck	371	352	270				
New London Co.							
Bozrah	20	18	4	New London	1,125	1,018	846
Colchester	82	65	50	North Stonington	28	25	13
East Lyme	55	43	35	Norwich	988	973	854
Franklin	8	12	3	Old Lyme	11	8	11
Griswold	106	125	109	Preston	20	24	13
Groton	433	482	354	Salem	12	11	11
Lebanon	20	26	22	Sprague	46	39	32
Ledyard	58	65	47	Stonington	135	149	99
Lisbon	18	20	15	Voluntown	19	17	13
Lyme	0	1	0	Waterford	58	74	66
Montville	109	126	90				
Tolland Co.							
Andover	14	11	4	Somers	22	23	19
Bolton	16	9	19	Stafford	92	106	76
Columbia	9	8	8	Tolland	19	16	12
Coventry	46	30	32	Union	1	0	0
Ellington	34	37	32	Vernon	408	389	341
Hebron	12	7	10	Willington	21	27	12
Mansfield	67	41	41				
Windham Co.							
Ashford	27	23	18	Pomfret	13	8	13
Brooklyn	27	38	45	Putnam	148	163	167
Canterbury	30	21	28	Scotland	8	9	2
Chaplin	31	20	13	Sterling	30	29	26
Eastford	0	3	0	Thompson	66	72	55
Hampton	8	8	4	Windham	850	835	717
Killingly	360	330	214	Woodstock	13	15	13
Plainfield	213	206	182				
CONNECTICUT	56,357	52,678	40,362				

because of the time limit, increased earnings that exceed the income and work expense ceiling, or rules violations.

At the end of 2007, about 6,800 of the 18,600 families receiving cash assistance were subject to work requirements and time limits.² Of these families, about 37 percent of the adults were employed with average wages of about \$8.95 per hour.³

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Key SFY State Fiscal Year





Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Connecticut's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)—formerly the Food Stamp Program—experienced a 15 percent increase in overall enrollment between SFY 2003 and SFY 2007; but only a 9.3 percent increase in the statewide number of children participating.¹

While SNAP participation has generally increased for all groups across the state for several years, child participation decreased slightly in Connecticut's three largest and poorest cities—Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven—between 2005 and 2007. This could be due to a number of factors but runs contrary to the increased participation in smaller cities and the state as a whole.

The federal Farm Bill, passed in 2008, made several enhancements to SNAP, including the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Fairfield Co.	18,098	19,338	19,290				
Bethel	77	99	132	Norwalk	1,700	1,742	1,551
Bridgeport	11,825	12,193	12,077	Redding	11	7	5
Brookfield	35	27	37	Ridgefield	21	21	24
Danbury	1,175	1,311	1,421	Shelton	255	263	280
Darien	13	8	12	Sherman	10	8	8
Easton	4	4	5	Stamford	1,626	1,995	2,097
Fairfield	158	186	157	Stratford	743	937	932
Greenwich	174	251	234	Trumbull	56	80	80
Monroe	32	27	52	Weston	5	0	3
New Canaan	17	19	35	Westport	53	43	35
New Fairfield	45	41	41	Wilton	9	17	8
Newtown	54	59	64				
Hartford Co.	35,277	37,101	38,044				
Avon	31	24	35	Manchester	1,582	1,892	2,224
Berlin	44	85	106	Marlborough	17	26	35
Bloomfield	424	375	414	New Britain	6,213	6,795	6,997
Bristol	1,868	2,012	2,190	Newington	198	251	227
Burlington	33	33	14	Plainville	220	232	230
Canton	32	32	33	Rocky Hill	80	68	85
East Granby	40	28	22	Simsbury	37	43	68
East Hartford	2,182	2,662	2,888	Southington	311	383	434
East Windsor	176	219	255	South Windsor	56	83	89
Enfield	679	820	894	Suffield	61	64	68
Farmington	109	100	130	West Hartford	642	730	697
Glastonbury	112	136	151	Wethersfield	223	233	251
Granby	23	38	41	Windsor	398	446	487
Hartford	19,332	19,106	18,758	Windsor Locks	152	174	215
Hartland	2	11	6				
Litchfield Co.	2,254	2,488	2,625				
Barkhamsted	25	21	21	Norfolk	6	5	20
Bethlehem	10	15	12	North Canaan	42	29	49
Bridgewater	1	2	2	Plymouth	196	197	217
Canaan	22	32	26	Roxbury	0	4	1
Colebrook	5	9	6	Salisbury	13	14	10
Cornwall	0	7	17	Sharon	5	22	27
Goshen	15	18	11	Thomaston	71	55	89
Harwinton	10	22	27	Torrington	1,030	1,109	1,176
Kent	6	17	12	Warren	5	1	6
Litchfield	34	39	41	Washington	12	16	22
Morris	5	19	11	Watertown	134	185	182
New Hartford	32	22	20	Winchester	370	397	370
New Milford	188	202	234	Woodbury	17	29	16
Middlesex Co.	2,020	1,993	2,683				
Chester	18	10	28	East Hampton	71	73	83
Clinton	101	89	66	Essex	30	23	22
Cromwell	81	73	86	Haddam	30	42	42
Deep River	56	56	38	Killingworth	13	17	671
Durham	25	19	29	Middlefield	23	13	19
East Haddam	52	49	39	Middletown	1,316	1,328	1,357

