

## **GROTON AT A GLANCE**

A charming Connecticut shoreline community, the Town of Groton borders Fishers Island Sound between the Thames and Mystic Rivers. Thirty-eight and three-tenths square miles in size, over 3,500 acres of reserved open space, active recreation areas, and watershed lands, and 58 miles of shoreline provide residents with a high quality standard of living.

Originally the home of the Pequot Indians, an Algonquin-speaking woodland tribe, this territory provided vital resources; an abundance of food and clothing supplied from wildlife, and fish retrieved from the shoreline areas. The Pequots became the most powerful tribe in the region now known as Connecticut, attributable to their strength in warfare and possession over the shellfish beds, used for wampum trade amongst tribes.

Groton was first settled as part of New London in 1646 when John Winthrop Jr. came from Massachusetts Bay to found Pequot Plantation at the mouth of the Thames River. By 1705, the population east of the Thames had increased sufficiently, and inhabitants were allowed to incorporate as a separate town, named Groton, in honor of the Winthrop family estate in England.

In 1868, area residents, with the help of the State of Connecticut, purchased 112 acres on the Thames River and presented the site to the Federal Government for use as a navy yard. During World War I, the navy yard was officially commissioned a United States submarine base.

Fittingly, Groton is known as "The Submarine Capital of the World". It is the home of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, a firm responsible for delivering 74 diesel submarines to the Navy during World War II. In 1954, the company launched the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, currently displayed at the USS Nautilus Memorial. Electric Boat is the premier designer of submarines for the United States Government and was responsible for the development of fifteen of eighteen classes of nuclear submarines including Trident, Seawolf, and the new attack submarine.

Groton is home to Pfizer, Incorporated which encompasses over 2.4 million square feet of research, office and manufacturing space. Pfizer employs over 3,500 individuals and is the Town's largest single taxpayer. Products discovered, developed, and manufactured in Groton generate a substantial percentage of the company's yearly income, and alleviate disease and improve the quality of life throughout the world.

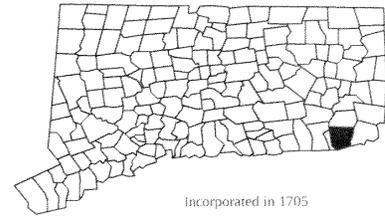
The treasures of Groton's past are retained through the historic homes that are scattered through the Town, the quaint streets of Noank, and the scenic Long Island Sound. The Town is committed to preserving this past, while striving to implement new initiatives as the leader in Southeastern Connecticut.

# Groton, Connecticut

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**Town Hall**  
45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340  
(860) 441-6630

*Belongs To*  
New London County  
LMA Norwich - New London - Westerly  
Southeastern Planning Area



Incorporated in 1705

## Demographics

Population				Race/Ethnicity (2013-2017)				
	Town	County	State		Town	County	State	
2000	39,907	259,088	3,405,565	White Alone, Non-Hispanic	27,841	206,261	2,446,049	
2010	40,115	274,055	3,574,097	Black Alone	2,829	15,556	376,240	
2013-2017	39,492	270,772	3,594,478	Asian	2,176	11,210	156,450	
2020	40,326	283,665	3,604,591	Native American	160	1,722	9,385	
'17 - '20 Growth / Yr	0.7%	1.5%	0.1%	Other/Multi-Race	3,292	22,466	294,408	
				Hispanic or Latino	5,259	27,186	551,916	
	Town	County	State	Poverty Rate (2013-2017)				
Land Area (sq. miles)	31	665	4,842	Town	County	State		
Pop./Sq. Mile (2013-2017)	1,273	407	742	Town	County	State		
Median Age (2013-2017)	33	41	41	10.2%	9.9%	10.1%		
Households (2013-2017)	16,002	107,193	1,361,755	Educational Attainment (2013-2017)				
Med. HH Inc. (2013-2017)	\$63,895	\$69,411	\$73,781		Town	County	State	
				High School Graduate	7,231	28%	673,582	27%
Veterans (2013-2017)	3,398	180,111		Associates Degree	2,099	8%	188,481	8%
				Bachelors or Higher	9,347	37%	953,199	38%
Age Distribution (2013-2017)								
	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
Town	2,694 7%	3,708 9%	7,526 19%	11,232 28%	8,879 22%	5,453 14%	39,492 100%	
County	13,625 5%	30,437 11%	38,082 14%	65,254 24%	78,190 29%	45,184 17%	270,772 100%	
State	186,188 5%	432,367 12%	495,626 14%	872,640 24%	1,031,900 29%	575,757 16%	3,594,478 100%	

