Housing Data Profiles

2018

Population, Age, & Race

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<th>Age Cohorts</th>
<th>2011-15</th>
<th>2000</th>
<th>% Change</th>
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<td>Population</td>
<td>126,592</td>
<td>117,083</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Households</td>
<td>46,974</td>
<td>45,399</td>
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<td>Average household size</td>
<td>2.67</td>
<td>2.54</td>
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<td>Average family size</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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Householders living alone: 2011-15 28%, 2000 29%, % Change 0%
Residents living in families: 2011-15 64%, 2000 64%, % Change 0%
Households with someone <18: 2011-15 33%, 2000 31%, % Change 2%
Households with someone > 65: 2011-15 25%, 2000 25%, % Change 0%

Median age for those living in Stamford is 35.9 years old, 4.5 years younger than CT’s median age of 40.4 years old.

Race and Ethnicity: Stamford

Racial and Ethnic Groups

- Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- Other/Multi-Race

Total %

- Hispanic or Latino (of any race) 32,726 26%
- White 63,324 50%
- Black or African American 17,443 14%
- American Indian and Alaska Native 120 0%
- Asian 11,008 9%
- Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 28 0%
- Other/Multi-Race 1,943 2%

Source: 2011-15 American Community Survey

$70,331

Average family size: 3.3

2011-15 Median Household Income: $70,331
2000 Median Household Income: $79,359
% Change: -13%

2011-15 Median Household Income: $84,233
2000 Median Household Income: $70,331

Aging of the Population

Stamford is one of the 48
Connecticut municipalities projected to see a rise in their school-age population between 2020 and 2030. Many municipalities will see declines over 15%. In Stamford, the projected increase is 8%.
Meanwhile the 65+ population for Stamford is projected to increase by 4%.
### Characteristics of Housing Stock

#### Tenure

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<th>Stamford</th>
<th>Fairfield County</th>
<th>Connecticut</th>
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<td>Total Owner</td>
<td>51,165</td>
<td>363,556</td>
<td>1,491,786</td>
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<td>Owner-Occupied</td>
<td>26,199</td>
<td>228,381</td>
<td>906,227</td>
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<td>Renter-Occupied</td>
<td>20,775</td>
<td>105,939</td>
<td>446,356</td>
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<td>Vacant</td>
<td>4,191</td>
<td>29,236</td>
<td>139,203</td>
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Source: 2011-15 American Community Survey

Stamford saw its number of housing units increase by 8% from 2000 to 2015. Renters live in 41% of Stamford’s housing stock, compared to 29% for Fairfield County and 30% for Connecticut.

#### Units in Structure

Overall, 66% of CT’s occupied housing stock is comprised of single-family housing, while 33% is multifamily housing (2+ units in structure) and 1% is mobile homes.

In Stamford, 48% of occupied homes are single-family, 52% are multifamily (2+ units in structure), and 0% are mobile homes. Renters live in 74% of Stamford’s 24,403 multifamily homes, and owners occupy 88% of its 22,535 single-family homes.

#### Year Built

CT’s housing stock varies in age, with 22% built before 1939, 36% built from 1940 to 1969 and 42% built from 1970 on.

In Stamford, 15% of the housing stock was built prior to 1939, 38% was built between 1940 and 1969 and the remaining 47% was built after 1970. Shifting demographics indicate that housing built from 1970 on may not meet the needs of CT’s current and future residents.

#### Bedrooms

A majority of homes in CT have 3 or more bedrooms, with 37% having 3 bedrooms and 22% having 4 or more. 42% of the homes in the state have 2 or fewer bedrooms.

Over 47% of homes in Stamford have 3 or more bedrooms, while 53% have 2 or fewer bedrooms. Towns and cities that have larger homes with more bedrooms offer fewer housing options for younger workers or downsizing Baby Boomers.

