

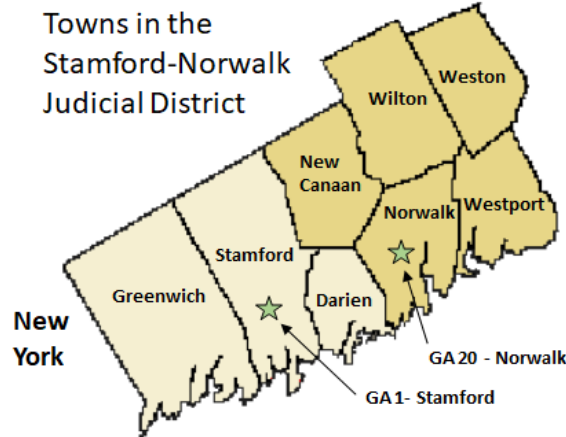


# CT DCJ Fact Sheet:

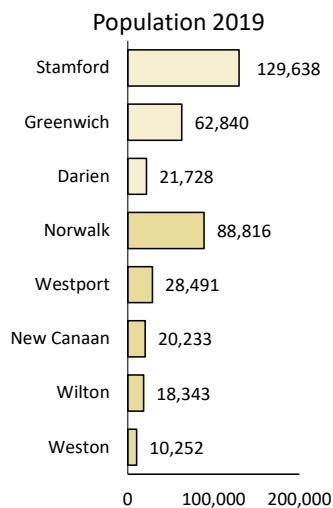
## Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District

The Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District (JD) encompasses eight towns in Fairfield County and includes two GA courts: GA 1 in Stamford and GA 20 in Norwalk. Nestled close to New York City, this region is the most affluent in the state. The six smallest towns in the District top the state in terms of town per capita income.

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



Crime levels vary significantly across the eight-town Judicial District. While the cities of Stamford and Norwalk are home to about 57% of its population, in 2018, these two towns account for approximately 96% of the reported violent crime and 74% of the property crime.



Crime and crime rates per 10,000, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
Norwalk	252	28.9	1356	155.4
Stamford	220	17.9	2143	173.9
Wilton	5	2.7	155	83.5
Darien	4	1.9	262	127.0
Westport	3	1.1	248	91.5
Greenwich	7	1.1	432	67.2
New Canaan	0	0.0	101	49.5
Weston	0	0.0	27	25.6
Districtwide	491	13.2	4724	127.0

Source: CT DESPP, UCR 2018

About 380,000 people live in the Stamford-Norwalk JD. The two largest towns in the District, Stamford and Norwalk, are home to about 57% of the JD's residents. These towns are also home to 80% of the District's minority residents. Hispanics are the largest minority group in the District.

While the violent crime rates (see table) in Norwalk (28.9) and Stamford (17.9) appear very high compared with other District towns, consider that Hartford's violent crime rate in 2018 stood at 102.6. Bridgeport's was 67.1 and New Haven's was 84.0

According to the CT Judicial Branch, police departments in the Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District initiate over 4,000 criminal arrests and over 2,500 motor vehicle arrests in a typical year. The drop in arrests totals for 2020 reflects the impact of the Covid pandemic.

District-wide arrests

Year	Criminal arrests	MV arrests
2018	4,856	2,935
2019	4,393	2,720
2020	3,131	1,497

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In terms of criminal arrests, Stamford and Norwalk have the most active police departments in the Judicial District. In 2019, these two police departments recorded 78% of all criminal arrests and 52% of MV arrests in the entire District.

Major arresting agencies in the district

	2019 arrests		2020 arrests	
	Criminal	MV	Criminal	MV
Stamford PD	1,942	815	1,492	597
Norwalk PD	1,460	589	880	245
Greenwich PD	399	490	352	223
Westport PD	214	217	128	87
Wilton PD	132	295	98	181
Darien PD	123	186	95	72
New Canaan PD	84	114	74	89
Weston PD	27	13	12	3

Source: CT Judicial Branch

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 JI	1,897
Stamford-Norwalk	1,812
Middlesex JD	1,075
Windham JD	1,040
Litchfield JD	892
Danbury JD	754
Tolland JD	634

Source: CSSD, CT Judicial Branch

Most people arrested in CT are released with either a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after paying a bond. A small percentage of people who are unable to meet these release conditions are held in court lock-ups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At the arraignment, judges may impose new release conditions.

In a pre-pandemic, typical year, the Stamford-Norwalk District's two GA courts disposed about 5,000 criminal cases each year. Because they involve more serious charges that demand greater resources, the major felony cases in each GA jurisdiction are generally transferred to the Part A Court at the in Stamford.

Caseloads in GA courts

Fiscal year	Cases Added	Cases Disposed
GA 1 Stamford		
2017	2,745	2,326
2018	2,858	2,795
2019	3,186	3,014
2020	2,184	1,898
GA 20 Norwalk		
2017	2,518	2,438
2018	2,357	2,214
2019	2,079	2,097
2020	1,582	1,516

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In recent years, about 100 cases have been transferred to the Part A court by each GA.

Part A cases, Stamford-Norwalk JD

Fiscal year	Cases added	Cases disposed		Cases disposed
		w/trial	w/o trial	
2017	213	185	1	186
2018	162	169	3	172
2019	190	167	6	173
2020	90	151	1	152

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Although it ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among the state's thirteen Judicial Districts in terms of its population, the Stamford-Norwalk JD ranked 7<sup>th</sup> among JDs in terms of violent crime in 2018. It was also ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in property crime.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate	Population 2018 est.
Hartford JD	1,815	30.4	13,211	221.6	596,181
New Haven JD	1,642	34.1	10,698	222.2	481,355
Fairfield JD	1,129	34.9	5,843	180.5	323,682
Waterbury JD	554	24.1	5,768	251.4	229,458
New Britain JD	524	16.6	6,154	194.8	315,937
Stamford-Norwalk	491	13.2	4,724	127.0	372,039
New London JD	385	15.0	2,593	100.8	257,191
Ansonia-Milford	248	10.8	4,000	174.8	228,835
Danbury JD	157	8.1	1,702	88.2	192,890
Windham JD	130	11.3	643	56.0	114,784
Litchfield JD	108	7.2	1,309	87.8	149,121
Middlesex JD	89	5.5	1,623	99.5	163,180
Tolland JD	76	5.3	846	59.0	143,488
Statewide	7,348	20.6	59,114	165.7	3,568,141

Source: CT DESPP, UCR