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007	Locality	SFY 2003	SFY 2005	SFY 2007
Middlesex Co. contd.							
Old Saybrook	62	46	49	Westbrook	44	25	31
Portland	98	130	123				
New Haven Co.							
	34,740	36,689	36,967				
Ansonia	886	1,040	1,104	New Haven	13,666	13,644	13,230
Beacon Falls	29	42	37	North Branford	58	52	72
Bethany	16	2	17	North Haven	98	134	148
Branford	237	236	209	Orange	21	16	22
Cheshire	45	71	102	Oxford	29	57	65
Derby	382	494	469	Prospect	34	41	45
East Haven	432	569	576	Seymour	180	195	227
Guilford	67	55	70	Southbury	33	36	34
Hamden	821	1,017	987	Wallingford	345	362	383
Madison	29	56	32	Waterbury	10,313	10,810	11,414
Meriden	3,689	4,016	4,083	West Haven	2,000	2,225	2,179
Middlebury	16	15	18	Wolcott	89	123	104
Milford	473	523	503	Woodbridge	21	12	14
Naugatuck	731	846	823				
New London Co.							
	6,435	7,137	7,747				
Bozrah	26	25	37	New London	2,104	2,100	2,262
Colchester	133	170	239	North Stonington	27	49	41
East Lyme	104	100	104	Norwich	1,973	2,278	2,470
Franklin	7	8	8	Old Lyme	17	10	22
Griswold	232	301	294	Preston	24	30	42
Groton	839	965	954	Salem	15	14	27
Lebanon	78	58	78	Sprague	84	111	97
Ledyard	105	159	167	Stonington	242	270	305
Lisbon	50	40	45	Voluntown	29	31	43
Lyme	3	5	2	Waterford	114	136	182
Montville	229	277	328				
Tolland Co.							
	1,288	1,409	1,633				
Andover	9	9	19	Somers	35	34	54
Bolton	14	12	21	Stafford	135	155	156
Columbia	18	20	40	Tolland	18	34	44
Coventry	93	84	112	Union	0	4	6
Ellington	64	73	95	Vernon	745	778	871
Hebron	27	38	35	Willington	21	40	48
Mansfield	109	128	132				
Windham Co.							
	3,872	4,219	4,684				
Ashford	61	67	62	Pomfret	36	37	40
Brooklyn	73	71	178	Putnam	333	369	411
Canterbury	53	64	73	Scotland	14	14	14
Chaplin	44	47	48	Sterling	49	54	68
Eastford	3	9	10	Thompson	157	163	215
Hampton	13	23	18	Windham	1,804	2,001	2,218
Killingly	743	785	671	Woodstock	36	33	61
Plainfield	453	482	597				
CONNECTICUT							
	103,984	110,374	113,673				

name change from the Food Stamp Program. Changes include an increased minimum benefit amount, a higher standard deduction, higher dependent care expense deductions, exclusion of military combat pay in determining eligibility, and exclusion of retirement accounts as assets. As the state implements these changes, existing recipients should begin to see higher benefit amounts, and a greater number of eligible individuals and families are likely to consider SNAP. These changes, plus the downturn in the economy, should result in higher SNAP enrollment in 2009.

