

Statistical Analysis of the Senior Adult Population In Southwestern Connecticut

DEMOGRAPHICS/NATIONAL TRENDS (Not Census 2000 data)

According to the Federal Interagency on Aging-Related Statistics:

- Aging in the 21st century - steep rise in 85+; increased racial and ethnic diversity.
- Economic picture good but poverty rate is highest at older ages – 14% for people 85+.
- Divorced black women, 65-74, poverty rate 47% (1998).
- Older Americans living longer/disability rates declining/ advanced age find memory impairments, depression, chronic conditions, disability.
- If born in 1997, female will live to 79, male to 74; for African American, 6 years less.
- Since the 1980's, use of informal supports only declining - % of older people receiving only informal care dropped from 74% (1982) to 64% (1994) while combined formal/informal care increased (21% to 28%).

CENSUS 2000 DATA

Below please find a summary of the breakdown in ages for persons 60 years of age and older in a fourteen town region in southwestern Connecticut generated from Census 2000 data available in May of 2001. Every effort has been made to insure accuracy.

Number of persons 60+ years of age in southwestern Connecticut

Analysis of the 60+ population figures indicates that **of the 100% of persons who are 60+ in our region, the following percentages live in each town. There is a total of 118,701 persons 60 years of age and older in the fourteen town region in southwestern Connecticut.** (In 1999, Claritas predicted 128,893 by 2004)

Stamford	17.5%	20,722 persons
Bridgeport	17.4%	20,633 persons
Norwalk	11.8%	13,991 persons
Greenwich	10.7%	12,636 persons
Stratford	9.9%	11,746 persons
Total =		79,728

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total 60+ population live in the five communities listed above

Fairfield	9.7%	11,494 persons
Trumbull	6.3%	7,472 persons
Westport	4.3%	5,090 persons
New Canaan	2.9%	3,444 persons
Darien	2.7%	3,156 persons
Monroe	2.4%	2,806 persons
Wilton	2.4%	2,863 persons
Weston	1.2%	1,369 persons
Easton	1.1%	1,279 persons
Total =		28,973

Grand Total	100%	118,701 persons
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The percentage of the entire town population that is 60+

The percentage of the entire town population that is 60+ in each of the towns in the fourteen town region in southwestern Connecticut is as follows:

Stratford	23.5%
Trumbull	21.8%
Greenwich	20.7%
Fairfield	20.0%
Westport	19.8%
Stamford	17.7%
New Canaan	17.6%
Easton	17.6%
Norwalk	16.9%
Wilton	16.2%
Darien	16.2%
Bridgeport	14.8%
Monroe	14.7%
Weston	13.7%

Number of persons 85+ in each community in southwestern Connecticut

The number of persons who are 85 years of age and older (in order of the number of persons, not the order of the percentage of the entire town population):

<u>Town</u>	<u># Persons</u>	<u>As a % of the Town Population</u>
Stamford	2241	1.9 %
Bridgeport	2198	1.6 %
Farifield	1510	2.6 %
Greenwich	1374	2.2 %
Norwalk	1265	1.5 %
Stamford	1247	2.5 %
Trumbull	813	2.4 %
Westport	415	1.6 %
Wilton	377	2.1 %
New Canaan	313	1.6 %
Darien	291	1.5 %
Monroe	185	1.0 %
Easton	76	1.0 %
Weston	67	0.7 %

Number of persons 75-84 years of age in each community in southwestern Connecticut

It is also of importance to note the number of persons 75 –84 years of age (in order of number of persons, not the percentage of the entire town’s population):

	<u># Persons</u>	<u>As a % of the Town Population</u>
Bridgeport	6071	4.4 %
Stamford	5663	4.8 %
Stratford	3815	7.6 %
Norwalk	3632	4.4 %
Fairfield	3556	6.2 %
Greenwich	3407	5.6 %
Trumbull	2192	6.4 %
Westport	1313	5.1 %
Darien	914	4.7 %
New Canaan	901	4.6 %
Wilton	706	4.0 %
Monroe	616	3.2 %
Easton	361	5.0 %
Weston	268	2.7 %

Number of Centenarians in the fourteen communities in southwestern Connecticut

(All races and ethnic identities)

