

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Demographic

Population (July, 2004 estimate, U.S. Census Bureau)	29,352
Housing Units (2004 estimate)	9,809
Average Home Sale – Single Family (January – June, 2005)	\$342,359
Median Household Income (2004 estimate)	\$85,664
Per Capita Income (2004 estimate)	\$36,482
Median Age (2004 estimate)	39

Government & Education

Form of Government	Town Council - Manager
Total Adopted Budget (FY 08)	\$90,546,039
Net Taxable Grand List (October 1, 2006)	\$2,507,985,224
Mill Rate (FY 08)	27.60
Ratings	Aa2 (Moody's) AA (Fitch)
Town Employees (fulltime equivalent)	207
Education Employees (fulltime equivalent)	606
Total School Enrollment	5,184
➤ High School	1,563
➤ Middle School	828
➤ Elementary	2,709
➤ Special Education	84

Labor Force

Total Labor Force	14,402
Total Employment	13,761
Unemployment Rate (July, 2007)	4.3 percent
New Haven Labor Market Unemployment Rate	5.1 percent
State of Connecticut Unemployment Rate	4.5 percent

Location

Cheshire is centrally located between Hartford and New Haven. The town is easily accessible from Interstates 691, 91 & 84, and Connecticut Routes 68, 70 & 10.

Mileage Distance to Major Cities/Airports

Hartford	25
New Haven	15
Stamford	55
New York	85
Boston	115
Bradley International Airport	35
Tweed New Haven Regional Airport	15

Major Employers (Company, Nature of Business, Address, Number of Employees – Sept.- 2007)

Bozzuto's Inc., Wholesale Food Distribution, 275 Schoolhouse Road, 925
 Pratt & Whitney Eagle Services, Jet Engine Repair/Overhaul, 500 Knotter Drive, 873
 Atlantic Inertial Systems, Manufacturing, 250 Knotter Drive, 450
 Macy's Logistics, Distribution, 475 Knotter Drive, 400
 Webster Bank, Banking, 609 West Johnson Avenue, 300
 ESPN, Communications, 181 West Johnson Avenue, 225
 Value Health Care Services, Pharmaceuticals, 525 Knotter Drive, 220
 Elim Park Baptist Home, Retirement Community, 140 Cook Hill Road, 210
 Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Biotech, 352 Knotter Drive, 200
 Whole Foods, Food Distribution, 400 East Johnson Avenue, 140
 Connecticut Light & Power, Utility, 705 West Johnson Avenue, 131

**BREAKDOWN OF LAND USE
 AS OF NOVEMBER 2004**

Total Area Residential Commercial Industrial

Land Use Category	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Developed	8,638.5	40.89	6,783	37.12	151.50	77.30	1,704	64.06
Undeveloped	12,489.5	59.11	11,489	62.88	44.50	22.70	956	35.94
Total	21,128.0	100.00	18,272	100.00	196.00	100.00	2,660	100.00

Source: Town Planner and Tax Assessor, Town of Cheshire.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION

Town of Cheshire

State of Connecticut

	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5.....	1,648	5.8	223,344	6.6
5 to 9.....	2,028	7.1	244,144	7.2
10 to 14.....	2,137	7.5	241,587	7.1
15 to 19.....	2,362	8.3	216,627	6.4
20 to 24.....	1,238	4.3	187,571	5.5
25 to 34.....	3,199	11.2	451,640	13.3
35 to 44.....	5,206	18.2	581,049	17.1
45 to 54.....	4,609	16.1	480,807	14.1
55 to 59.....	1,564	5.5	176,961	5.2
60 to 64.....	960	3.4	131,652	3.9
65 to 74.....	1,682	5.9	231,565	6.8
75 to 84.....	1,319	4.6	174,345	5.1
85 and over.....	591	2.1	64,273	1.9
Total.....	28,543	100.0	3,405,565	100.0¹

Median Age (Years)

38.4

37.4

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2000.

¹ Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Town of Cheshire

State of Connecticut

Income	Families	Percent	Families	Percent
Less than \$10,000	80	1.1	33,423	3.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	57	0.8	23,593	2.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	246	3.4	63,262	7.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	289	4.0	75,413	8.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	722	10.0	120,134	13.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	1,226	16.9	198,924	22.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	1,663	22.9	141,981	16.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	1,645	22.7	132,177	14.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	559	7.7	42,472	4.8
\$200,000 or more.....	768	10.6	54,368	6.1
Total.....	7,255	100.0¹	885,747	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2000.

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INCOME LEVELS

Town of Cheshire

New Haven County

State of Connecticut

Per Capita Income, 2000.....	\$33,903	\$24,439	\$28,799
Per Capita Income, 1990.....	\$23,204	\$17,666	\$20,189
Median Family Income, 2000.....	\$90,774	\$60,549	\$65,521
Percent Below Poverty, 2000.....	1.6%	7.0%	5.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2000.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
(Years of School Completed Age 25 and Over)

Town of Cheshire State of Connecticut

	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9 th grade.....	432	2.3	132,917	5.8
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma.....	1,013	5.3	234,739	10.2
High School graduate (includes equivalency)	4,051	21.2	653,300	28.5
Some college, no degree.....	3,067	16.0	402,741	17.5
Associate degree.....	1,432	7.5	150,926	6.6
Bachelor's degree.....	5,092	26.6	416,751	18.2
Graduate or professional degree.....	4,050	21.2	304,243	13.3
Total.....	19,137	100.0	2,295,617	100.0
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	92.4%		84.0%	
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	47.8%		31.4%	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2000.

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Town of Cheshire

Percentage Unemployed

<u>Period</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Town of Cheshire</u>	<u>New Haven Labor Market</u>	<u>State of Connecticut Labor Market</u>
November 2004.....	14,662	14,262	400	2.7	4.3	4.2
<u>Annual Average</u>						
2003	14,769	14,272	497	3.4	5.4	5.5
2002	14,829	14,459	370	2.5	4.1	4.3
2001	14,512	14,205	307	2.1	3.2	3.3
2000	14,275	14,070	205	1.4	2.3	2.2
1999	13,491	13,212	279	2.1	3.1	3.2
1998	13,325	13,064	261	2.0	3.7	3.7
1997	13,153	12,707	446	3.4	5.2	5.1
1996	13,073	12,544	529	4.0	5.8	5.7
1995	13,110	12,622	488	3.7	5.5	5.5

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, State of Connecticut.