

April 23, 2025

On April 22, 2025, the Connecticut General Assembly's Appropriations Committee introduced and passed its recommended biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.¹ Included in the budget are policy changes and proposed appropriations to fund K-12 public education that impact students and districts throughout the state.

The following analysis outlines the changes to state education funding in the Appropriations Committee's budget, and provides a brief overview of the general outlook of the state budget and economy.

The Appropriations Committee's biennial budget is based on an economic forecast that assumes Connecticut's economy will continue to grow in FYs 2026 and 2027, though at a slower rate when compared to recent fiscal years.² However, the April 30th consensus revenue estimates may include modified projections for FYs 2026 and 2027 due to recent pressures on financial markets and uncertainty regarding tariffs and international trade, which may require adjustments to the state budget.³

The Appropriations Committee's budget continues the budget development process that started with the governor's proposed budget.⁴

- The Appropriations Committee reviewed the governor's budget proposal that was released in February.
- The Appropriations Committee's budget is utilized when the General Assembly negotiates a budget with the governor.
- The negotiated budget will be put to a vote by each chamber of the legislature.
- Once each chamber passes the same exact version of the budget, the budget will be sent to the governor, who will sign it into law, veto it, veto specific line items, or let it go into effect without signing.

Key Policies in the Appropriations Committee's Budget

- **Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant would continue to be phased in.** ECS funding would continue to follow the current phase-in schedule according to statute, resulting in the full funding of ECS grants in FY 2026 and beyond for towns considered "underfunded" according to the ECS formula.

¹ Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *Appropriations Committee Budget, FY 26 & FY 27*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2025APPJF-20250422_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2026%20-%20FY%2027.pdf.

² The Economic Report of the Governor, released with the governor's proposed biennial budget, projects a slower increase in Connecticut's gross state product (GSP) in FYs 2026 (1.0%) and 2027 (1.1%) compared to FY 2025 (1.6% projected), and a higher personal income growth for FY 2026 (5.1%) compared to FY 2025 (4.7% projected), before slowing down in FY 2027 (4.5%).

³ For more information, please visit <https://files.schoolstatefinance.org/hubfs/Reports/Consensus%20Revenue%20FAQs.pdf>.

⁴ A more detailed explanation of Connecticut's state budget process can be found at <https://schoolstatefinance.org/resources/connecticut-state-budget-process-office-of-fiscal-analysis>.

- Appropriations Committee's budget would continue to pause the ECS formula's phase-out schedule. This would hold towns considered "overfunded," according to the ECS formula, harmless at their FY 2025 grant amounts for FYs 2026 and 2027.
- **Excess Cost grant funding would be significantly increased.** The proposed budget would increase the Excess Cost grant by an additional \$124 million in FY 2026 and FY 2027. This is in contrast to the governor's proposed budget, which would only increase the Excess Cost grant by \$40 million in FY 2027.
- **ECS-based, student-centered funding system would remain partially phased in for magnet schools and AgriScience programs.**
 - For FY 2026 and onwards, operators would receive — per student — their FY 2024 per-student grant plus 42 percent of the difference between their full weighted student funding amount and their FY 2024 per-student grant.
 - Operators would also continue to be held harmless at their FY 2024 state aid plus tuition per student.
- **Specific support would be provided to EASTCONN and EdAdvance.** Under the Appropriations Committee's budget, EASTCONN, a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC), would receive an additional \$3 million in one-time aid in FY 2027, while another RESC, EdAdvance, would receive a grant of \$900,000 in both FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- **Tuition would remain capped for magnet and AgriScience program operators.** For FY 2026 and onwards, general education tuition amounts that operators may charge sending districts would remain capped at 58 percent of the per-student tuition amount the operator charged in FY 2024.
- **Partial need-based funding for state charter schools would continue and two new charter schools would be funded.** State charter schools would continue to receive 56.7% of their full weighted funding amount per student with no policy changes proposed.
 - An additional \$2.5 million would be appropriated in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to open two new charter schools: Stamford Big Picture Learning Academy and Taino Co-LAB New Haven.
- **High-Quality Special Education Incentive grant would be established.** Both the Appropriations Committee's budget and the governor's proposed budget allocate \$10 million, with \$100,000 specifically designated for personal services, to create an incentive program that enables school districts to develop or expand in-district or multi-district special education programs aimed at reducing student outplacements.
- **State's compliance with the *Sheff v. O'Neill* settlement would be maintained.** The Appropriations Committee's budget, much like the governor's budget proposal, would provide adjustments to maintain the State's compliance with the *Sheff v. O'Neill* settlement.