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**Units in Structure by Tenure: Stamford**

- **Owner-Occupied**
  - Single-Family: 19,773 (42%)
  - Multifamily: 6,390 (14%)
  - Mobile: 16 (0%)

- **Renter Occupied**
  - Single-Family: 2,762 (6%)
  - Multifamily: 18,013 (38%)
  - Mobile: 0 (0%)

Source: 2011-15 American Community Survey

**Housing Units by Number of Bedrooms**

- **4+ BRs**
  - 20% (Stamford)
  - 29% (Fairfield County)
  - 22% (Connecticut)

- **3 BRs**
  - 28% (Stamford)
  - 32% (Fairfield County)
  - 37% (Connecticut)

- **2 BRs**
  - 30% (Stamford)
  - 24% (Fairfield County)
  - 27% (Connecticut)

- **1 BRs**
  - 23% (Stamford)
  - 14% (Fairfield County)
  - 14% (Connecticut)

Source: 2011-15 American Community Survey
### Housing Costs for Owners and Renters

#### Affordability

Across CT, 50% of renters and 32% of owners spend more than 30% of their income on housing. In Stamford, 52% of renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, while 40% of owners do the same. Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing may have little left over for necessities such as transportation, food, health care, etc.

#### Home Value

The value of homes in Connecticut has risen significantly over the last 15 years, putting home ownership out of reach for many middle-class households. In Stamford, 4% of homes were valued under $150,000 in 2000, compared to 3% now. The median home value in Stamford is now $501,200, an increase of 63% since 2000.

#### Gross Rent

According to 2011-15 American Community Survey data, 80% of Stamford’s 20,775 rental units have a gross rent over $1,000 per month and 11% have a gross rent under $750 per month.

#### Housing Costs & Income

**Owner Households: Stamford**

The average homeowner household in Stamford has a median income of $107,905.

- **Median Income**: $122,204
- **Median Monthly Owner Costs**: $2,813

**Renter Households: Stamford**

- **Median Income Renter Households**: $54,629 (31% less than the median income of all households)
- **Median Gross Rent**: $1,603 (35% of income spent on rent; 65% of income for all other expenses)

In Connecticut, incomes among those who own their homes tend to be much higher than incomes for renter households. However, incomes for owners who no longer pay a mortgage also tend to be lower than for those paying a mortgage, as those no longer paying a mortgage may be retired and living on fixed incomes.

**Source**: 2011-2015 American Community Survey
Housing Wage

2017 Housing Wage: Stamford

$37.65

Stamford is included in the Stamford-Norwalk Metro Area.

Each year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition calculates the “housing wage,” the hourly wage needed for a household to afford a typical 2-bedroom apartment in metro areas throughout the United States.

Connecticut’s housing costs are typically high, ranking #8 in 2017 with a housing wage of $24.72.

Building Permits

Connecticut saw a sharp decline in building permits following the crash of the housing market in the mid-2000s. As the housing market slowly recovers, statewide building permits have increased by small amounts since 2011, with permits for multifamily units at levels not seen for a decade. Building permits issued, however, remain well below the levels seen in the 1980s and 1990s.

Grand List

Real Property Grand List Values, 2008-16: Stamford

Total Real Property 2008 $22,436,280,708
Total Real Property 2016 $17,717,782,546

% Change, 2008-16 -21%

Connecticut housing prices declined precipitously after the 2008 financial crisis and have not rebounded to pre-crisis levels, particularly in municipalities - 113 of 169 - where housing stock is dominated by single-family homes. Across the state, 152 municipalities have seen either no change in real property grand lists, or declines, forcing most to raise mill rates, reduce services, or both.

Source: CT Office of Policy and Management

Building Permits by Year, 1990-2016:

Stamford

Source: CT Department of Economic and Community Development

Affordable Housing Appeals List

Each year the CT Department Of Housing surveys municipalities in the state to determine the number of affordable units each has. The data is compiled for the Affordable Housing Appeals List. The following housing units are counted as affordable in Stamford in 2016:

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<td>4,744 Governmentally Assisted Units</td>
<td>8,103 Total Assisted Units</td>
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<td>1,753 Tenant Rental Assistance</td>
<td>( \frac{8,103}{50,573} = 16.0% )</td>
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<td>332 CHFA/USDA Mortgages</td>
<td>Total Units, 2010 Census</td>
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8,103 Total Assisted Units

