

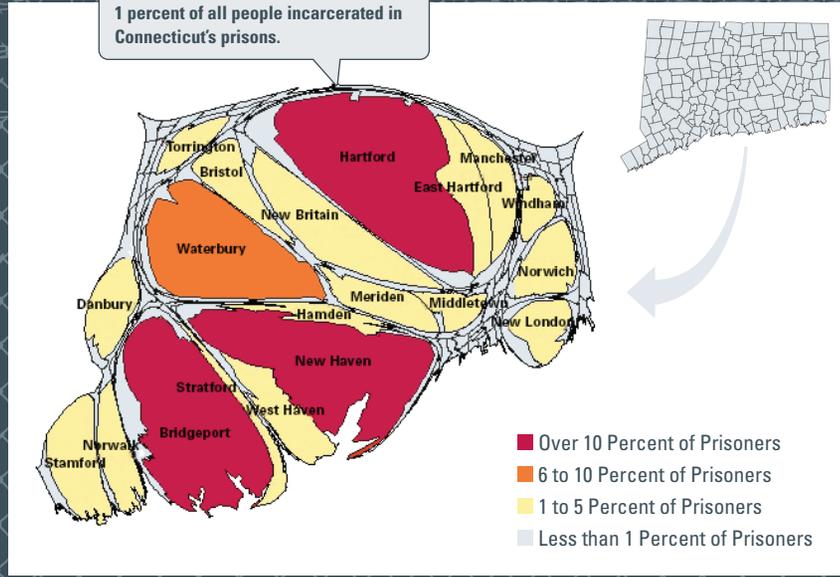
Prisoners Wanted!

When deciding political boundaries for state Senate and House districts, prison towns benefit from OVER-representation because of their local prison population. Other towns are then UNDER-represented

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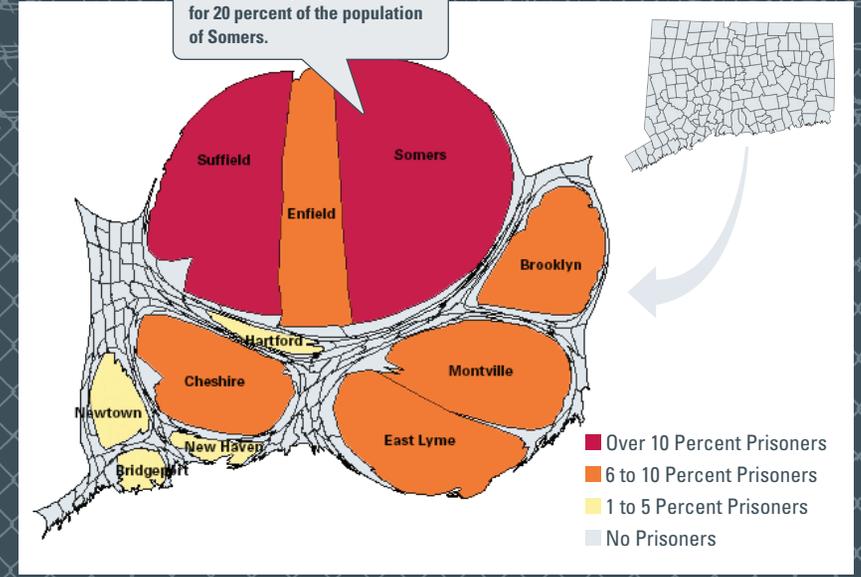
Hometown of Incarcerated People

Somers is the hometown for less than 1 percent of all people incarcerated in Connecticut's prisons.



Towns Where People are Incarcerated

Incarcerated people account for 20 percent of the population of Somers.



“Prison inmates cannot vote yet they are included in the local population count for political representation. The result is that towns with prisons are OVER-represented, and towns without prisons are under-represented.”

— Werner Oyanadel, Executive Director, Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission <http://www.cga.ct.gov/lprac/>

“The practice of prison gerrymandering undermines the vital American principle of equal representation. This has to stop.”

— David McGuire, Legislative and Policy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut <http://www.acluct.org/>



“Our communities must be properly represented in the way district lines are drawn so as not to disenfranchise any voting bloc through under-representation. Our process for redistricting must be fair and empowering, but prison gerrymandering is among the most exploitative and unjust processes. We must put an end to it in 2016.”

— Ingrid Alvarez, Connecticut State Director, Hispanic Federation <http://www.hispanicfederation.org/>



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“The League of Women Voters of Connecticut believes that it is vital that legislative districts reflect the diversity of the populace they represent and serve, especially with regard to racial and ethnic diversity. Therefore the League believes that for districting purposes, incarcerated persons should be counted in their hometown populations, not in the communities where they are incarcerated.”

— Gloria Bent, President, League of Women Voters of Connecticut <http://www.lwvct.org/>