- This includes the *Sheff* Transportation Grant, grants for specialized programming, and marketing-related costs.
- **Funding would be increased for some student support programs.** The Appropriations Committee's budget increases funding for student support programs while maintaining the separation of these programs. This is in contrast to the governor's budget proposal, which consolidated these programs into a new competitive Student Support Services Grant and cut the aggregated funding amount by \$1.9 million.
- **School meals programs would be expanded.** The Appropriations Committee's budget would increase funding by an additional \$700,000 in both fiscal years to provide free meals to students who qualify for reduced-price meals. In contrast, the governor's proposed budget would provide the same amount of funding in FY 2026, but increase funding by approximately \$13.1 million in FY 2027 to provide universal free breakfast in addition to providing free lunch for students who qualify for reduced-price meals.

How would these policy changes impact students and schools?

- Much like the governor's proposed budget, the Appropriations Committee's budget largely maintains the school funding policy environment currently in law, with significant targeted investments for students with disabilities.
- Students in all towns would benefit from increased funding as a result of the completion of the ECS grant's phase-in schedule, and the inclusion of a hold-harmless for "overfunded" towns.
- Districts would be better positioned to serve students with disabilities with the sizable investment in Excess Cost reimbursements and funds for districts to establish or expand high-quality in-district programs.
- However, the additional investments proposed in the Appropriations Committee's budget may not be possible or may require cutbacks in other budgetary areas, as the Committee's budget is estimated to exceed the state's spending cap by over \$200 million dollars in FY 2026. The legislature could legally exceed the spending cap if the governor declares an emergency or the existence of extraordinary circumstances, and at least three-fifths of the members in each legislative chamber approve exceeding the cap.

Analysis of Selected Appropriations

Table 1 on the following page contains the Appropriations Committee's FY 2026 and FY 2027 recommended appropriations for significant education grants. Table 1 also contains FY 2025 estimates and funding from the governor's budget proposal for comparative purposes. The appropriations included in Table 1 are education grants to municipalities and school districts in which the total estimated expenditures exceeded \$10 million in FY 2025. State funding for school choice programs is also included in the table.⁵

State education appropriations that would increase — **as compared to FY 2025 estimated expenditures** — under each budget proposal are highlighted in green, while those appropriations that would remain at FY 2025 estimated amounts are highlighted in yellow. Appropriations that would decrease compared to current FY 2025 estimated amounts are highlighted in red. The far-right column of Table 1 features the key policy details contained in the Appropriations Committee's budget for each grant.

⁵ Although the Adult Education and Development of Mastery Exams line items exceed \$10 million in appropriations, they are not included in the below table due to their relationship to public K-12 education operating expenses.

Table 1: Selected State Education Funding Under Proposed Biennial Budgets, FYs 2026-27

Grant	FY 2025 Estimates ⁶	Governor's Proposed Budget ⁷		Appropriations Committee's Budget ⁸		Key Policy Details for Appropriations Committee's Budget
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Education Equalization (ECS)	\$2,287,900,235	\$2,446,615,527	\$2,437,882,849	\$2,455,349,515	\$2,455,349,515	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases funding due to phase-in required by statute, and <u>reflects funding from the Education Finance Reform line item in the current state budget (the actual increase to ECS is \$93.8 million in FY 2026 and FY 2027 when accounting for the reallocation of funding to different line items).</u> Completes the phase-in for "underfunded" towns. Provides additional funds to hold "overfunded" towns harmless at their FY 2025 amounts.
Magnet Schools	\$276,484,265	\$336,925,940	\$346,345,603	\$336,925,940	\$346,345,603	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from the Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Maintains phase-in of weighted student funding at 42% for FY 2026 and beyond. Adjustments made for enrollment trends.
Technical Education and	\$174,580,385	\$174,058,658	\$174,058,658	\$175,558,658	\$175,558,658	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides funding for adult education programs at CTECS.

