

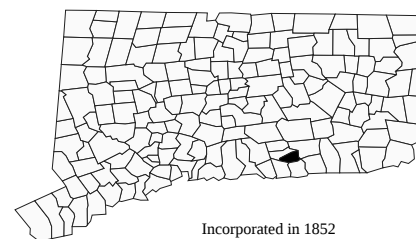
Essex, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2019

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Town Hall
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426
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Belongs To
Middlesex County
LMA New Haven
Lower CT River Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1852

Demographics

Population

	Town	County	State
2000	6,505	155,071	3,405,565
2010	6,683	165,676	3,574,097
2013-2017	6,588	164,110	3,594,478
2020	6,260	170,518	3,604,591
'17 - '20 Growth / Yr	-1.7%	1.3%	0.1%

	Town	County	State
Land Area (sq. miles)	10	369	4,842
Pop./Sq. Mile (2013-2017)	633	444	742
Median Age (2013-2017)	54	45	41
Households (2013-2017)	3,028	66,599	1,361,755
Med. HH Inc. (2013-2017)	\$87,857	\$81,673	\$73,781

	Town	State
Veterans (2013-2017)	712	180,111

Age Distribution (2013-2017)

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
Town	82 1%	663 10%	786 12%	758 12%	2,249 34%	2,050 31%	6,588 100%
County	7,042 4%	17,570 11%	20,717 13%	36,566 22%	52,019 32%	30,196 18%	164,110 100%
State	186,188 5%	432,367 12%	495,626 14%	872,640 24%	1,031,900 29%	575,757 16%	3,594,478 100%

Race/Ethnicity (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
White Non-Hisp	5,899	138,523	2,446,049
Black Non-Hisp	217	8,046	350,820
Asian Non-Hisp	94	4,780	154,910
Native American Non-Hisp	0	156	5,201
Other/Multi-Race Non-Hisp	140	2,993	84,917
Hispanic or Latino	238	9,612	551,916

Poverty Rate (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Poverty Rate (2013-2017)	5.0%	7.2%	10.1%

Educational Attainment (2013-2017)

Educational Attainment (2015-2017)	Town		State	
High School Graduate	805	16%	673,582	27%
Associates Degree	369	7%	188,481	8%
Bachelors or Higher	2,808	56%	953,199	38%

Economics

Business Profile (2018)

Sector	Units	Employment
Total - All Industries	382	3,710
23 - Construction	41	298
31-33 - Manufacturing	20	620
42 - Wholesale Trade	42	326
44-45 - Retail Trade	30	200
54 - Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	54	272
62 - Health Care and Social Assistance	35	740
Total Government	13	169

Top Five Grand List (2018)

	Amount
Essex Meadows Properties Inc	\$23,330,450
Connecticut Light & Power	\$8,843,590
Lee Company	\$7,665,580
SHM Dauntless LLC	\$5,293,840
Essex Savings Bank	\$4,377,220
Net Grand List (SFY 2016-2017)	\$1,040,470,701

Major Employers (2018)

LEE COMPANY	ESSEX MEADOWS
TOWER LABORATORIES	OVERABOVE
ESSEX SAVINGS BANK	

Education

2018-2019 School Year

	Grades	Enrollment
Essex School District	PK-6	335
Regional School District 04	7-12	897

Smarter Balanced Test Percent Above Goal (2017-2018)

	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Math	61.5%	53.8%	*	51.3%	NA	43.0%
ELA	71.8%	53.1%	61.4%	54.9%	NA	56.1%

Pre-K Enrollment (PSIS)

	2018-2019
Essex School District	36

Rate of Chronic Absenteeism (2017-2018)

	All
Connecticut	10.7%
Essex School District	3.5%
Regional School District 04	9.4%

4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2017-2018)

	All	Female	Male
Connecticut	88.3%	91.8%	85.1%
Regional School District 04	96.8%	98.8%	94.7%

Public vs Private Enrollment (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Public	82.6%	87.0%	86.8%
Private	17.4%	13.0%	13.2%

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Government

Government Form: Selectman - Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2017)	\$24,540,677	Total Expenditures (2017)	\$24,167,584	Annual Debt Service (2017)	\$1,056,076
Tax Revenue	\$22,498,997	Education	\$16,546,676	As % of Expenditures	4.4%
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,041,680	Other	\$7,620,908	Eq. Net Grand List (2017)	\$1,484,198,508
Intergovernmental	\$1,230,405	Total Indebtedness (2017)	\$10,927,734	Per Capita	\$225,288
Per Capita Tax (2017)	\$3,423	As % of Expenditures	45.2%	As % of State Average	149.2%
As % of State Average	116.8%	Per Capita	\$1,659	Moody's Bond Rating (2017)	Aa2
		As % of State Average	66.0%	Actual Mill Rate (2017)	21.58
				Equalized Mill Rate (2017)	15.19
				% of Net Grand List Com/Ind (2017)	13.8%

Housing/Real Estate

Housing Stock (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Total Units	3,449	75,938	1,507,711
% Single Unit (2013-2017)	75.3%	70.8%	59.2%
New Permits Auth (2017)	70	237	4,547
As % Existing Units	2.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Demolitions (2017)	0	25	1,403
Home Sales (2017)	107	1,191	21,880
Median Price	\$360,600	\$283,700	\$270,100
Built Pre-1950 share	33.2%	25.1%	29.3%
Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,300	49,088	906,798
As % Total Dwellings	76.0%	73.7%	66.6%
Subsidized Housing (2018)	95	6,619	167,879

Distribution of House Sales (2017)

	Town	County	State
Less than \$100,000	0	35	536
\$100,000-\$199,999	2	145	5,237
\$200,000-\$299,999	28	405	6,681
\$300,000-\$399,999	28	329	3,863
\$400,000 or More	49	277	5,563

Rental (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Median Rent	\$1,115	\$1,132	\$1,123
Cost-burdened Renters	44.8%	50.8%	52.3%

Labor Force

	Town	County	State
Residents Employed	3,265	89,811	1,827,070
Residents Unemployed	107	3,267	78,242
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.5%	4.1%
Self-Employed Rate	23.0%	11.2%	10.0%
Total Employers	382	5,433	122,067
Total Employed	3,710	68,827	1,673,867

Connecticut Commuters (2015)

Commuters Into Town From:	Town Residents Commuting To:
Essex, CT	Essex, CT
Old Saybrook, CT	Old Saybrook, CT
Deep River, CT	Hartford, CT
Clinton, CT	Westbrook, CT
Westbrook, CT	Chester, CT
Chester, CT	New Haven, CT
Middletown, CT	Middletown, CT

Quality of Life

Crime Rates (per 100,000 residents) (2017)

	Town	State
Property	307	1,777
Violent	15	228

Distance to Major Cities

	Miles
Hartford	32
Providence	62
New York City	92
Boston	100
Montreal	297

Disengaged Youth (2013-2017)

	Town	State
Female	0.0%	4.2%
Male	0.0%	5.6%

	Town
Library circulation per capita	13.45

Residential Utilities

Electric Provider

Eversource Energy
(800) 286-2000

Gas Provider

Southern Connecticut Gas Company
(800) 659-8299

Water Provider

Connecticut Water Company
(800) 286-5700

Cable Provider

Comcast Clinton
(800) 266-2278