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CONNECTICUT POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

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You asked for statistics on police departments in Connecticut. Specifically, you want to know how many municipal police departments are in the state and the number of sworn officers in each. You also want to know how many towns are under State Police jurisdiction.

SUMMARY

There are 92 municipal police departments in Connecticut (including (1) Groton City, Groton Town, and Groton Long Point, which are counted as municipal police departments for purposes of this report, and (2) Putnam, which is included both in the municipal police department count and as a town under State Police jurisdiction). As of April 2011, the 92 departments employed 6,656 officers.

Eighty-one towns are under State Police jurisdiction either because they do not have their own organized police department or have agreed to let the State Police supervise their police or constables. The State Police provides law enforcement services in these towns through 12 troop locations, with each troop responsible for several towns. Any town that wants its own trooper must execute a contract with the State Police and pay 70% of the trooper's "compensation, maintenance and other expenses." Otherwise, State Police towns do not pay for any law enforcement services the State Police provides. Fifty-six of the 81 State Police towns have resident state troopers (total 115); the other 25 are served by the State Police troop responsible for the town.

CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Connecticut has 92 municipal police departments. As of April 2011, they employed a total of 6,656 police officers. Nineteen departments have 100 or more police officers, with the largest five being Hartford (445), New Haven (443), Bridgeport (406), Waterbury (292), and Stamford (282). Fifty-four departments employ 50 or fewer officers, including 13 that employ fewer than 20. (For purposes of this report, we counted Groton, Groton City, and Groton Long Point as municipalities. We also included Putnam, which has an organized police department, although part of the municipality is under State Police jurisdiction.) Table 1 shows the 92 municipal police departments and number of police officers employed in each.

Table 1: Municipal Police Departments in Connecticut as of April 2011 (92)

<i>Town</i>	<i>No of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Sworn Officers</i>
1. Ansonia	43	32. Guilford	35	63. Rocky Hill	33
2. Avon	34	33. Hamden	107	64. Seymour	42
3. Berlin	39	34. Hartford	445	65. Shelton	58
4. Bethel	39	35. Madison	28	66.. Simsbury	35
5. Bloomfield	47	36. Manchester	113	67.. S. Windsor	40
6. Branford	56	37. Meriden	127	68. Southington	75
7. Bridgeport	406	38. Middlebury	15	69. Stamford	282
8. Bristol	116	39. Middletown	97	70. Stonington	38
9. Brookfield	34	40. Milford	113	71. Stratford	119
10. Canton	14	41. Monroe	45	72. Suffield	22
11. Cheshire	51	42. Naugatuck	59	73. Thomaston	14
12. Clinton	26	43. New Britain	148	74. Torrington	85
13. Coventry	14	42. New Canaan	45	75. Trumbull	73
14. Cromwell	25	45. New Haven	443	76. Vernon	46
15. Danbury	160	46. New London	92	77. Wallingford	74
16. Darien	53	47. New Milford	47	78. Waterbury	292
17. Derby	37	48. Newington	52	79. Waterford	46
18. East Hampton	15	49. Newtown	43	80. Watertown	44
19. E. Hartford	123	50. North Branford	23	81. West Hartford	125
20. E. Haven	58	51. N. Haven	46	82. West Haven	112
21. E. Windsor	25	52. Norwalk	176	83. Weston	14
22. Easton	18	53. Norwich	76	84. Westport	81
23. Enfield	98	54. Old Saybrook	28	85. Wethersfield	48
24. Fairfield	106	55. Orange	43	86. Willimantic	41
25. Farmington	49	56. Plainfield	16	87. Wilton	42
26. Glastonbury	54	57. Plainville	33	88. Winchester	19
27. Granby	14	58. Plymouth	24	89. Windsor	49
28. Greenwich	170	59. Portland	12	90. Windsor Locks	25
29. Groton City	30	60. Putnam	15	91. Wolcott	25
30. Groton Long Point	8	61. Redding	16	92. Woodbridge	26
31. Groton Town	68	62. Ridgefield	39		

Source: Police Officer Standards and Training Council

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

The State Police is responsible for providing law enforcement coverage, including patrol services, in 81 towns that either do not have an organized police department or have agreed to let the State Police supervise their police officers or constables. It provides the coverage through 12 troops operating from barracks across the state. Each troop is responsible for several towns (see Attachment 1). Normally, officers are not assigned to work exclusively with specific towns. Thus, some towns opt for law enforcement coverage in the form of state police officers stationed in the towns and working exclusively for the towns (i.e., resident troopers).

By law, the public safety commissioner may appoint state police officers as resident state troopers in towns that do not have an organized police force. Resident troopers have the same powers as regular state police officers and are entitled to the same rights and subject to the same rules and regulations as the Division of State Police (CGS § 29-5). A town that wants resident troopers must enter into a contract with the State Police. The contract can be for up to two years and may be terminated by either party.

Each town pays 70% of the cost of the resident trooper's "compensation, maintenance and other expenses" (CGS § 29-5). This includes 70% of the wages and fringe benefits associated with overtime, according to a 2009 attorney general's opinion (Attorney General Op. 2009-005, June 30, 2009). The actual dollar figure may vary depending on the assigned trooper's pay grade.

Currently 56 towns have resident state troopers. Just over half of them (30) have only one resident trooper; one-quarter (14) of them have two; and 12 have three or more, with Mansfield having the most (8). The total number of resident troopers currently assigned in the 56 towns is 115 (see Table 1).

