

Police Officers in Connecticut Statistics (2010-2019)

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This report compiles statistics on the number of sworn police officers in municipal, state, tribal, and university departments in Connecticut for the years 2010 to 2019.

Summary

Based on data from the annual [Crime in the United States](#) reports published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and from the annual [Crime in Connecticut](#) reports published by the state's Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), we calculated averages of the annual number of sworn police officers for the municipal, state, tribal, and university departments that participated in those reports' programs during the last 10 years. Overall, the number of officers in all participating departments generally held steady throughout the period except for the State Police, which has declined in each of the last four years.

Information on the *Crime* Reports

The *Crime in the United States* report is one of several annual and periodic publications from the FBI's [Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) Program](#). Developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the late 1920s and then formalized with legislation from Congress in 1930, the UCR Program serves as the national clearinghouse for crime statistics. The UCR Program aids in the administration and evaluation of law enforcement by collecting and providing reliable crime data. DESPP's *Crime in Connecticut* report is the statutorily-required annual publication from the state's UCR Program ([CGS § 29-1c](#)).

A key feature of the UCR Program is that it establishes a set of standardized definitions for the information it tracks. Its definitions are generic by design so that they can capture as many local, state, and federal variations of the same data point as possible, such as a type of crime like murder. As a result, law enforcement agencies are asked to submit their information according to this terminology rather than how the law in their jurisdiction may define something.

Beyond criminal offense data, participating agencies submit employee-related data each year, including the total number of sworn law enforcement officers and civilian employees in their agencies as of October 31. The UCR Program defines “law enforcement officers” as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds allocated specifically for sworn law enforcement representatives. The FBI also notes that the totals given for sworn officers for an agency reflect not only the patrol officers on the street, but also the officers assigned to various other duties such as those in administrative and investigative positions and those assigned to special teams (see, e.g., this [program webpage](#)).

Across the 10 years covered by this report, almost all law enforcement agencies in Connecticut, including municipal, state, tribal, and university police departments, participated in the UCR Program with some exceptions for certain years. Relatedly, DESPP notes that the Mashantucket Tribal Nation and the Mohegan Tribal Nation joined the Connecticut program in 2014 when they were credentialed as local police departments. The Department of Motor Vehicles and Ledyard Police Department began reporting as stand-alone agencies in 2016 and the East Lyme Police Department began reporting as a stand-alone agency in 2017.

Agencies generally submit their data to DESPP on a monthly basis and there are procedures in statute to address situations when an agency fails to submit its report or if it sends a report with missing, incomplete, or incorrect information ([CGS § 29-1c\(c\)](#)). DESPP reviews submissions, ensures quality control, and forwards the data to the FBI for inclusion in the national UCR Program.

Sworn Police Officer Statistics

Tables 1 and 2 below show the annual number and average annual rate of sworn officers across the past 10-year period for each municipal police department and the State Police, respectively. Tables 3 and 4 show the average annual rate for each year from 2010 to 2019 for the total municipal police and the State Police. The rates describe the number of officers per 1,000 people. Graph 1 provides a visualization of the rates in Tables 3 and 4. Tables 5, 6, and 7 present the annual number of officers in other state departments, the tribal departments, and the university departments, respectively. The average annual number of officers in each table is rounded to the nearest whole number.

