

Connecticut

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2005)	
Total People	3,394,751
Children (Under Age 18)	830,890
Income and Poverty (2005)	
Median Household Income (2005)	\$60,941
Rank Among States	3
Total People Living In Poverty	281,408
Poverty Rate	8.3%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	49
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	94,909
Child Poverty Rate	11.6%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	46
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	577,466
Food Insecurity Among Households (2003-2005, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	110,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	8.2%
Number of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	35,000
Percent of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	2.6%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	55,926
Free and Reduced-Price Students	47,256
Paid Students	8,669
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	38.7%
Free/Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	34.0
Rank Among States	46
Additional Free and Reduced-Priced Children Served if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	36,154
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	\$7,575,481
Number of Schools Participating	672
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	55.5%
Federal Reimbursement for School Breakfast	\$12,839,386
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	306,119
Free and Reduced-Price Students	139,017
Paid Students	167,102
Number of Schools Participating	1,211
Federal Reimbursement for School Lunch	\$59,403,542
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2005)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	27,751
July Summer Food Service Participation	8,216
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	19,535
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-3.0%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	21.7
Rank Among States	14
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	23,340
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$1,258,021
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	21
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	124
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$679,315

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Food Stamp Program (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Individuals Participating	210,288
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	33.9%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$94.74
Proportion of Eligible Persons Who Were Participating (FY 2004)	58%
Rank Among States	32
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2004)	45%
Federal Funding for Food Stamps	\$239,082,045
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants	51,443
Women	11,412
Infants	14,599
Children	25,432
Change in Last 10 Years (Total Participation)	-17.7%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$35,463,167
Child and Adult Care Food Program (FY 2006)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	931
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	5,539
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-48.8%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	366
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	11,407
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	26.4%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$9,731,731
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2006)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$1,379,156
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$590,079
Administrative Funding	\$412,264
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation	Not Available
Federal Funding for CSFP	in This State

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2006)	
State Minimum Wage	\$7.40
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2006)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2005)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants (2005)	39,143
Adults	11,081
Children	28,063
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2004)	\$636
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$125,739,101