



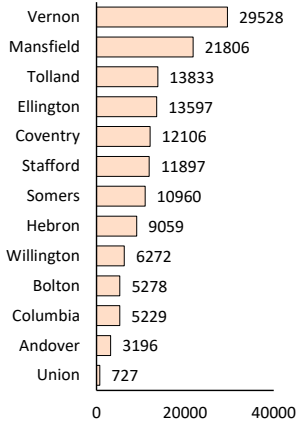
CT DCJ Fact Sheet: The Tolland Judicial District

The Tolland Judicial District (JD) serves about 150,000 people who live in 13 towns in east-central part of the state. Vernon, population 30,000, is the largest community in the District. The University of Connecticut's main campus is located in Mansfield. The District superior court, GA 19, is located in the Rockville section of Vernon.

Towns in the Tolland JD



Population, 2018



CT DPH estimates that about 13% of residents in Tolland JD towns belong to racial or ethnic minority groups. The towns of Mansfield and Vernon are home to almost 60% of the District's minority population.

Towns in the Tolland Judicial District do not exhibit large income disparities on the scale seen in other Judicial Districts. In 2015, per capita income in the region, excluding Mansfield, ranged from \$31,000 to \$50,000. The statewide median was \$43,000.

Because of the small number of violent crimes committed in the District, town-level crime rates vary considerably from year to year. In 2018, Columbia's violent crime rate doubled compared to 2017 based on a net increase of four violent crimes.

In recent years, police departments in the Tolland Judicial District made about 1,500 criminal arrests each year. The decline in arrests between 2019 and 2020 reflect the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Each year, the FBI releases its Uniform Crime Report (UCR) which details the number of crimes that were reported in various jurisdictions in the previous calendar year. In the report, violent crimes include murders, non-negligent manslaughter, robberies, aggravated assaults and rape. Property crimes include larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle theft.

There were 76 incidents of serious violent crime reported to police in the Tolland District in 2018. Although any crime is a concern, the Tolland JD has the lowest per capita violent crime rate in the state as well as the 3rd lowest property crime rate among all JDs.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, Tolland JD

	Violent crimes	Violent crime rate	Property crimes	Property crime rate
Andover	1	3.1	14	43.8
Bolton	2	3.8	21	39.8
Columbia	9	17.2	58	110.9
Coventry	10	8.3	91	75.2
Ellington	4	2.9	65	47.8
Hebron	4	4.4	33	36.4
Mansfield	5	2.3	57	26.1
Somers	5	4.6	20	18.2
Stafford	9	7.6	42	35.3
Tolland	6	4.3	52	37.6
Union	0	0.0	6	82.5
Vernon	21	7.1	368	124.6
Willington	0	0.0	19	30.3
Tolland JD	76	5.3	846	59.0

Source: CT DESPP, 2018 UCR data

Arrests, Tolland JD

Year	Criminal arrests	MV arrests
2018	1,561	1,561
2019	1,495	1,717
2020	1,321	1,017

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In terms of arrest volumes, the Vernon police department and State Police Troop C are the most active law enforcement agencies in the Tolland JD. Given that many small towns are policed by the State Police and the fact that the I-84 corridor passes through the District, State Police Troop C has a large presence in the JD. In 2019, Troop C handled over a third of criminal arrests and more than 80% of the District's traffic infractions.

Major arresting agencies in the Tolland JD

	2019 arrests		2020 arrests	
	Criminal	MV	Criminal	MV
Vernon PD	694	619	588	332
CSP Troop C	594	720	548	549
UCONN PD	112	94	59	28
Coventry PD	90	242	118	106
All other agencies	5	42	8	2

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	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 who are arrested in CT are released by the police on a promise-to-appear agreement or after paying a bond. People who cannot meet these release conditions are held in Judicial Branch lock-ups until they can be arraigned before a judge. At that point judges set new bail or release criteria.

The bulk of criminal cases disposed in the Tolland JD are handled at GA 19, in Rockville. In recent years, the volume of cases has decreased dramatically. The cause of this decrease,

currently, is not well understood. The drop in case disposals in 2020 was due to the impact of Covid on court operations.

GA 19 cases

Fiscal Year	Cases added	Cases disposed
2017	2,873	2,837
2018	2,535	2,536
2019	1,607	1,589
2020	1,838	1,101

Source: CT Judicial Branch

The most serious criminal cases in the District are, generally, transferred to the Part A court. At the Part A court, these types of cases get more prosecutorial resources and are more likely to go to trial.

Part A Cases, Tolland JD

	Cases added	Disposed w/o trial	Disposed w/trial	Disposed cases
2017	93	86	3	89
2018	106	96	2	98
2019	81	96	1	97
2020	69	66	1	67

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In terms of the population it serves, the Tolland JD is the second smallest Judicial District in the state. The District is fortunate to have one of the lowest crime rates in the state.

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