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Endnotes

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Key SFY State Fiscal Year



School Meals

Statewide, there was an increase in the number of students eligible for free/reduced-price lunches and in the average number of school breakfasts served daily between the 2004 and the 2006 school years. The increases were fairly uniform across Connecticut's counties. There was a mix of increases and declines at the town level in school lunch eligibility, however. Reductions in eligible students occurred in Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford as well as East Hartford, Groton, New London, and Norwich.

The majority of Connecticut school districts participate in the school lunch program, which offers complete meals based on free, subsidized, and paid rates, according to family income. Students in families with income less than 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level receive free meals; those in families with income less than 185 percent of poverty pay a portion of the cost.

Connecticut is dead last in the nation for the num-

School Meals																			
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Fairfield Co.	**	38,583	26.7%	10,534	36,749	25.5%	10,674												
Bethel SD		210	6.4%	*	234	7.2%	*	Norwalk SD	2,555	23.1%	911	2,453	22.8%	733					
Bridgeport SD		21,671	97.3%	7,042	20,161	94.9%	7,093	Redding SD	8	0.6%	*	14	1.1%	*					
Brookfield SD		0	0.0%	*	90	3.0%	*	Ridgefield SD	61	1.1%	*	58	1.0%	*					
Danbury SD		2,637	27.6%	1,282	2,955	30.4%	1,163	Shelton SD	554	9.6%	101	555	9.8%	92					
Darien SD		66	1.5%	*	87	1.9%	*	Sherman SD	0	0.0%	*	0	0.0%	*					
Easton SD		2	0.2%	*	4	0.4%	*	Stamford SD	6,435	42.7%	1,029	5,781	38.4%	1,201					
Fairfield SD		443	4.9%	*	569	6.0%	21	Stratford SD	2,575	34.0%	70	2,223	30.2%	329					
Greenwich SD		682	7.5%	18	700	7.8%	15	Trumbull SD	231	3.4%	*	266	3.8%	*					
Monroe SD		85	2.0%	*	142	3.3%	*	Weston SD	20	0.8%	*	15	0.6%	*					
New Canaan SD		21	0.5%	*	0	0.0%	*	Westport SD	68	1.3%	*	93	1.7%	*					
New Fairfield SD		135	4.3%	*	185	6.0%	*	Wilton SD	21	0.5%	*	26	0.6%	*					
Newtown SD		103	1.9%	81	138	2.4%	27												
Hartford Co.	**	39,237	27.9%	12,480	41,008	29.2%	13,042												
Avon SD		61	1.8%	*	82	2.3%	*	Manchester SD	2,380	31.8%	447	2,450	34.6%	564					