Table 1: Municipal Police Sworn Officers

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
Ansonia	44	44	46	47	46	46	42	43	46	43	45	18,911	2.36
Avon	28	29	32	29	31	32	32	30	33	32	31	18,284	1.68
Berlin	40	41	41	41	42	41	42	41	41	41	41	20,541	2.00
Bethel	36	35	35	37	37	35	37	37	37	38	36	19,391	1.88
Bloomfield	46	46	41	48	48	47	47	46	48	48	47	20,884	2.23
Branford	50	49	47	56	50	48	49	51	51	53	50	28,214	1.79
Bridgeport	406	421	414	411	389	356	376	388	392	365	392	145,856	2.69
Bristol	118	112	114	113	122	119	118	120	119	117	117	60,568	1.94
Brookfield	30	31	31	34	33	33	33	34	34	34	33	16,996	1.92
Canton	13	15	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	15	10,332	1.43
Cheshire	46	48	48	42	48	46	47	45	48	48	47	29,290	1.59
Clinton	24	24	24	24	27	25	27	27	27	27	26	13,164	1.94
Coventry	14	14	14	15	15	15	14	16	16	16	15	12,441	1.20
Cromwell	25	26	26	26	27	25	25	27	26	26	26	14,052	1.84
Danbury	152	145	145	144	143	146	146	139	145	148	145	83,816	1.73
Darien	51	51	51	51	50	51	49	49	51	51	51	21,485	2.35
Derby	30	31	31	36	33	34	34	34	34	34	33	12,695	2.61
East Hampton	14	15	14	14	14	15	15	16	16	16	15	12,925	1.15
East Hartford	124	120	122	117	118	119	123	125	120	111	120	50,620	2.37
East Haven	49	49	49	48	49	53	52	52	53	50	50	28,989	1.74

Table 1 (continued)

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
East Lyme	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	22	24	23	18,727	1.23
Easton	16	15	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	7,584	1.94
East Windsor	23	23	24	25	25	25	26	25	28	25	25	11,374	2.19
Enfield	96	89	96	91	96	100	94	92	87	93	93	44,702	2.09
Fairfield	103	105	105	104	104	106	107	102	105	106	105	60,963	1.72
Farmington	45	45	44	41	43	44	45	44	48	46	45	25,575	1.74
Glastonbury	55	57	56	57	56	58	57	56	57	56	57	34,584	1.63
Granby	15	13	15	15	14	16	15	16	16	16	15	11,335	1.33
Greenwich	150	148	146	152	152	152	151	153	152	155	151	62,619	2.41
Groton	31	27	24	28	27	27	27	28	26	27	27	9,457	2.88
Groton Long Point	7	7	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	533	9.76
Groton Town	66	65	66	65	64	66	59	63	62	65	64	29,686	2.16
Guilford	37	37	35	37	36	36	33	37	38	37	36	22,400	1.62
Hamden	106	106	103	103	106	107	108	107	104	102	105	60,916	1.73
Hartford	452	440	478	455	420	413	398	390	394	447	429	124,225	3.45
Ledyard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	21	21	23	22	14,854	1.46
Madison	26	27	24	28	30	26	27	27	28	30	27	18,321	1.49
Manchester	117	117	119	112	109	108	104	109	110	112	112	57,992	1.93
Meriden	117	119	116	117	119	122	113	111	118	120	117	60,141	1.95
Middlebury	11	11	10	10	10	10	11	11	12	10	11	7,629	1.39
Middletown	98	97	106	99	110	109	109	114	112	112	107	47,149	2.26

Table 1 (continued)

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
Milford	110	108	109	114	110	108	116	115	109	112	111	54,067	2.05
Monroe	39	38	40	42	42	42	43	43	43	43	42	19,740	2.10
Naugatuck	57	58	57	59	57	56	57	60	57	56	57	31,675	1.81
New Britain	151	140	128	156	161	157	161	158	161	158	153	72,708	2.11
New Canaan	45	44	45	43	47	47	45	46	45	46	45	20,266	2.24
New Haven	452	359	407	385	458	425	454	427	406	N/A	419	129,858	3.23
Newington	50	52	52	52	51	50	51	50	52	52	51	30,512	1.68
New London	89	95	80	68	67	68	77	68	69	69	75	27,223	2.76
New Milford	47	49	50	49	49	49	50	42	45	45	48	27,588	1.72
Newtown	45	46	46	45	45	44	44	45	45	45	45	27,943	1.61
North Branford	23	22	22	22	23	22	22	22	23	23	22	14,319	1.56
North Haven	46	48	48	47	48	48	49	49	51	50	48	23,911	2.02
Norwalk	175	164	169	177	176	172	177	179	177	176	174	87,863	1.98
Norwich	75	74	84	88	91	88	88	84	83	85	84	39,655	2.12
Old Saybrook	23	25	24	25	25	23	25	17	22	24	23	10,235	2.28
Orange	42	40	41	42	47	45	43	46	43	45	43	13,958	3.11
Plainfield	16	16	15	15	18	18	18	18	18	16	17	15,226	1.10
Plainville	34	34	32	35	35	33	37	37	38	38	35	17,731	1.99
Plymouth	22	23	24	25	22	24	24	23	23	21	23	11,917	1.94
Portland	11	11	11	11	11	10	11	12	12	12	11	9,452	1.18
Putnam	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	15	15	9,424	1.58