⁶ FY 2025 estimates are from the most recent monthly letter from the Office of Fiscal Analysis, which includes estimated agency expenditures. The FY 2025 estimates included in Table 1 may differ from the Appropriations Committee's and governor's proposed budgets due to variations, agency lapses, and deficiencies. In the case of ECS, FY 2025 estimates do not reflect additional increase provided from Education Finance Reform line item. Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *OFA Expenditure Detail: March 25, 2025*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/PROJ/2025PROJ-20250325_March%202025%20Expenditure%20Detail.pdf.

⁷ State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2025). *Governor Lamont's Biennial Budget for FYs 2026 and 2027*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/opm/budget/2026_2027_biennial_budget/governors_budget_2627_final_webversion.pdf.

⁸ Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *Appropriations Committee Budget, FY 26 & FY 27*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2025APPJF-20250422_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2026%20-%20FY%2027.pdf.

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Career System - Personal Services						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides additional funding to reflect the agency's current headcount.
Technical Education and Career System - Other Expenses	\$32,918,577	\$37,257,461	\$37,257,461	\$31,957,461	\$31,957,461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding transfer to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for IT system alignment. Provides additional funding to reflect the agency's current headcount.
Excess Cost - Student Based	\$181,119,782	\$181,119,782	\$221,119,782	\$305,119,782	\$305,119,782	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides additional \$124 million in funding in both FY 2026 and FY 2027.
Charter Schools	\$137,082,597	\$140,303,548	\$141,622,548	\$142,803,548	\$144,122,548	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Provides additional funding in FY 2026 and 2027 to fund two new charter schools that have been approved by the State Board of Education. Adjustments made for enrollment trends.
Priority School Districts	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Open Choice	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Commissioner's Network	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Vocational Agriculture	\$18,824,200	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Adjustments made for enrollment trends.
Local Charter Schools	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Sheff Transportation	\$75,465,173	\$77,661,541	\$80,326,212	\$77,661,541	\$80,326,212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in funding due to new <i>Sheff</i> transportation contract.

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Non-Sheff Transportation	\$14,275,787	\$15,675,787	\$15,675,787	\$15,675,787	\$15,675,787	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight increase to maintain FY 2025 appropriated amounts, and does not reflect actual agency expenditures.
Sheff Settlement	\$14,012,497	\$23,714,911	\$18,721,292	\$23,714,911	\$18,721,292	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects adjusted funding to maintain compliance with the <i>Sheff</i> agreement.
Student Support Grants	\$0	\$12,639,668	\$12,639,668	\$0	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not consolidate LEAP, Neighborhood Youth Centers, the Parent Trust Fund Program, the School-Based Diversion Initiative, Student Support Grants, FRCs, and the After School Program into a new single competitive grant.⁹
Education Finance Reform	\$150,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is reallocated to relevant line items for FYs 2026 and 2027.
High Quality Special Education Incentives	\$0	\$0	\$9,900,000	\$0	\$9,900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes new program in FY 2027 to incentivize districts to provide specialized in-district special education programs to reduce outplacements.

⁹ Although not reflected in Table 1, an additional \$730,097 is provided in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for the Parent Trust Fund Program and Family Resource Centers (FRCs).

Analysis of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant

To distribute state education aid to towns for their local or regional public school districts, Connecticut uses the ECS formula, which was adopted in 2017 as part of the state budget, and first used and implemented in FY 2019.