## Economics

Business Profile (2018)				Top Five Grand List (2018)	
Sector	Units	Employment		Company	Amount
Total - All Industries	1,079	28,125		Pfizer Inc.,	\$322,120,250
23 - Construction	58	179		Electric Boat Corp	\$287,676,760
31-33 - Manufacturing	NA	NA		Ledges Groton #199Y LP	\$27,845,860
44-45 - Retail Trade	126	1,879		Exit 88 Hotel LLC	\$21,524,220
54 - Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	136	1,697		Groton Development Assoc LTD	\$19,920,670
72 - Accommodation and Food Services	132	2,166		Net Grand List (SFY 2016-2017)	\$3,802,539,060
Total Government	55	3,646		Major Employers (2018)	
				Electric Boat Corporation	U.S. Navy Submarine Base
				Pfizer, Inc.	Town of Groton
				1109th TASMG - CT Army	
				National Guard	

## Education

2018-2019 School Year				Smarter Balanced Test Percent Above Goal (2017-2018)							
	Grades	Enrollment		Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 8			
				Town	State	Town	State	Town	State		
Groton School District	PK-12	4324		Math	54.1%	53.8%	53.1%	51.3%	54.4%	43.0%	
				ELA	59.5%	53.1%	55.6%	54.9%	66.2%	56.1%	
Pre-K Enrollment (PSIS)				Rate of Chronic Absenteeism (2017-2018)							
Groton School District		2018-2019		Connecticut						All	
		190		Groton School District						10.7%	
										11.6%	
4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2017-2018)				Public vs Private Enrollment (2013-2017)							
	All	Female	Male		Town	County	State				
Connecticut	88.3%	91.8%	85.1%	Public	88.3%	88.6%	86.8%				
Groton School District	83.7%	90.0%	78.8%	Private	11.7%	11.4%	13.2%				

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## Government

Government Form: Council - Manager

Total Revenue (2017)	\$135,088,508	Total Expenditures (2017)	\$133,430,459	Annual Debt Service (2017)	\$6,215,462
Tax Revenue	\$83,180,759	Education	\$90,690,477	As % of Expenditures	4.7%
Non-tax Revenue	\$51,907,749	Other	\$42,739,982	Eq. Net Grand List (2017)	\$4,914,736,072
Intergovernmental	\$48,964,896	Total Indebtedness (2017)	\$45,147,078	Per Capita	\$125,777
Per Capita Tax (2017)	\$2,109	As % of Expenditures	33.8%	As % of State Average	83.3%
As % of State Average	71.9%	Per Capita	\$1,155	Moody's Bond Rating (2017)	Aa2
		As % of State Average	45.9%	Actual Mill Rate (2017)	21.73
				Equalized Mill Rate (2017)	16.77
				% of Net Grand List Com/Ind (2017)	23.6%

## Housing/Real Estate

Housing Stock (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Total Units	18,073	122,599	1,507,711
% Single Unit (2013-2017)	45.5%	65.5%	59.2%
New Permits Auth (2017)	36	295	4,547
As % Existing Units	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Demolitions (2017)	0	35	1,403
Home Sales (2017)	293	2,137	21,880
Median Price	\$237,500	\$238,900	\$270,100
Built Pre-1950 share	22.4%	29.0%	29.3%
Owner Occupied Dwellings	7,425	71,447	906,798
As % Total Dwellings	46.4%	66.7%	66.6%
Subsidized Housing (2018)	4,049	13,693	167,879

Distribution of House Sales (2017)

	Town	County	State
Less than \$100,000	26	128	536
\$100,000-\$199,999	55	662	5,237
\$200,000-\$299,999	106	709	6,681
\$300,000-\$399,999	41	376	3,863
\$400,000 or More	65	262	5,563

