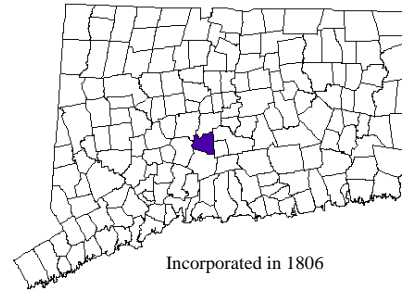


# Meriden, Connecticut

## CERC Town Profile 2005

Town Hall  
142 East Main Street  
Meriden, CT 06450  
(203) 630-4125

*Belongs to*  
New Haven County  
New Haven Labor Market Area  
South Central Economic Dev. Region  
South Central Connecticut Planning Area



Incorporated in 1806

### Demographics

<i>Population (2005)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2005)</i>									
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>						
1990	59,479	804,219	3,287,116	White	47,772	674,924	2,858,875						
2000	58,244	824,008	3,405,565	Black	4,115	95,919	318,835						
2005	59,444	853,637	3,534,280	Asian Pacific	1,244	28,104	117,997						
2010	60,724	882,213	3,656,299	Native American	321	2,955	14,298						
'05-'10 Growth / Yr	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	Other/Multi-Race	5,992	51,735	224,275						
				Hispanic (any race)	14,388	99,325	370,958						
Land Area (sq. miles)	24	606	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	11.0%	9.5%	7.9%						
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2005)	2,504	1,409	706	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>									
Median Age (2005)	38	38	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>					
Households (2005)	22,651	320,080	1,336,674	High School Graduate	13,467	35%	653,300	28%					
Med HH Inc. (2005)	\$47,602	\$53,351	\$59,761	Some College	10,112	26%	553,667	24%					
				Bachelors or More	6,309	16%	720,994	31%					
<i>Age Distribution (2005)</i>													
	<i>0-4</i>		<i>5-17</i>		<i>18-24</i>		<i>25-49</i>		<i>50-64</i>		<i>65+</i>		<i>Total</i>
Male	2,053	3%	5,459	9%	2,643	4%	10,559	18%	4,961	8%	3,265	5%	28,940
Female	1,903	3%	5,085	9%	2,605	4%	10,752	18%	5,312	9%	4,847	8%	30,504
County Total	51,870	6%	147,629	17%	79,936	9%	303,668	36%	151,819	18%	118,715	14%	853,637
State Total	214,308	6%	614,744	17%	320,277	9%	1,251,454	35%	650,169	18%	483,328	14%	3,534,280

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (2004)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	37	1.8%	101	0.5%	Meriden Square #3 LLC et al	\$49,320,460	2.1%
Const. and Mining	236	11.4%	1,413	6.6%	CONN LIGHT & POWER	\$26,924,220	1.1%
Manufacturing	117	5.6%	4,023	18.9%	MERIDEN SQUARE PARTNERSHIP	\$26,318,530	1.1%
Trans. and Utilities	68	3.3%	1,819	8.6%	RADIO FREQ SYSTEMS INC	\$19,654,120	0.8%
Trade	567	27.3%	4,872	22.9%	YANKEE GAS	\$17,335,740	0.7%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	133	6.4%	888	4.2%	Net Grand List (2004)	\$2,373,439,165	
Services	845	40.7%	7,226	34.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2002)</i>		
Government	20	1.0%	911	4.3%	Westfield Shopping Town	Bristol-Myers Squibb, Co.	
Total	2,076	100.0%	21,256	100.0%	Lane Construction Corporation	Midstate Medical Center	
					Meriden Board of Education		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (2002)</i>	\$776,749,741	\$105,014,859,890
					<i>All Outlets</i>		

### Education

<i>2000-2001 School Year</i>			<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>								
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>				
			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
Total Town School Enrollment	9,148	542,193	48	58	45	64	49	66			
Most public school students in Meriden attend Meriden School District, which has 8,961 students.											
			54	61	39	61	35	55			
			57	61	47	60	48	59			
<i>For more education data please see: <a href="http://www.state.ct.us/sde/">http://www.state.ct.us/sde/</a></i>			<i>Students per Computer</i>			<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Average SAT Score</i>		
			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Grade K</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
			5.4	5.3	17.6	19.4	24.4	483	502		
			6.5	4.4	22.1	24.4	Verbal	483	502		
			5.6	4.1	High School	20.0	Math	492	503		

# Meriden Connecticut



## Government

Government Form: Mayor-Council-City Manager				Annual Debt Service (2002)	\$14,799,855
				As % of Expenditures	10.5%
Total Revenue (2002)	\$143,767,482	Total Expenditures (2002)	\$141,400,431	Eq. Net Grand List (2001)	\$3,417,139,531
Tax Revenue	\$79,387,699	Education	\$69,583,833	Per Capita	\$58,504
Non-tax Revenue	\$64,379,783	Other	\$57,016,743	As % of State Average	
Intergovernmental	\$58,856,398	Total Indebtness (2002)	\$104,935,713	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	2001
Per Capita Tax (2002)	\$1,375	As % of Expenditures	74.2%	Moody's Bond Rating (2001)	Baa1
As % of State Average	80.0%	Per Capita	\$1,818	Actual Mill Rate (2002)	37.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (2002)	25.00
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2001)	23.8%
				As % of State Average	105.2%

## Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2002)</i>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	13,732	201,349	869,742
Existing Units (total)	24,653	343,169	1,401,802	As % Total Dwellings	56%	59%	63%
% Single Unit	54.3%	59.0%	64.4%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	4,558	42,124	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2002)	73	1,701	9,731	<i>Real Estate Sales Distribution (2004)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.30%	0.69%	0.50%	Number of Sales			
Demolitions (2003)	38	383	1,275	Less than \$100,000	329	3,206	10,608
Residential Sales (2004)	1,642	19,427	83,255	\$100,001-\$200,000	982	7,309	26,425
Median Price	\$149,900	\$185,000	\$219,900	\$200,001-\$300,000	248	4,481	18,676
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	35.9%	33.2%	31.5%	\$300,001-\$400,000	54	2,143	10,402
				\$400,001 or More	29	2,288	17,144

## Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2004)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	30,449	429,676	1,797,361	Meriden	10,158	Meriden	10,158
Employed	28,688	407,288	1,709,849	Wallingford	2,110	Wallingford	4,212
Unemployed	1,761	22,388	87,512	Southington	1,027	Middletown	1,147
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.2%	4.9%	Middletown	767	New Haven	1,087
<i>Place of Work (2004)</i>				Waterbury	729	Hartford	968
Total Employment	25,313	366,915	1,631,848	New Haven	585	North Haven	857
'92-'04 Growth	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	Cheshire	579	Cheshire	831
AAGR				Hamden	442	Southington	718
Manufacturing				New Britain	371	Waterbury	685
				Bristol	342	Hamden	385

## Quality of Life

	<b>Town</b>	<b>State</b>	Library (2001)	<b>Town</b>	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2003)	14	1,226	Total Volumes	234,103	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.7	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	22	1,721			(800) 286-2000		
Infant Mortality Rate			<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<b>Miles</b>	Gas Provider		
Per 1,000 births (2001)	no calc	4.5	Hartford	17	Yankee Gas Company		
Crime Rate (1999)			Boston	107	(800)-989-0900		
Per 1,000 Residents	39	33	New York City	85	Water Provider		
% Open Land (1990)	34.3%	68.7%	Providence	74	City of Meriden Water Department		
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>					
Hospitals (1999)	1	7					
Total Beds	94	2,487					
				Cable Provider			
				Cox Communications CT, Inc.			
				203-514-4269			