



NUMBER OF MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT

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CONNECTICUT'S 10 LARGEST MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

New Haven 436

Hartford: 406

Bridgeport: 381

Waterbury: 276

Stamford: 273

Greenwich: 181

Norwalk: 178

New Britain: 164

Danbury: 154

West Hartford: 130

Source: Police Officer Standards and
Training Council

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How many municipal police departments are in Connecticut, and how many police officers do they employ? This report updates OLR Report [2011-R-0194](#).

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CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Connecticut has 92 municipal police departments. As of October 2016, they employed a total of 6,628 police officers. Nineteen departments employ 100 or more police officers, and fifty-three employ 50 or fewer officers, including 14 that employ fewer than 20.

Table 1 shows the 92 municipal police departments and number of police officers employed in each. (For towns under State Police jurisdiction, see OLR Report [2016-R-0246](#).)



Table 1: Municipal Police Departments in Connecticut as of October 2016*

<i>Police Department</i>	<i>No of Police Officers</i>	<i>Police Department</i>	<i>No. of Police Officers</i>	<i>Police Department</i>	<i>No. of Police Officers</i>
Ansonia	43	Guilford	35	Rocky Hill	35
Avon	28	Hamden	108	Seymour	43
Berlin	42	Hartford	406	Shelton	52
Bethel	40	Ledyard	21	Simsbury	37
Bloomfield	50	Madison	31	South Windsor	39
Branford	58	Manchester	109	Southington	71
Bridgeport	381	Meriden	119	Stamford	273
Bristol	117	Middlebury	17	Stonington	44
Brookfield	40	Middletown	110	Stratford	98
Canton	15	Milford	107	Suffield	19
Cheshire	47	Monroe	50	Thomaston	15
Clinton	31	Naugatuck	61	Torrington	80
Coventry	16	New Britain	164	Trumbull	77
Cromwell	26	New Canaan	46	Vernon	50
Danbury	154	New Haven	436	Wallingford	70
Darien	49	New London	70	Waterbury	276
Derby	36	New Milford	50	Waterford	47
East Hampton	15	Newington	54	Watertown	48
East Hartford	122	Newtown	45	West Hartford	130
East Haven	54	North Branford	21	West Haven	125
East Windsor	26	North Haven	51	Weston	16
Easton	17	Norwalk	178	Westport	60
Enfield	94	Norwich	93	Wethersfield	51
Fairfield	109	Old Saybrook	32	Willimantic	43
Farmington	54	Orange	44	Wilton	45
Glastonbury	58	Plainfield	19	Winchester	19
Granby	15	Plainville	38	Windsor	53
Greenwich	181	Plymouth	24	Windsor Locks	25
Groton City	28	Putnam**	16	Wolcott	27
Groton Long Point	9	Redding	18	Woodbridge	23
Groton Town	66	Ridgefield	43		

Source: Police Officer Standards and Training Council (number of officers) and Connecticut Police Chiefs Association

*Does not include university campus police, tribal police, the State Capitol police, Supreme Court police, State Environmental Conservation police, Metropolitan District police, and Aquarion Water Company police.

**Part of Putnam is under State Police jurisdiction, but the municipality has a service district that has its own police department.

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