Rental (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Median Rent	\$1,183	\$1,071	\$1,123
Cost-burdened Renters	45.7%	48.6%	52.3%

## Labor Force

	Town	County	State
Residents Employed	17,832	132,032	1,827,070
Residents Unemployed	642	5,431	78,242
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%
Self-Employed Rate	7.1%	8.2%	10.0%
Total Employers	1,079	7,772	122,067
Total Employed	28,125	123,881	1,673,867

Connecticut Commuters (2015)

Commuters Into Town From:	Town Residents Commuting To:
Groton, CT	Groton, CT
Stonington, CT	New London, CT
Ledyard, CT	Stonington, CT
New London, CT	Ledyard, CT
Waterford, CT	Waterford, CT
Norwich, CT	Norwich, CT
East Lyme, CT	Montville, CT

## Quality of Life

Crime Rates (per 100,000 residents) (2017)

	Town	State
Property	1,535	1,777
Violent	129	228

Disengaged Youth (2013-2017)

	Town	State
Female	17.6%	4.2%
Male	0.4%	5.6%

	Town
Library circulation per capita	9.49

Distance to Major Cities

	Miles
Hartford	45
Providence	46
Boston	86
New York City	110
Montreal	301

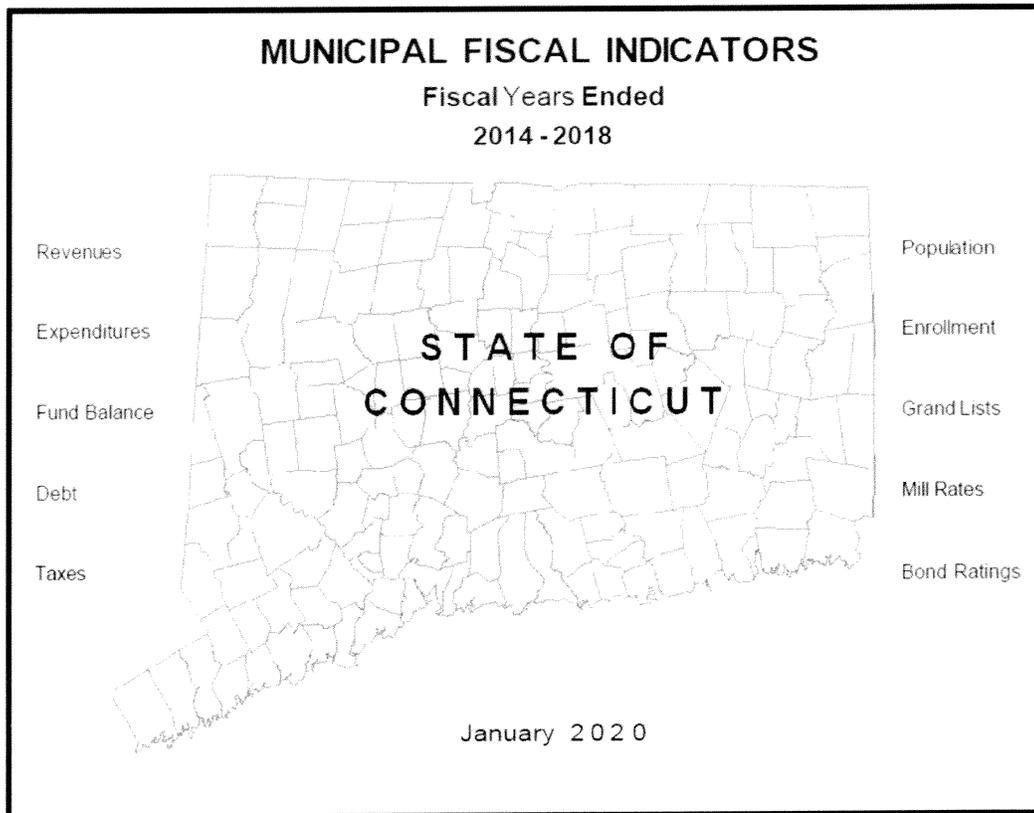
Residential Utilities

**Electric Provider**  
Groton Utilities Electric Division  
