



SCOREBOARD: CONNECTICUT vs. SELECT NEIGHBORING STATES - APR 2026



	Source	Date / Period	Denomination	CONN	NY	MASS	NH	U. S.	
COST OF LIVING - KEY ITEMS									
Average State Income Taxes Paid Per Household	U.S. Census: Annual Survey of State Tax Collections	FY 2024	Calculated Per Household	\$9,066	\$10,134	\$10,374	\$2,572	\$4,997	
Average Sales Tax Paid Per Household		FY 2024	Calculated Per Household	\$6,286	\$4,596	\$4,490	\$1,872	\$5,226	
Median Property Taxes Per Home Owner		Nov 2023 / 2022	Per Home Owner	\$8,300	8900	\$7,800	8100	NA	
Average Electricity Costs Per Household	Energy Info Admin	LTM as of Dec 25	Per Household	\$2,687	\$1,721	\$2,244	\$2,162	\$2,007	
Total				\$26,340	\$25,351	\$24,884	\$14,673		
DEMOGRAPHICS									
Population	U.S. Census	7/1/25	(000)	3,688	20,002	7,154	1,415	341,785	SOURCE Table
Population Race - % White Only	U.S. Census	2020	(% of total)	65%	55%	70%	88%	62%	
Populatn change (Net Migration - Domestic)	U.S. Census	4/1/2020 - 7/1/2025	(000)	-28	-1106	-182	36	NA	SOURCE Table
Populatn change (Net Migratr - Foreign, inc P Rico)	U.S. Census	4/1/2020 - 7/1/2025	(000)	110	749	287	12	8,329	SOURCE Table
Number of Households	U.S. Census	2025 (estimated)	(000)	1,460	7,827	2,835	573	130,551	
No. of Individuals Covered by Fedl Tax Returns	IRS	2022	(000)	3,203	17,010	6,082	1,266	293,617	Source link
AGI: Average Federal AGI (Per Indiv Covered)	IRS	2022	Per Individual	\$67,845	\$59,902	\$69,417	\$60,658	\$50,346	
ECONOMY									
Gross Domestic Product	U.S. BEA	2024	Current \$ Billions	\$357	\$2,322	\$778	\$119	\$29,185	
Real GDP Growth	U.S. BEA	2019-2024	CAGR in 2019 Dollars	0.8%	1.50%	2.1%	2.40%	2.40%	
Change in Civilian Labor Force	U.S. BLS	Dec 2024 - Dec 2025	(000); % Chng over Period	-33; -1.8%	217; 2.2%	-19; -0.5%	-0.4; -0.1%	1,207; 0.7%	
TAXATION									
Top state income tax rate	Tax Foundation	2026	Tax Rate	6.99%	10.9% (14.8%)	9.00%	0.00%	NA	
Combined state sales & avg local sales tax rate	Tax Foundation	As of Jan 2026	Tax Rate	6.35%	8.54%	6.25%	Zero	NA	
Property Taxes on Owner-Occupied Home Value [Highest rank = worst]	Tax Foundation	2024	Tax Rate (Rank)	1.54% (#3)	1.3% (#11)	1.04% (#16)	1.5% (#5)	NA	
Median: Home Value (Property Tax)	Yahoo Finance	Jan-26	(\$000)	\$482 (\$7.4)	\$501 (\$6.51)	\$652 (\$6.78)	\$515 (\$7.7)	NA	
State Gas Tax (Excise tax at the pump)	Tax Foundation	7/1/25	Cents per Gallon	25.0c	24.87c	27.47c	23.83c	NA	
BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS									
Corporate Tax Rate - CT inclg 10% surcharge	Tax Foundation	Jan-26	Tax Rate	8.25%	7.25%	8.00%	7.50%	NA	
Electricity Rates: Residentl (R) / Commercl (C)	U.S. EIA	LTM as of Jan-2026	Cents per Kilowatt Hour	28.3 (R) 23.16 (C)	28.37 (R) 22.28 (C)	31.16 (R) 25.64 (C)	26.32 (R) 22.19 (C)	17.45 (R) 13.64 (C)	
Interstate Highway Congestion: Number of Top 100 Bottlenecks	Amer. Transpo. Research Inst	2025	No. of Top 100 in State	4	5	3	-	90 in 20 states	
STATE FINANCES - Aggregate (\$B) / Per Capita									
Bonded Debt	ACFR	2025	\$B / \$ Per Capita	\$28.5B / \$7,728	\$62.214B / \$3,110	\$37.8B / \$5,297	\$1.04B / \$734	NA	