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Analysis of Housing Conditions

Key Stats

**Population**
126,592

**Households**
46,974

**Projected Change in Population from 2020-2030**
- 5-19 Year Olds: 8%
- 65+ Year Old: 4%

**Median Household Income**
- All Households: $79,359
- Owners: $107,905
- Renters: $54,629

**Housing Units**
- Total Units: 51,165
  - Owner-Occupied: 51%
  - Renter-Occupied: 41%
  - Vacant: 8%

**Single-Family/Multifamily**
- Single Family: 48%
- Multifamily: 52%

**Median Home Value**
$501,200

**Median Gross Rent**
$1,603

**Households Spending 30% or More on Housing**
- All Households: 45%
- Owners: 40%
- Renters: 52%

**Housing Built 1970 or Later**
47%

**2016 Affordable Housing Appeals List**
- Assisted Units: 16%

**% Change in Total Real Property, 2008-2016**
-21%

Stamford’s Housing Data Profile:
The Story Behind the Numbers

Stamford, like most of Connecticut’s municipalities, has a relatively high median household income, high housing costs, few units for teachers, nurses, electricians, firefighters and town workers, and a narrow range of housing choices for Baby Boomers seeking to downsize and Millennials and young families seeking to move to town.

Housing remains expensive in Stamford relative to the median household income. Statewide, 50% of renters and 32% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their household incomes on housing. In Stamford, where the $79,359 median household income is higher than the statewide median of $70,331, 52% of the town’s renters and 40% of its homeowners spend 30% or more of their income on housing.

Stamford is one of the few Connecticut municipalities that could see an increase in school enrollment through 2030 because of unusual anticipated growth in school-age (5-19) population of 8% from 2020 to 2030. At the same time, its population is getting older, with a projected increase of 4% in the 65+ population from 2020 to 2030, potentially leading to the need for smaller, denser, more affordable homes closer to the town center, services and, if possible, transit connections.

Stamford is among the third of Connecticut municipalities where single-family homes do not dominate its housing stock (48%) and there is substantial multifamily housing to offer (53% of the units are 0-2 bedrooms, compared to 42% statewide). Many towns in Connecticut built the bulk of their homes after 1970 to accommodate the needs of new Baby Boomer families then in their 20s. In Stamford, 47% of homes were built in 1970 or after.

Now in their 60s, those families are seeking more modest homes. But their attempts to sell are being met by few offers because few young families can afford to move to those towns, flattening median sales prices and stunting the growth of Grand Lists – the towns’ total value of real property – and thus property tax revenues needed to pay for increasingly expensive services. From 2008 through 2016 (latest OPM figures), 150 towns experienced negative growth in real property values, 2 had no growth and 7 had only slight growth of 2 percent or less. The total real property Grand List in Stamford declined significantly by 21% from 2008 through 2016.

Across the state, 138 of the 169 municipalities have affordable homes totaling less than 10% of their housing stock. These are the kinds of homes increasingly sought by young professionals, families, town workers, downsizing Baby Boomers and others. In Stamford, 16% of the homes are affordable, according to the state’s 2016 Affordable Housing Appeals List.
Data Sources & Notes

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  DP-1 - Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
  DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics In The United States, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
  DP05 - ACS Demographic And Housing Estimates, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
  ⇒ Note: Due to rounding throughout the profile, some results may not appear to correspond with the values in tables, charts and text.
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  DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
  ⇒ Tenure note: Universe is all housing units. Total housing stock includes vacant units.
  ⇒ Units in Structure notes: Multifamily includes all units with 2+ units in structure. Does not include boats, RVs, vans, etc.
    Universe is occupied housing units (does not include vacant units).

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⇒ Affordability
  DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Note: Percent income spent on housing costs is not calculated for some households, noted in chart as “Not computed.”
  ⇒ Home Value
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⇒ Grand Lists
  Total Grand Lists by Town, 2008 and 2014, CT Office of Policy and Management
⇒ Building Permits
  Connecticut New Housing Authorizations in 2016, Construction Report: Housing Production & Permits, CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development
⇒ Affordable Housing Appeals List
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