(860) 446-4000

**Gas Provider**  
Eversource Energy  
(800) 989-0900

**Water Provider**  
Groton Utilities Water Division  
(860) 446-4000

**Cable Provider**  
Thames Valley Communications, Inc  
(860) 446-4009



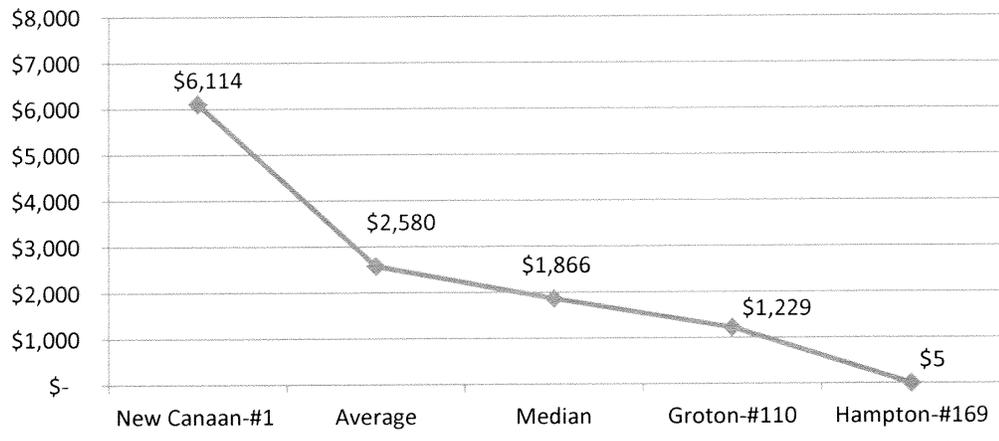
"Municipal Fiscal Indicators" is an annual publication of the Municipal Finance Services Unit of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

The publication consists of the most current financial information available for each of Connecticut's 169 municipalities. The majority of the data has been compiled from the audited financial reports of municipalities. The data extracted from these reports pertains primarily to each municipality's General Fund.

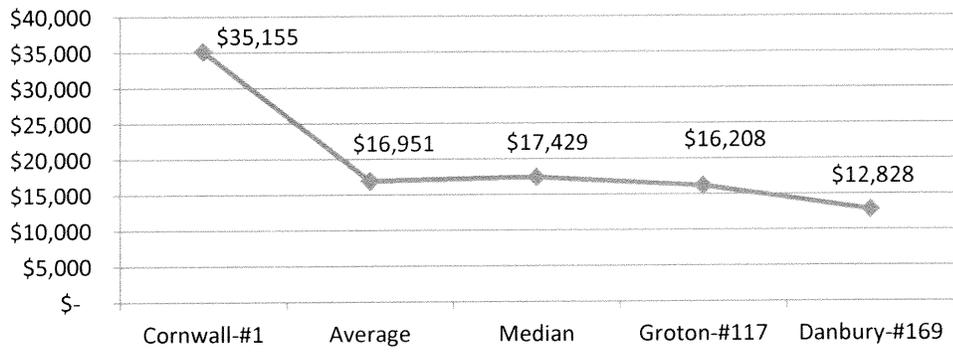
Attached are five (5) Fiscal Indicators that show the State-wide rankings comparing the Town of Groton along with the highest, lowest, average and median indicator for those five fiscal indicators:

Bonded Debt Per Capita  
Education Expenditures per Pupil  
Tax Levy per Capita  
Property Tax Revenue as a % of Total Revenue  
Equalized Mill Rate