Table 1 (continued)

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
Redding	15	15	15	17	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	9,239	1.75
Ridgefield	40	37	40	42	42	42	42	40	41	41	41	25,082	1.62
Rocky Hill	33	31	34	35	37	36	36	35	36	37	35	19,919	1.76
Seymour	40	39	40	37	40	43	41	39	37	41	40	16,554	2.40
Shelton	55	52	52	53	50	48	52	50	50	50	51	41,049	1.25
Simsbury	34	35	34	36	36	36	37	37	36	38	36	24,219	1.48
Southington	66	66	68	67	66	66	68	64	66	68	67	43,659	1.52
South Windsor	39	42	40	41	40	39	38	41	40	41	40	25,954	1.55
Stamford	277	274	269	283	278	280	267	283	282	266	276	127,594	2.16
Stonington	36	35	35	34	35	35	37	38	39	39	36	18,559	1.96
Stratford	102	94	96	96	105	103	100	104	105	103	101	52,022	1.94
Suffield	19	18	19	19	19	19	17	21	20	19	19	15,727	1.21
Thomaston	11	11	10	16	13	14	16	18	16	13	14	7,702	1.79
Torrington	85	83	81	82	80	76	76	80	77	76	80	35,182	2.26
Trumbull	71	72	72	74	77	76	75	78	74	76	75	36,300	2.05
Vernon	50	52	52	50	50	48	49	49	48	47	50	29,326	1.69
Wallingford	66	70	66	68	70	71	69	66	71	72	69	44,997	1.53
Waterbury	285	290	280	279	271	281	272	277	264	293	279	109,045	2.56
Waterford	46	47	46	45	47	47	47	45	45	49	46	19,271	2.41
Watertown	40	38	40	38	39	39	39	37	37	40	39	22,045	1.76

Table 1 (continued)

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
West Hartford	126	124	126	129	128	126	128	122	123	122	125	63,016	1.99
West Haven	114	120	124	124	123	123	123	118	109	N/A	120	54,881	2.18
Weston	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	16	16	17	15	10,346	1.48
Westport	68	65	61	64	64	64	62	64	64	64	64	27,595	2.32
Wethersfield	47	47	44	46	47	47	48	48	48	48	47	26,366	1.78
Willimantic	41	40	43	43	44	45	43	43	42	44	43	17,655	2.42
Wilton	43	43	43	44	45	43	45	44	43	39	43	18,544	2.33
Winchester	19	19	18	18	16	19	19	21	23	22	19	10,891	1.78
Windsor	49	47	49	49	52	49	54	52	52	51	50	29,048	1.74
Windsor Locks	24	22	25	22	25	26	25	26	28	28	25	12,605	1.99
Wolcott	19	24	24	24	24	22	23	22	24	26	23	16,700	1.39
Woodbridge	25	26	26	25	26	25	23	24	24	24	25	8,943	2.77
TOTAL	6,477	6,347	6,408	6,435	6,497	6,410	6,460	6,459	6,444	5,981	6,475	3,085,524	2.10

Table 2: State Police Sworn Officers

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Estimated Population	Average Annual Rate (per 1,000 people)
State Police	1,170	1,128	1,088	1,129	1,128	1,134	1,060	966	917	864	1,058	521,937	2.03