Stamford	33
Fairfield	25
Bridgeport	23
Greenwich	20
Norwalk	13
Stratford	11
Trumbull	10
Wilton	7
New Canaan	6
Westport	3
Darien	2
Weston	1
Monroe	0
Easton	0
Total in SWCAA region :	154

Group Quarters* Population by Town for 65+ year and over: Nursing Homes

(* Group quarters populations refer to all persons not living in household, including both institutionalized and non-institutionalized)

Fairfield	974 residents	
Bridgeport	782	“
Stamford	769	“
Norwalk	482	“
Greenwich	465	“
Trumbull	425	“
Stratford	293	“
Wilton	265	“
Westport	111	“
Darien	92	“
New Canaan	66	“
Easton	0	“
Weston	0	“
Monroe	0	“

Note:

- Fairfield’s 85+ population is high. From the service planning perspective, it would be interesting to analyze the ages of the nursing home residents
- It is also important to break out the ages of the older persons living in assisted living residents and subsidized senior housing in any given community.

Towns with the greatest number of persons 75 years of age and older.

Keep in mind that there is no reference here to income or functional ability.

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>75-84 yrs old</u>	<u>85+</u>	<u>75+ Total</u>
Bridgeport	6071	2198	8269
Stamford	5663	2241	7904
Norwalk	3632	1265	4897
Fairfield	3556	1510	5066
Stratford	3815	1247	5062
Greenwich	3407	1374	4781
Trumbull	2192	813	3005
Westport	1313	415	1728
New Canaan	901	313	1214
Darien	914	291	1205
Wilton	706	377	1083
Monroe	616	185	801
Easton	361	76	437
Weston	268	67	335

Initial Analysis

Initial analysis of Census data has revealed some interesting statistics (see Statistical Summary below) of the fourteen Southwestern Connecticut towns in regard to the senior adults population and ethnic population. However, the following qualifiers should be noted.

Qualifiers:

The initial analysis:

- Does not contain any reference to income or functional ability. The analysis is made on the basis of numbers of senior adults in particular age categories, by town of residence only as well as racial and ethnic identity.
- The analysis is made in connection with consideration for planning for service needs following Older Americans Act guidelines for the 2001-2005 SWCAA Area Plan.
- It will be necessary to couple these numbers with income and functional ability as the data becomes available through the 2000 Census.
- This initial analysis is as of July 10, 2001.
- This analysis is made with consideration for the potentially more frail adult being 75 years of age and older residing in the community.
- "Region" as used below refers to the fourteen town region in southwestern Connecticut served by the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging. Towns included in this region are Bridgeport, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

Statistical Summary

Based on some late 1999 data as well as Census 2000 data and as of 8/10/01, the following statistics are important:

Bridgeport

- Ranks 2nd in region for # of 60+ at 20,633 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of 75+ at 8,269 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of 85+ at 2198 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of African/American 60+ at 4,135 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of Hispanic 60+ at 2,993 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 251 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of Native Americans 60+ at 46 persons(2000 Census)
- Projects 1st with household income below \$10,000 for 75+ (1999)
- 55 % of total population is minority (2000 Census)

Stamford

- Ranks 1st in region for # of 60+ at 20,722 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of 75+ at 7,904 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of 85+ at 2241 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of African/American 60+ at 2,285 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of Hispanic 60+ at 1,166 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 1st in region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 454 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 2nd in region for # of Native Americans 60+ at 19 persons (2000 Census)
- Projects 2nd with household income below \$10,000 for 75+ (1999)
- 30 % of total population is minority (2000 Census)

Norwalk

- Ranks 3rd in region for # of 60+ at 13,991 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in region for # of 75+ at 4,897 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in region for # of 85+ at 1,265 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in region for # of African/American 60+ at 1,632 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in the region for # of Hispanic/Latino 60+ at 692 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 215 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in the region for # of Native Americans 60+ at 14 persons (2000 Census)
- Projects 3rd highest with household income below \$10,000 for 75+ (1999)
- 26% of total population is minority (2000 Census)