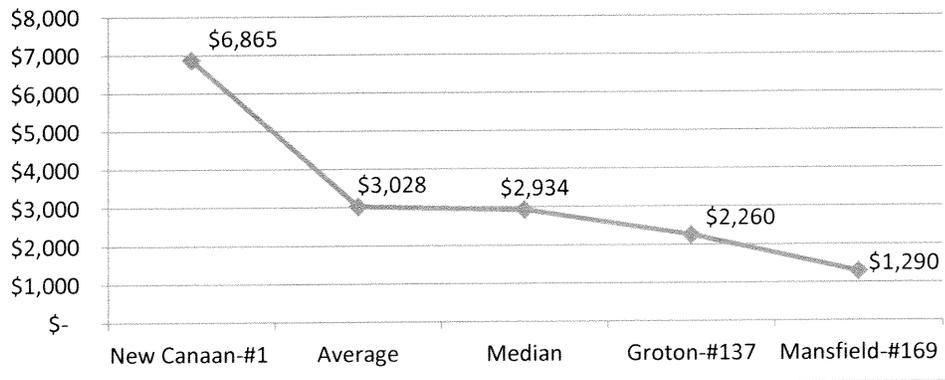
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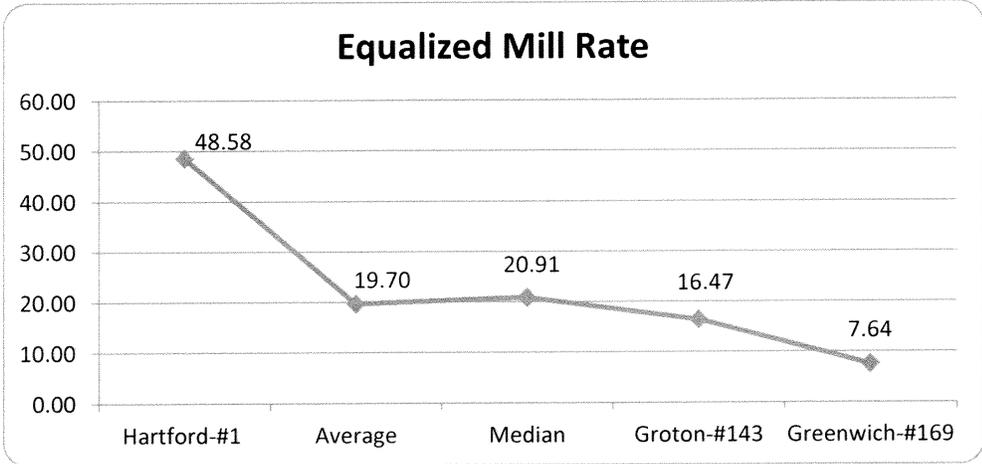
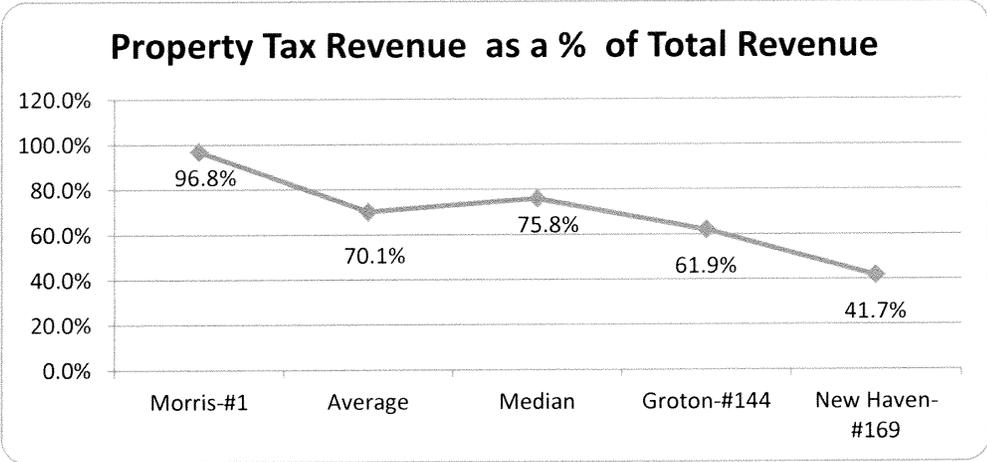


### Education Expenditures per Pupil



### Tax Levy per Capita





The Equalized Mill Rate, or Effective Tax Rate, is calculated by dividing the adjusted tax levy by the Equalized Net Grand List. OPM calculates the Equalized Net Grand List from sales and assessment ratio information and grand list reports filed by municipalities providing a more comparable mill rate statewide.