



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
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
Populatn change (Net Migratr - Foreign, inc P Rico)	U.S. Census	4/1/2020 - 7/1/2025	(000)	110	749	287	12	8,329
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
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	25.0¢	24.87¢	27.47¢	23.83¢	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	66%; \$20.97B	87%; \$49.06B	73%; \$17.80B	67%; \$5.76B	NA
State Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Salary	U.S. Census	Month of Mar 2025 annualized	K; \$Billions; \$K	60K; \$6.1B; \$102K	253K; \$25.6B; \$101K	114K; \$10.9B; \$96.4K	19K; \$1.47B; \$79K	4.7M; \$412B; \$87.7K
Local Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Salary	U.S. Census			130K; \$10.4B; \$80.5K	974K; \$86.3B; \$88K	255K; \$21.7B; \$85K	51K; \$3.3B; \$65K	12.8M; \$969B; \$76K
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