Under the Appropriations Committee's proposed budget, ECS funding would increase to continue the statutory phase-in of funding to towns considered "underfunded" according to the ECS formula. The Committee's budget would hold towns considered "overfunded" harmless by maintaining their ECS grants at their FY 2025 levels instead of gradually decreasing their grant amounts. It is projected to require an additional \$8.7 million in FY 2026 and \$17.5 million in FY 2027 to hold "overfunded" towns harmless over the biennium. In total, the Appropriations Committee's budget provides approximately \$93.8 million more in ECS funding in FYs 2026 and 2027 over the estimated FY 2025 ECS funding levels. The Appropriation Committee's budget also includes minor changes to the ECS formula for the calculation of ECS grants to the Town of Mansfield.¹⁰

Table 2 on the following page compares, town by town, the **estimated ECS grants** for FYs 2026 and 2027 under the Appropriations Committee's budget and Governor Lamont's budget proposal — with a comparison to estimated FY 2025 ECS grant amounts. Towns projected to receive an increase in ECS funding in FYs 2026 and 2027 — **over their FY 2025 ECS grant amount** — are highlighted in green, while towns projected to receive a decrease in funding are highlighted in red. Towns projected to receive the same amount of ECS funding are highlighted in yellow.

Please note that adjustments in ECS funding levels — both at the town level and overall — in the Appropriations Committee's and governor's proposed budgets are the result of the ECS formula annually accounting for changes in enrollment, student needs, and community wealth.

¹⁰ The budget proposals from the Appropriations Committee and Governor Lamont both adjust the Town of Mansfield's population for its ECS calculations for FYs 2026 and 2027. This was done to resolve a known error in the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Population Estimates regarding the treatment of UConn's student population in the calculation of Mansfield's population.

Table 2: Estimated Town ECS Grants for FYs 2026 and 2027 Under Proposed Biennial Budgets

Note: Budgeted appropriations may differ from final grant amounts made by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to towns and school districts as final grant calculations take additional statutory provisions into account. Therefore, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the CSDE before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹¹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ¹²		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ¹³		Difference Governor's Budget		Difference Appropriations' Budget	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$1,915,742	\$1,826,715	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	-\$89,040	-\$178,067	\$0	\$0
Ansonia	\$20,315,782	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$3,348,554	\$3,238,063	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	-\$110,508	-\$220,999	\$0	\$0
Avon	\$909,358	\$832,104	\$754,862	\$909,358	\$909,358	-\$77,254	-\$154,496	\$0	\$0
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$1,461,262	\$1,428,287	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	-\$32,980	-\$65,955	\$0	\$0
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	\$4,054,722	\$4,029,074	\$4,080,374	\$4,080,374	-\$25,652	-\$51,300	\$0	\$0
Berlin	\$6,106,646	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$1,668,240	\$1,571,920	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	-\$96,334	-\$192,654	\$0	\$0
Bethel	\$8,661,580	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$1,191,027	\$1,163,448	\$1,218,610	\$1,218,610	-\$27,583	-\$55,162	\$0	\$0
Bloomfield*	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$2,637,797	\$2,592,385	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	-\$45,419	-\$90,831	\$0	\$0
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$1,128,934	\$1,067,782	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	-\$61,161	-\$122,313	\$0	\$0

¹¹ Conn. Acts 24-81.

¹² State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2025). *Governor Lamont's Biennial Budget for FYs 2026 and 2027*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/opm/budget/2026_2027_biennial_budget/governors_budget_2627_final_webversion.pdf.

¹³ Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *Appropriations Committee Budget, FY 26 & FY 27*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2025APPJF-20250422_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2026%20-%20FY%2027.pdf.