Genl Fund Spending	NASBO	2026 enacted	\$B / \$ Per Capita	\$24B / \$6,508	\$125.5B / \$6,420	\$49.61B / \$7,086	\$1.96B / \$1,382	\$1,165B / \$3,400	
Unfunded Pensions & OPEBs	ACFR	2026	\$B, \$ Per Capita	\$50.9B / \$13,499	\$70.37B / \$3,518	\$54.9B / \$7,693	\$2,44B / \$1,727	NA	
Medicaid-CHIP Enrollmt (000)	Kaiser (KFF)	Dec-25	K; % of population	905; 24.5%	6,516; 32.6%	1,581; 22.1%	175; 12.4%	75,726; 22.2%	
State Medicaid Spending: \$Billion (% of FY23 Gen Fd)	Kaiser (KFF)	Fed FY 2024	\$B (% of SF Gen Fund)	\$4.46B (41%)	\$40.47B (32%)	\$11.02B (22%)	\$1.08B (55%)	\$325B (35%)	
Rainy Day Fund: \$Billion (% of Genl Fund)	NASBO	2026 enacted	\$B / % of Genl Fund	\$4.57B (19%)	\$9.76B (7.8%)	\$8.32B (16.8%)	\$0.245B (12.5%)	(Median: 15.1%)	
Long Term Fiscal Surplus/(Shortfall) Total; Per Capita; Rank [50=worst]	Truth in Accounting	FY 2025	\$B; \$ Per Capita; Rank	(\$61.8B); (\$44,500); #49	(\$59.1B); (\$8,400); #36	(\$69.7B); (\$24,900); #47	(\$0.390B); (\$700); #26	NA	
STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION									
State Employee Pension Fund: Funded Ratio; Unfunded Liability (UAAL)	BC Retirement Center	2024	%; \$Billions	65%; \$36.90B	88%; \$62.09B	69%; \$43.40B	66%; \$5.75B	NA	
State Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Salary	U.S. Census	Month of Mar 2024 annualized	K; \$Billions; \$K	59K; \$5.81B; \$98K	246K; \$22.7B; \$92K	109K; \$10.2B; \$93.1K	19K; \$1.45B; \$78K	4.6M; \$370.7B; \$81K	
Local Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Salary	U.S. Census			128K; \$10.1B; \$79K	960K; \$85.3B; \$88K	250K; \$20.6B; \$82K	50K; \$3.1B; \$62K	12.6M; \$916B; \$73K	
Averg Salary - Public & Private Workers	U.S. Census	2024	Per Individual	\$56,190	\$51,002	\$57,789	\$53,064	\$45,256	
EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS									
8th Grade Math - NAEP Score; (Rank)	NAEP Test	2024	Score / Rank	277 (#17)	271 (#27)	283 (#1)	280 (#9)	272	
8th Grade Reading - NAEP Score; (Rank)	NAEP Test	2024	Score / Rank	263 (#5)	257 (#27)	268 (#1)	264 (#4)	257	
Total public school enrollment	Ntl. Center Ed Stats	Fall, 2023	Actual Enrollment	512,652	2,533,449	914,958	166,594	49,516,361	
Per Pupil Spending: Pre-K - 12	U.S. Census	2023	50 States & DC	\$25,081	\$30,012	\$22,947	\$21,731	\$16,526	
Special Ed Population: Age 5 to 21 (% of Total School Population)	IDEA ClicData	2023	Headcount (000)	84 (16%)	494 (20%)	176 (19%)	29 (17%)	7301 (15%)	
PUBLIC SAFETY									
Violent Crime	FBI	LTM 2026; Calendar 2025	Number of Incidences	3,575; 3,979	57,097; 66,304	14,253; 16,869	1,616; 1,646	939K; 1,001K	
Urban Shootings	FBI	LTM through 3/31/26	No. of Shootings: Fatal & Non-Fatal ⁽³⁾	399	4,326	1,228	147	193,435	
State Shootings	FBI		No. of Shootings: Fatal	36	181	43	12	7,749	
Urban Shootings per 100K	Calculated		Rate per 100,000	11.08	21.63	17.17	10.39	NA	
Drug OD Deaths: Total; Rate per 100K; Rank [lowest=worst]	Stateline / CDC	2024	Total; Rate; Rank	1,254; 35; #19	3,133; 16; #47 (NYC rank: #14)	2,213; 32; #23	398; 28; #30	101K; 168;	

Rank is in descending order and based on per 100k. #1 equals most per 100k, #50 = least per 100k