Table 2: Towns with Resident State Troopers as of April 2011 (56)

<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>
1. Andover	1	20. Essex*	1	39. N. Stonington	3
2. Barkhamsted	1	21. Griswold	2	40. Old Lyme*	2
3. Beacon Falls	1	22. Haddam	2	41. Oxford*	5
4. Bethany	1	23. Harwinton	2	42. Preston	2
5. Bethlehem	1	24. Hebron*	2	43. Prospect*	1
6. Bolton	2	25. Killingly	4	44. Roxbury*	1
7. Bridgewater	1	26. Killingworth	1	45. Salem	2
8. Brooklyn	2	27. Lebanon*	1	46. Salisbury*	1
9. Burlington*	3	28. Ledyard*	1	47. Sherman	1
10. Chaplin	1	29. Lisbon	1	48. Somers*	6
11. Chester*	1	30. Litchfield*	2	49. Southbury*	1
12. Colchester*	2	31. Mansfield*	8	50. Sprague	1
13. Columbia	1	32. Marlborough*	2	51. Stafford*	5
14. Deep River*	1	33. Middlefield*	1	52. Sterling	1
15. Durham	1	34. Montville*	1	53. Tolland	5
16. E. Granby*	3	35. New Fairfield*	7	54. Washington*	1
17. E. Haddam*	2	36. New Hartford*	2	55. Westbrook*	3
18. E. Lyme*	1	37. Norfolk	1	56. Woodbury*	1
19. Ellington	5	38. North Canaan	1		

Source: Division of State Police

*Towns with police officers or constables supervised by the State Police

TOWNS UNDER STATE POLICE JURISDICTION

Twenty-five of the 81 towns under State Police jurisdiction do not have resident troopers. The State Police, through its 12 troops, provides a full range of law enforcement services in these towns (see Table 3).

Table 3: Non-Resident Trooper Towns Under State Police Jurisdiction as of April 2011 (25)

<i>Town</i>	<i>Troop Providing Coverage</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Troop Providing Coverage</i>
1. Ashford	C	14. Lyme	F
2. Bozrah	K	15. Pomfret	D
3. Canaan	B	16. Putnam*	D
4. Canterbury	D	17. Scotland	D
5. Colebrook	B	18. Sharon	B
6. Cornwall	B	19. Thompson	D
7. Eastford	D	20. Union	C
8. Franklin	K	21. Voluntown	E
9. Goshen	B	22. Warren	L
10. Hampton	D	23. Willington	C
11. Hartland	B	24. Windham**	K
12. Kent	L	25. Woodstock	D
13. Morris	F		

Source: Division of State Police

*The town of Putnam has a service district that has its own police department but the rest of the town is under State Police jurisdiction.

**The State Police, on its own initiative, has stationed three troopers in the Windham Heights Housing project because of public safety issues associated with the project. These services are provided at no cost to the town.

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ATTACHMENT: 1

Towns by State Police Troop

Troop A (16 towns)

Bethel
Bridgewater
Brookfield
Danbury
Middlebury
New Fairfield
New Milford
Newtown
Oxford
Redding
Ridgefield
Roxbury
Sherman
Southbury
Waterbury
Wolcott

Troop B (13 towns)

Barkhamsted
Canaan
Colebrook
Cornwall
Goshen
Hartland
New Hartford
Norfolk
North Canaan
Salisbury
Sharon
Torrington
Winchester (Winstead)

Troop C (10 towns)

Ashford
Coventry
Ellington
Mansfield
Somers
Stafford
Tolland
Union
Vernon
Willington

Troop D (13 towns)

Brooklyn
Canterbury
Chaplin

Eastford
Hampton
Killingly
Plainfield
Pomfret
Putnam
Scotland
Sterling
Thompson
Woodstock

Troop E (14 towns)

East Lyme
Griswold
Groton
Ledyard
Lisbon
Montville
New London
North Stonington
Norwich
Preston
Sprague
Stonington
Voluntown
Waterford

Troop F (17 towns)

Branford
Chester
Clinton
Deep River
Durham
Essex
Guilford
Haddam
Killingworth
Lyme
Madison
Middlefield
Middletown
North Branford
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Westbrook

Troop G (14 towns)

Bridgeport
Darien

Easton
Fairfield
Greenwich
Monroe
New Canaan
Norwalk
Stamford
Stratford
Trumbull
Weston
Westport
Wilton

Troops H & W

(25 towns)

Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Cromwell
East Granby
East Hartford
East Windsor
Enfield
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Manchester
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
South Windsor
Southington
Suffield
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Troop I (19 towns)

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Cheshire
Derby
East Haven
Hamden

Meriden
Milford
Naugatuck
New Haven
North Haven
Orange
Prospect
Seymour
Shelton
Wallingford
West Haven
Woodbridge

Troop K (14 towns)

Andover
Bolton
Bozrah
Colchester
Columbia
East Haddam
East Hampton
Franklin
Hebron
Lebanon
Marlborough
Portland
Salem
Windham (Willimantic)

Troop L (14 towns)

Bethlehem
Bristol
Burlington
Canton
Harwinton
Kent
Litchfield
Morris
Plymouth
Thomaston
Warren
Washington
Watertown
Woodbury