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Branford	\$3,772,866	\$3,642,520	\$3,512,194	\$3,772,866	\$3,772,866	-\$130,346	-\$260,672	\$0	\$0
Bridgeport	\$201,710,496	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955
Bridgewater	\$137,375	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340
Bristol	\$53,867,287	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243
Brookfield	\$1,136,390	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$241,017	\$241,017	\$241,017	\$241,017
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$6,894,760	\$6,819,841	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690	-\$74,930	-\$149,849	\$0	\$0
Burlington	\$4,474,557	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$239,027	\$239,027	\$239,027	\$239,027
Canaan	\$125,752	\$111,115	\$96,479	\$125,752	\$125,752	-\$14,637	-\$29,273	\$0	\$0
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$3,879,064	\$3,753,312	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	-\$125,771	-\$251,523	\$0	\$0
Canton	\$4,068,515	\$4,047,175	\$4,025,839	\$4,068,515	\$4,068,515	-\$21,340	-\$42,676	\$0	\$0
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$1,597,085	\$1,542,032	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	-\$55,062	-\$110,115	\$0	\$0
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$9,185,276	\$8,930,598	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993	-\$254,717	-\$509,395	\$0	\$0
Chester	\$947,013	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$4,814,666	\$4,437,304	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	-\$377,418	-\$754,780	\$0	\$0
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$11,527,407	\$11,014,672	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	-\$512,811	-\$1,025,546	\$0	\$0
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$364,199	\$324,493	\$403,912	\$403,912	-\$39,713	-\$79,419	\$0	\$0
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$2,239,450	\$2,162,723	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	-\$76,739	-\$153,466	\$0	\$0
Cornwall	\$25,057	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$7,785,595	\$7,618,304	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	-\$167,316	-\$334,607	\$0	\$0
Cromwell	\$5,631,142	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$568,491	\$568,491	\$568,491	\$568,491
Danbury	\$53,201,306	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640
Darien	\$515,629	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$23,778	\$23,778	\$23,778	\$23,778
Deep River	\$1,676,105	\$1,654,405	\$1,632,708	\$1,676,105	\$1,676,105	-\$21,700	-\$43,397	\$0	\$0
Derby	\$10,597,864	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$409,237	\$409,237	\$409,237	\$409,237

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Durham	\$3,293,232	\$3,270,256	\$3,247,283	\$3,293,232	\$3,293,232	-\$22,976	-\$45,949	\$0	\$0
East Granby	\$1,510,105	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$574,228	\$574,228	\$574,228	\$574,228
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$3,476,694	\$3,397,443	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	-\$79,263	-\$158,514	\$0	\$0
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$6,863,371	\$6,765,809	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947	-\$97,576	-\$195,138	\$0	\$0
East Hartford	\$66,388,025	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199
East Haven*	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$5,785,991	\$5,495,518	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	-\$290,516	-\$580,989	\$0	\$0
East Windsor*	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Eastford	\$947,176	\$915,057	\$882,944	\$947,176	\$947,176	-\$32,119	-\$64,232	\$0	\$0
Easton	\$279,493	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620
Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$10,206,354	\$10,071,081	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646	-\$135,292	-\$270,565	\$0	\$0
Enfield*	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Essex	\$213,526	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$2,742	\$2,742	\$2,742	\$2,742
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	\$1,128,399	\$1,125,778	\$1,131,021	\$1,131,021	-\$2,622	-\$5,243	\$0	\$0
Farmington	\$1,760,375	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798
Franklin	\$736,256	\$703,755	\$671,259	\$736,256	\$736,256	-\$32,501	-\$64,997	\$0	\$0
Glastonbury	\$5,655,724	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586
Goshen	\$337,582	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$62,782	\$62,782	\$62,782	\$62,782
Granby	\$5,278,314	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$182,354	\$182,354	\$182,354	\$182,354
Greenwich	\$869,861	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$10,877,856	\$10,830,567	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	-\$47,295	-\$94,584	\$0	\$0
Groton*	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$1,566,815	\$1,367,575	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	-\$199,269	-\$398,509	\$0	\$0
Haddam	\$3,336,551	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$562,532	\$562,532	\$562,532	\$562,532