Berlin SD		191	5.7%	*	190	5.8%	*	Marlborough SD	8	1.3%	*	22	3.4%	*					
Bloomfield SD		902	38.1%	257	987	44.1%	228	New Britain SD	6,818	62.3%	2,065	6,856	62.7%	1,789					
Bristol SD		2,476	27.4%	385	2,700	29.9%	474	Newington SD	620	13.4%	*	685	14.9%	*					
Canton SD		52	3.1%	85	60	3.5%	52	Plainville SD	424	16.1%	*	469	17.8%	*					
East Granby SD		9	1.0%	*	12	1.3%	*	Rocky Hill SD	154	6.2%	*	159	6.2%	*					
East Hartford SD		3,919	49.5%	1,265	3,777	49.4%	1,326	Simsbury SD	173	3.4%	*	192	3.8%	*					
East Windsor SD		308	19.4%	*	300	19.7%	*	Southington SD	488	7.1%	*	536	7.7%	*					
Enfield SD		1,428	21.4%	60	1,516	23.4%	162	South Windsor SD	279	5.5%	18	288	5.7%	56					
Farmington SD		200	4.6%	*	208	4.9%	*	Suffield SD	114	4.5%	35	118	4.5%	25					
Glastonbury SD		216	3.3%	33	259	3.8%	40	West Hartford SD	1,200	12.1%	172	1,442	14.3%	216					
Granby SD		42	1.9%	*	77	3.4%	*	Wethersfield SD	402	10.8%	72	400	10.4%	88					
Hartford SD		14,840	66.6%	7,159	15,697	70.3%	7,401	Windsor SD	1,165	26.9%	310	1,133	27.3%	470					
Hartland SD		4	1.7%	*	2	0.9%	*	Windsor Locks SD	364	18.8%	117	391	20.5%	150					
Litchfield Co.	**	3,333	13.9%	276	3,307	15.3%	338												
Barkhamsted SD		20	5.4%	*	19	5.3%	*	North Canaan SD	92	23.5%	*	84	22.8%	*					
Canaan SD		12	10.5%	*	11	10.9%	*	Plymouth SD	241	12.4%	*	268	14.0%	*					
Colebrook SD		8	6.6%	*	16	13.2%	*	Salisbury SD	26	7.9%	*	31	10.0%	*					
Cornwall SD		3	2.1%	*	7	5.4%	*	Sharon SD	33	12.8%	*	35	15.2%	*					
Kent SD		25	8.1%	*	29	10.7%	*	Thomaston SD	139	10.6%	*	165	13.0%	*					
Litchfield SD		53	3.9%	*	61	4.8%	*	Torrington SD	1,345	27.0%	76	1,365	28.1%	94					
New Hartford SD		26	4.1%	*	21	3.4%	*	Watertown SD	382	10.9%	*	422	12.0%	*					
New Milford SD		325	6.2%	84	435	8.6%	111	Winchester SD	394	36.0%	116	326	30.4%	133					
Norfolk SD		9	5.9%	*	12	6.8%	*												
Middlesex Co.	**	2,566	15.4%	410	2,705	15.0%	530												
Chester SD		14	4.2%	*	16	4.8%	*	Essex SD	17	3.1%	*	18	3.3%	*					
Clinton SD		207	9.6%	*	166	7.8%	*	Middletown SD	1,685	32.7%	402	1,654	32.6%	511					
Cromwell SD		203	10.5%	*	210	10.5%	*	Old Saybrook SD	127	8.1%	*	122	7.7%	*					
Deep River SD		21	5.6%	*	43	11.4%	*	Portland SD	128	9.0%	*	143	9.9%	*					
East Haddam SD		124	8.7%	*	76	5.4%	*	Westbrook SD	105	10.2%	8	95	9.6%	19					
East Hampton SD		171	8.1%	*	162	7.8%	*												