Stratford

- Ranks 5th in region for # of 60+ at 11,746 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in region for # of 75+ at 5,062 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in region for # of 85+ at 1,247 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of African/American 60+ at 597 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latino 60+ at 210 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 58 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for the # of Native Americans 60+ at 9 (2000 Census)
- 15% of total population is minority (2000 Census)

Fairfield

- Ranks 6th in region for # of 60+ at 11,494 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of 75+ at 5,066 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in the region for # of 85+ at 1,510 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 7th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 65 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latino 60+ at 121 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 93 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for the # of Native Americans 60+ at 4 (2000 Census)
- 4.7% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Greenwich

- Ranks 4th in region for # of 60+ at 12,636 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in the region for # of 75+ at 4,781 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of 85+ at 1,374 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 185 (2000Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latino 60+ at 303 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 3rd in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 238 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in the region for the # of Native Americans 60+ at 3 (2000 Census)
- 10% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Trumbull

- Ranks 7th in the region for # of 60+ at 7,472 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 7th in the region for # of 75+ at 3,005 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 7th in the region for # of 85+ at 813 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 5th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 71 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in the region for # of Hispanics 60+ at 69 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 6th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 69 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 4th in the region for # of Native Americans 60+ at 4 (2000 Census)
- 6% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Westport

- Ranks 8th in the region for # of 60+ at 5,090 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 8th in the region for # of 75+ at 1,728 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 8th in the region for # of 85+ at 415 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 8th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 52(2000 Census)
- Ranks 8th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latino 60+ at 68(2000 Census)
- Ranks 8th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 49 persons (2000 Census)
- Rank is negligible for Native American 60+ at 2 persons (2000 Census)
- 4.8% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

New Canaan

- Ranks 9th in the region for # of 60+ at 3,444 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 9th in the region for # of 75+ at 1,214 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 10th in the region for the # of 85+ at 313 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 9th in region for the # of African/Americans 60+ at 51 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in region for # of Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 24 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 10th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 38 persons(2000 Census)
- Ranks for Native Americans 60+ is negligible at 3 persons (2000 Census)
- 4.7% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Darien

- Ranks 10th in the region for # of 60+ at 3,156 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 10th in the region for 75+ at 1,205 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in the region for # of 85+ at 291 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 21 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 9th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 53 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 26 persons(2000 Census)
- Rank negligible for Native Americans 60+ at 1 person (2000 Census)
- 4.0% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Wilton

- Ranks 11th in the region for # of 60+ at 2,863 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in the region for # of 75+ at 1,083 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 9th in the region for # of 85+ at 377 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 12th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 16 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in region for # of Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 24 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 9th in region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 41 pers (2000 Census)
- Rank negligible for Native Americans 60+ at 2 persons (2000 Census)
- Wilton is designated as Rural according to Older Americans Act guidelines
- 4.5% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Monroe

- Ranks 12th in the region for the # of 60+ at 2,806 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 12th in the region for the # of 75+ at 801 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 12th in the region for the # of 85+ at 185 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 10th in the region for # of African/Americans 60+ at 30 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 11th in the region for # of Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 33(2000 Census)
- Ranks 12th in the region for # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 22 (2000 Census)
- Rank negligible for Native Americans 60+ at 2 persons (2000 Census)
- 4.1% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Easton

- Ranks 14th in the region for the # of 60+ at 1,279 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 13th in the region for the # of 75+ at 437 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 13th in the region for the # of 85+ at 76 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for # African/Americans 60+ at 3 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 13th in the region for Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 12 persons(2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for Asian/Americans 60+ at 12 persons (2000 Census)
- There are no Native Americans in Easton (2000 Census)
- Easton is designated as Rural according to Older Americans Act guidelines
- 3.3% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)

Weston

- Ranks 13th in the region for the # of 60+ at 1,369 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for the # of 75+ at 335 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for the # of 85+ at 67 persons (2000 Census)
- Ranks 13th in the region for the # of African/Americans 60+ at 13 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for the # of Hispanic/Latinos 60+ at 9 (2000 Census)
- Ranks 14th in the region for the # of Asian/Americans 60+ at 12 (2000 Census)
- Rank is negligible for Native Americans at 1 person (2000 Census)
- Weston is designated as Rural according to Older Americans Act guidelines
- 4.3% of the total population is minority (2000 Census)