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Hamden	\$39,522,754	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$975,608	\$892,821	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	-\$82,800	-\$165,587	\$0	\$0
Hartford	\$224,114,724	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$987,711	\$903,713	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	-\$84,011	-\$168,009	\$0	\$0
Harwinton	\$2,506,509	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$5,738,509	\$5,479,363	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	-\$259,184	-\$518,330	\$0	\$0
Kent	\$38,093	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658
Killingly*	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Killingworth	\$2,040,165	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$142,988	\$142,988	\$142,988	\$142,988
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$4,301,943	\$4,025,338	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	-\$276,646	-\$553,251	\$0	\$0
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	\$12,019,203	\$12,005,789	\$12,032,619	\$12,032,619	-\$13,416	-\$26,830	\$0	\$0
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$2,820,181	\$2,740,859	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	-\$79,335	-\$158,657	\$0	\$0
Litchfield	\$1,309,880	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$247,172	\$247,172	\$247,172	\$247,172
Lyme	\$254,340	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051
Madison	\$395,466	\$380,241	\$365,019	\$395,466	\$395,466	-\$15,225	-\$30,447	\$0	\$0
Manchester	\$46,222,158	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730
Mansfield	\$11,860,593	\$11,693,596	\$11,526,624	\$11,860,593	\$11,860,593	-\$166,997	-\$333,969	\$0	\$0
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$2,906,861	\$2,861,642	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086	-\$45,225	-\$90,444	\$0	\$0
Meriden	\$79,454,514	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321
Middlebury	\$2,182,673	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	\$2,094,620	\$2,088,883	\$2,100,359	\$2,100,359	-\$5,739	-\$11,476	\$0	\$0
Middletown	\$25,404,320	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$9,572,998	\$9,472,775	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	-\$100,237	-\$200,460	\$0	\$0
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$4,972,729	\$4,672,569	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	-\$300,206	-\$600,366	\$0	\$0

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$12,759,776	\$12,716,694	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864	-\$43,088	-\$86,170	\$0	\$0
Morris	\$250,614	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555
Naugatuck*	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Britain	\$115,859,537	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983
New Canaan	\$454,820	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$3,020,393	\$2,559,734	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	-\$460,727	-\$921,386	\$0	\$0
New Hartford	\$2,918,203	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$96,668	\$96,668	\$96,668	\$96,668
New Haven	\$169,238,796	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246
New London*	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Milford	\$11,554,609	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695
Newington	\$16,720,241	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$261,212	\$261,212	\$261,212	\$261,212
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$4,325,066	\$4,154,466	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	-\$170,625	-\$341,225	\$0	\$0
Norfolk	\$53,125	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$7,077,214	\$6,823,141	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	-\$254,111	-\$508,184	\$0	\$0
North Canaan	\$1,781,954	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364
North Haven	\$4,399,467	\$4,344,260	\$4,289,060	\$4,399,467	\$4,399,467	-\$55,207	-\$110,407	\$0	\$0
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$2,564,126	\$2,467,959	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307	-\$96,181	-\$192,348	\$0	\$0
Norwalk	\$15,498,345	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$949,524	\$949,524	\$949,524	\$949,524
Norwich	\$46,690,778	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152
Old Lyme	\$1,171,194	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$320,784	\$320,784	\$320,784	\$320,784
Old Saybrook	\$131,315	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$1,223
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$997,836	\$980,177	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	-\$17,662	-\$35,321	\$0	\$0
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$3,463,290	\$3,249,600	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	-\$213,721	-\$427,411	\$0	\$0
Plainfield*	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Plainville	\$12,181,371	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$577,082	\$577,082	\$577,082	\$577,082
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$9,693,400	\$9,584,695	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	-\$108,721	-\$217,426	\$0	\$0
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$2,581,246	\$2,491,518	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	-\$89,741	-\$179,469	\$0	\$0
Portland	\$4,775,020	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$221,450	\$221,450	\$221,450	\$221,450
Preston	\$2,952,496	\$2,860,997	\$2,769,512	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	-\$91,499	-\$182,984	\$0	\$0
Prospect	\$5,836,389	\$5,832,627	\$5,828,865	\$5,836,389	\$5,836,389	-\$3,762	-\$7,524	\$0	\$0
Putnam*	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Redding	\$262,365	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$19,265	\$19,265	\$19,265	\$19,265
Ridgefield	\$568,700	\$563,233	\$557,767	\$568,700	\$568,700	-\$5,467	-\$10,933	\$0	\$0
Rocky Hill	\$7,541,437	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716
Roxbury	\$186,577	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$2,457,571	\$2,390,074	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	-\$67,507	-\$135,004	\$0	\$0
Salisbury	\$56,120	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$1,199,126	\$1,123,592	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	-\$75,545	-\$151,079	\$0	\$0
Seymour	\$11,771,547	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$145,661	\$145,661	\$145,661	\$145,661
Sharon	\$24,350	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$5,672	\$5,672	\$5,672	\$5,672
Shelton	\$8,515,020	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$571,002	\$571,002	\$571,002	\$571,002
Sherman	\$46,995	\$45,495	\$43,996	\$46,995	\$46,995	-\$1,500	-\$2,999	\$0	\$0
Simsbury	\$7,482,940	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$846,779	\$846,779	\$846,779	\$846,779
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$5,603,611	\$5,514,605	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	-\$89,019	-\$178,025	\$0	\$0
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$11,271,720	\$11,135,383	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	-\$136,358	-\$272,695	\$0	\$0
Southbury	\$6,743,076	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106
Southington	\$20,848,374	\$20,592,179	\$20,336,022	\$20,848,374	\$20,848,374	-\$256,195	-\$512,352	\$0	\$0
Sprague	\$2,706,745	\$2,652,703	\$2,598,670	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745	-\$54,042	-\$108,075	\$0	\$0

