

League of Women Voters of Westport
Westport, a Profile of our Town
What Should we Know?

Westport, Connecticut

- Established in 1835 and Incorporated May 28, 1835
- One of X towns in Fairfield County, Connecticut
- Westport is part of the Western Connecticut Planning Region

Local Government

- 9 town voting districts
- Local elections in odd years, state and national elections in even years
- Elected Positions:
 - Representative Town Meeting, since 1949 (two year terms)
 - Three Selectmen/women (four year terms)
 - Board of Finance (four year terms)
 - Board of Education (four year terms)
 - Zoning Board of Appeals (four year terms)
 - Planning and Zoning Commission (four year terms)

State Government

- State Senate District 26
- State House of Representatives District
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Key Profile and Demographics

- Total land 33.45 sq miles
 - Land 19.96 sq miles
 - Water 13.49 sq miles
- 26% of town residents live within the 100-year flood plain
- Population
 - 11,667 in 1950, 20,955 in 1960 (housing boom), 27,318 in 1970; 25,290 in 1980, 24,410 in 1990, 25,749 in 2000, 26,392 in 2010 and 27,141 in 2020 (July 1, 2022 @ 27,427)
- Population Density
 - 1,322.2 inhabitants per square mile
- Households
 - Median income in 2022 \$242,868
 - 9,725 in 2020
 - 18.4% of inhabitants were >65 in 2020
 - 26.9% of inhabitants were <18 in 2020
 - 5.4% under 5

Assets & Infrastructure

- **State**
 - Sherwood Island, CT's first State Park @ 234 acres (Friends of Sherwood)
 - Green's Farms Station

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- Rt. U.S. 1
- Rt. 136
- Rt. 33
- Rt. 57
- **Town**
 - 332 town roads running 123 miles (460 private roads @66 miles)
 - Compo Beach @ 29 acres
 - Burying Hill Beach
 - Old Mill Beach
 - Longshore Club Park, purchased in 1960
 - Senior Center
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- **Public Schools**
 - 91% of K-12 students are educated in public schools (Public School Review)
 - 5,207+ students
 - 5 Elementary (8 in 1990)
 - 2 Middle Schools
 - Staples High School
- **Town/Private**
 - Westport Public Library
 - Wakeman Town Farm
- **Private**
 - Aspetuck Land Trust
 - YMCA
 - Playhouse
 - Westport Community Theater
 - MOCA

Rankings

- **#1 Public Schools (Niche)**
- **#2 Best High School in CT and #240 in US (U.S. News and World Report)**
- **#27th Best Town in Connecticut**
- **Cost of Living Index = 230.8 (130% higher than National Average)**
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Major Events and Distinctions:

- 1992 and 1996 the flood Plain breached
- 2019 Westport had the highest per capita electric vehicle ownership