School Meals

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New Haven Co. **	42,351	28.7%	17,405	46,128	38.3%	18,068							
Ansonia SD	1,253	46.3%	776	1,300	47.7%	887	New Haven SD	14,693	71.7%	9,581	15,414	76.9%	9,491
Bethany SD	19	3.3%	*	11	2.0%	*	North Branford SD	215	8.5%	*	242	9.9%	*
Branford SD	465	12.9%	15	446	12.4%	40	North Haven SD	243	6.4%	*	271	6.8%	91
Cheshire SD	166	3.2%	*	172	3.3%	*	Orange SD	15	1.9%	*	49	3.5%	*
Derby SD	558	37.4%	176	629	43.1%	171	Oxford SD	101	6.8%	*	90	5.7%	*
East Haven SD	1,064	27.2%	307	1,018	27.2%	409	Seymour SD	341	12.8%	88	351	12.8%	119
Guilford SD	150	3.9%	*	137	3.6%	*	Wallingford SD	818	11.5%	*	539	7.8%	*
Hamden SD	1,601	25.4%	645	1,762	28.2%	795	Waterbury SD	11,607	64.9%	3,187	12,837	70.5%	3,119
Madison SD	53	1.4%	*	71	1.9%	*	West Haven SD	3,121	44.4%	1,263	2,604	38.7%	1,239
Meriden SD	4,834	54.0%	774	5,116	57.7%	784	Wolcott SD	416	14.0%	*	414	14.2%	*
Milford SD	1,145	15.2%	469	1,062	14.2%	688	Woodbridge SD	33	3.9%	*	20	2.5%	*
Naugatuck SD	1,454	27.3%	124	1,573	31.0%	236							
New London Co. **	7,607	22.8%	3,024	7,996	21.4%	4,194							
Bozrah SD	33	11.7%	*	70	25.6%	9	New London SD	1,974	64.2%	841	1,946	65.7%	1,085
Colchester SD	143	4.5%	109	205	6.3%	177	North Stonington SD	114	13.5%	59	129	15.9%	135
East Lyme SD	141	4.4%	*	153	4.8%	*	Norwich SD	2,108	52.1%	1,023	1,931	48.8%	1,441
Franklin SD	21	8.8%	*	15	6.3%	*	Preston SD	48	9.8%	11	57	11.4%	*
Griswold SD	328	15.1%	108	423	19.1%	157	Salem SD	14	2.5%	*	24	4.5%	*
Groton SD	1,496	26.8%	219	1,435	27.4%	226	Sprague SD	83	25.5%	31	82	24.3%	48
Lebanon SD	144	9.5%	137	125	8.1%	136	Stonington SD	279	11.2%	217	269	10.5%	249
Ledyard SD	178	5.9%	32	190	6.5%	42	Voluntown SD	99	29.6%	*	106	34.1%	*
Lisbon SD	98	15.6%	47	94	15.4%	62	Waterford SD	211	6.7%	36	249	8.4%	179
Montville SD	403	13.8%	154	493	16.7%	246							
Tolland Co. **	1,792	18.9%	672	2,329	11.5%	742							
Andover SD	21	5.5%	*	24	7.0%	*	Somers SD	49	2.8%	*	83	4.8%	*
Bolton SD	94	10.1%	*	57	6.2%	*	Stafford SD	402	20.2%	249	403	20.7%	187
Columbia SD	16	2.4%	*	23	3.6%	*	Tolland SD	106	3.4%	*	129	4.1%	*
Coventry SD	199	9.5%	126	217	10.6%	137	Union SD	4	5.3%	*	4	5.8%	*
Ellington SD	121	5.0%	*	112	4.4%	*	Vernon SD	981	24.6%	190	972	25.7%	292
Hebron SD	35	2.9%	*	40	3.3%	*	Willington SD	51	8.8%	*	65	10.9%	*
Mansfield SD	210	15.3%	107	200	15.0%	126							
Windham Co. **	4,904	33.3%	1,759	5,778	34.2%	2,092							
Ashford SD	89	15.4%	*	82	15.6%	*	Pomfret SD	48	9.2%	42	48	8.9%	27
Brooklyn SD	175	17.5%	87	187	18.3%	81	Putnam SD	445	33.5%	292	592	44.2%	321
Canterbury SD	70	12.2%	*	72	13.2%	40	Scotland SD	27	14.5%	*	33	17.3%	*
Chaplin SD	33	14.2%	*	44	20.9%	*	Sterling SD	77	16.2%	*	106	22.2%	*
Eastford SD	18	9.9%	*	23	13.3%	*	Thompson SD	257	17.3%	146	320	21.2%	122
Hampton SD	16	9.9%	2	15	9.1%	12	Windham SD	2,066	56.8%	838	2,382	64.8%	944
Killingly SD	1,062	35.6%	257	937	33.8%	270	Woodstock SD	84	8.5%	*	83	8.6%	*
Plainfield SD	751	28.7%	95	854	30.5%	276							
Reg School **	1,119	3.7%		1,298	4.3%		Charter/Magnet **	1,682	62.5%	451	2,135	59.6%	1,130
RESCs **	2,131	34.6%	567	2,584	38.2%	62	Tech Schools **	3,768	34.8%		3,206	32.0%	996
DCF **				247	100.0%	497	Dept of Correct **				933	98.4%	1,507
Other **	235	5.9%		618	15.1%								
CONNECTICUT **	149,308	25.5%	47,578	157,021	27.3%	54,431							

ber of schools that offer School Breakfast. Only 55.5 percent of Connecticut districts participate in the program.¹ Within those schools that do offer breakfast, only one-third of students participate.

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Note:

Children not eligible for the School Breakfast program may purchase breakfast. The School Breakfast numbers in this table represent the numbers of meals served and should not be interpreted to represent the number of students eligible for the School Breakfast program.

Endnotes

1 Cooper, R., Levin, M., Adach, J., and Parker, L. (2007). *School Breakfast Scorecard 2007*. Washington, DC: Food Research and Action Center.

Key

* No program in district
** County, state, and special category totals have been calculated by author
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