Table 3: Total Municipal Police

Year	Sworn Officers	Estimated Population	Rate (per 1,000 people)
2010	6,477	3,028,169	2.14
2011	6,347	3,041,572	2.09
2012	6,408	3,051,583	2.10
2013	6,435	3,058,728	2.10
2014	6,497	3,064,166	2.12
2015	6,410	3,066,328	2.09
2016	6,460	3,075,206	2.10
2017	6,459	3,079,989	2.10
2018	6,444	3,093,004	2.08
2019	5,981	2,891,545	2.07

Table 4: State Police

Year	Sworn Officers	Estimated Population	Rate (per 1,000 people)
2010	1,170	548,292	2.13
2011	1,128	541,537	2.08
2012	1,088	541,161	2.01
2013	1,129	539,717	2.09
2014	1,128	534,870	2.11
2015	1,134	526,902	2.15
2016	1,060	503,579	2.10
2017	966	510,518	1.89
2018	917	481,992	1.90
2019	864	490,797	1.76

Graph 1: Rates of Sworn Municipal and State Police Officers (2010-2019)

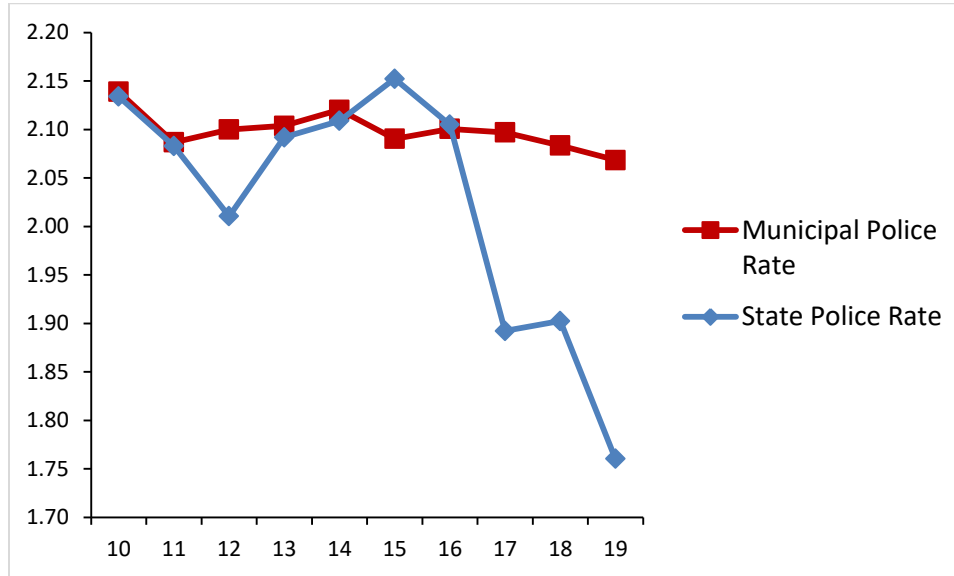


Table 5: Other State Police Sworn Officers

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number
Department of Motor Vehicles	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	51	53	48	51
State Capitol Police	27	28	28	28	33	32	32	33	32	32	31
TOTAL	27	28	28	28	33	32	82	84	85	80	81

Table 6: Tribal Police Sworn Officers

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number
Mashantucket Pequot	11	11	16	N/A	24	26	25	25	28	28	22
Mohegan	N/A	N/A	21	N/A	26	27	28	28	27	29	27
TOTAL	11	11	37	N/A	50	53	53	53	55	57	48

Table 7: University Police Sworn Officers

Department	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Number
Central	21	20	21	21	21	20	19	18	19	19	20
Eastern	17	16	17	17	16	16	14	14	11	11	15
Southern	26	26	27	25	26	28	27	23	25	24	26
UConn	84	84	81	84	82	87	96	94	96	94	88
Western	17	17	16	15	14	15	12	12	13	14	15
Yale	85	81	84	84	82	86	87	89	91	93	86
TOTAL	250	244	246	246	241	252	255	250	255	255	249

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