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$9,257,160	\$8,962,877	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	-\$294,327	-\$588,610	\$0	\$0
Stamford	\$19,908,251	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$3,068,124	\$2,961,678	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	-\$106,461	-\$212,907	\$0	\$0
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$950,756	\$828,519	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	-\$122,255	-\$244,492	\$0	\$0
Stratford*	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$6,109,575	\$6,055,447	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712	-\$54,137	-\$108,265	\$0	\$0
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$5,346,922	\$5,212,638	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	-\$134,304	-\$268,588	\$0	\$0
Thompson*	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$8,806,818	\$8,508,152	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	-\$298,710	-\$597,376	\$0	\$0
Torrington	\$33,393,085	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	\$3,406,167	\$3,395,286	\$3,417,049	\$3,417,049	-\$10,882	-\$21,763	\$0	\$0
Union	\$211,728	\$201,637	\$191,548	\$211,728	\$211,728	-\$10,091	-\$20,180	\$0	\$0
Vernon	\$23,038,115	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$492,421	\$492,421	\$492,421	\$492,421
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$2,002,677	\$1,888,129	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	-\$114,566	-\$229,114	\$0	\$0
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	\$21,242,061	\$21,197,966	\$21,286,162	\$21,286,162	-\$44,101	-\$88,196	\$0	\$0
Warren	\$137,212	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528
Washington	\$283,590	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$53,461	\$53,461	\$53,461	\$53,461
Waterbury	\$190,361,064	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257
Waterford	\$326,444	\$324,617	\$322,791	\$326,444	\$326,444	-\$1,827	-\$3,653	\$0	\$0
Watertown	\$12,747,426	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070
West Hartford	\$25,084,678	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$642,091	\$642,091	\$642,091	\$642,091
West Haven	\$56,011,585	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376
Westbrook	\$78,973	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392
Weston	\$263,792	\$260,262	\$256,733	\$263,792	\$263,792	-\$3,530	-\$7,059	\$0	\$0

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Westport	\$589,729	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671
Wethersfield	\$14,676,017	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$163,963	\$163,963	\$163,963	\$163,963
Willington	\$3,456,594	\$3,384,690	\$3,312,797	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	-\$71,904	-\$143,797	\$0	\$0
Wilton	\$461,796	\$458,719	\$455,642	\$461,796	\$461,796	-\$3,077	-\$6,154	\$0	\$0
Winchester*	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windham*	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windsor*	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windsor Locks*	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$12,156,419	\$11,925,702	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	-\$230,752	-\$461,469	\$0	\$0
Woodbridge	\$577,842	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$74,488	\$74,488	\$74,488	\$74,488
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	\$2,931,727	\$2,926,639	\$2,936,816	\$2,936,816	-\$5,089	-\$10,177	\$0	\$0
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$4,860,117	\$4,729,722	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	-\$130,415	-\$260,810	\$0	\$0

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