



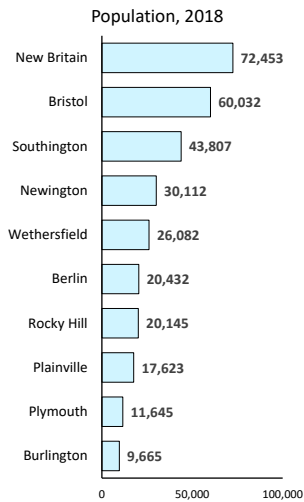
# CT DCJ Fact Sheet:

## The New Britain Judicial District

The New Britain Judicial District (JD) serves ten towns in central Connecticut. In addition, the JD oversees juvenile matters in 16 towns and serves as a regional hub for traffic infractions. In 2019, the GA 17 court in Bristol was shuttered and its cases were consolidated with GA 15 in New Britain.

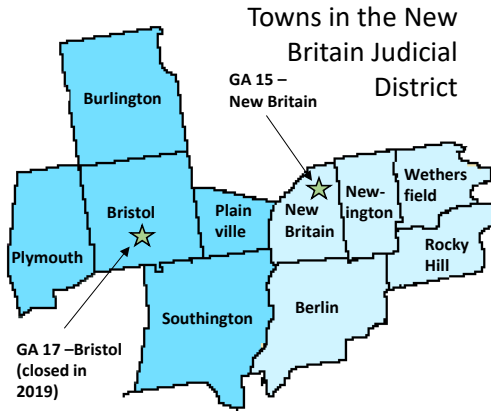
About 315,000 people live in the New Britain JD. New Britain, the largest town is home to about 23% of the JD's population. It is also home to over 60% of the district's Hispanic and 50% of its Black non-Hispanic. Approximately 49,000 Hispanics live in the District. They comprise 75% of the JD's minority population.

Most owns in the JD are solidly middle- to lower-middle class. Per capita income in 2018 ranged



Source: CT DPH est.

from \$34,500 to \$53,100 for all towns with the exception of New Britain (\$24,052). Statewide per capita income was \$43,000.



Each year, the FBI releases Uniform Crime Report data (UCR) which details the number of major crimes reported to state and local jurisdictions in the previous calendar year. In the report murders, robberies, aggravated assaults and rape are grouped as violent crimes. Property crimes include larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle theft.

The incidence of crime in the New Britain Judicial District varies significantly across the ten-town area. While the city of New Britain is home to 24% of the JD's population, it accounted for 59% of the reported violent crime in 2018.

Crimes and crime rates, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
New Britain	310	41.2	2014	267.5
Bristol	62	9.8	972	153.8
Plainville	35	19.2	516	283.0
Southington	32	7.7	734	175.6
Wethersfield	23	8.3	392	141.8
Newington	22	7.1	797	258.4
Berlin	15	7.8	286	149.2
Plymouth	11	9.0	151	123.3
Burlington	8	9.3	26	30.2
Rocky Hill	6	3.2	266	140.7
<b>New Britain JD</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>6154</b>	<b>194.8</b>

Source: CT DESPP, 2018 UCR data

Bristol, with only 12,000 fewer residents than New Britain, reported 80% fewer incidents of violent crime that New Britain in 2018. For comparative purposes it may be worthwhile to consider that while New Britain had a violent crime rate of 41.2 per 10,000 residents, the violent crime rates in Hartford (108.8), Bridgeport (90.8) and New Haven (84.4) were considerably higher.

In a typical year, police in the district make about 11,000 to 12,000 arrests. 2020 data reflects the impact of Covid.

Year	Criminal arrests	MV arrests
2018	7,120	5,202
2019	6,427	4,737
2020	5,211	2,972

Not surprisingly, the New Britain PD was the most active police force in the District in 2019. Police in New Britain and Bristol performed 57% of District-wide criminal arrests and 42% of motor vehicle arrests in 2019.

Major arresting agencies in the New Britain JD

Agency	2019 arrests		2020 arrests	
	Criminal	MV	Criminal	MV
New Britain PD	2,569	1,082	2,319	930
Bristol PD	1,059	848	756	490
Newington PD	646	619	539	478
Southington PD	595	457	418	217
Plainville PD	518	294	294	199
Wethersfield PD	416	629	349	212
Plymouth PD	203	172	154	153
Rocky Hill PD	192	154	190	105
Berlin PD	174	300	171	168
Total	6,372	4,555	5,190	2,952

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Criminal arrests by JD, 2019

Judicial District	Criminal cases	MV cases
Hartford JD	17,583	12,321
New Haven JD	11,308	8,041
Waterbury JD	6,954	3,627
New Britain JD	6,427	4,737
New London	5,550	4,435
Stamford-	4,822	4,269
Fairfield JD	4,665	2,977
Ansonia-Derby	3,949	2,862
Middlesex JD	2,655	1,934
Tolland JD	2,585	2,325
Danbury JD	2,330	2,301
Litchfield JD	2,317	2,278
Windham JD	1,482	1,174

Source: CT Justice Information System

Arraignments in 2019\*\*

Judicial District	Arraignments from lock-up
Hartford JD	7,033
New Haven JD	5,397
Waterbury JD	3,637
Fairfield JD	2,986
New Britain JD	2,781
New London JD	2,757
Ansonia-Milford J	1,897
Stamford-Norwall	1,812
Middlesex JD	1,075
Windham JD	1,040
Litchfield JD	892
Danbury JD	754
Tolland JD	634

Source: CSSD, CT Judicial Branch

Compared to other judicial districts in the state, the New Britain JD is the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest in terms of arrests. The level of arrests is considerably lower than those of Hartford and New Haven; they are on par with those of the Waterbury JD.

Most people who are arrested in CT are released with either a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after paying a bond. Typically, fewer than 25% of people are unable to meet these release conditions. As a consequence, they are held in judicial lock-ups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At arraignment, judges may set new bail or release conditions.

The bulk of cases disposed in the New Britain JD are seen in the local superior court, GA 15. Until recently, the New Britain JD contained two GA courts, GA 17 in Bristol and GA 15 in New Britain. In 2019, the Bristol court was consolidated into the New Britain GA.

	GA 15	GA 17
FY16	7,879	3,269
FY17	5,872	2,540
FY18	5,347	2,564
FY19	4,758	2,284
FY 20	3,956	

Source: CT Judicial Branch

The most serious cases in the District are generally transferred to the Party A court. These cases generally require more prosecutorial resources and are more likely to go to trial.

Part A cases, New Britain JD

	Cases added	Without trial	With trial	Cases disposed
FY17	162	137	12	149
FY18	207	125	10	135
FY19	191	158	7	165
FY 20	140	123	7	130

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Compared to other jurisdictions in the state, the New Britain JD ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the number of violent crimes and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the number of property crimes reported, district-wide, in 2018.

Crimes and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
Hartford JD	1,815	30.4	13,211	221.6
New Haven JD	1,642	34.1	10,698	222.2
Fairfield JD	1,129	34.9	5,843	180.5
Waterbury JD	554	24.1	5,768	251.4
New Britain JD	524	16.6	6,154	194.8
Stamford-Norwalk	491	13.2	4,724	127.0
New London JD	385	15.0	2,593	100.8
Ansonia-Milford	248	10.8	4,000	174.8
Danbury JD	157	8.1	1,702	88.2
Windham JD	130	11.3	643	56.0
Litchfield JD	108	7.2	1,309	87.8
Middlesex JD	89	5.5	1,623	99.5
Tolland JD	76	5.3	846	59.0
Statewide	7,348	20.6	59,114	165.7

Source: CT DESPP, UCR