Cheshire, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2019–2023

	Cheshire	State
Current Population	28,852	3,598,348
Land Area *mi²*	33	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	879	743
Number of Households	10,074	1,420,170
Median Age	44	41
Median Household Income	$150,787	$93,760
Poverty Rate	4%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2023 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Retail Trade	2,586	
General Merchandise Retailers		*43%*
2 Health Care and Social Assistance	2,299	
Social Assistance		*47%*
3 Wholesale Trade	1,891	
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Gds		*46%*
4 Manufacturing	1,458	
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg		*38%*
5 Transportation and Warehousing	1,368	
Warehousing and Storage		*68%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	14,167	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2025

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	263	283	299	350	327

Total Active Businesses 2,959

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2025

1. Bozzuto's Inc
2. Whole Foods North East
3. Macy's Logistics & Opetations
4. Collins Aerospace
5. Hanwha Aerospace USA

Demographics

ACS, 2019–2023

Age Distribution

			State
Under 10	3,042	11%	10%
10 to 19	4,002	14%	13%
20 to 29	2,969	10%	13%
30 to 39	2,967	10%	13%
40 to 49	3,684	13%	12%
50 to 59	4,108	14%	14%
60 to 69	4,149	14%	13%
70 to 79	2,254	8%	8%
80 and over	1,677	6%	4%

Race and Ethnicity

		State
Asian	10%	5%
Black	3%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	7%	18%
White	73%	63%
Other	7%	5%

Hispanic includes those of any race. Remaining racial groups include only non-hispanic. 'Other' includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, two or more races.

Language Spoken at Home

	Cheshire	State
English	77	85%
Spanish	3	13%

Educational Attainment

	Cheshire	State
High School Diploma Only	14	26%
Associate Degree	5	8%
Bachelor's Degree	23	32%
Master's Degree or Higher	19	31%

Housing

ACS, 2019–2023

	Cheshire	State
Median Home Value	$419,400	$343,200
Median Rent	$1,298	$1,431
Housing Units	10,493	1,536,049

	Cheshire	State
Owner-Occupied	66	87%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	85%
Vacant	4	8%

Schools

CT Department of Education, 2024-25

School Districts

	Available Grades	Total Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	4-Year Grad Rate (2022-23)
Cheshire School District	PK-12	4,317	159	96%
Statewide	-	508,402	20,762	88%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2023-24

	Math	ELA
Cheshire School District	74%	76%
Statewide	44%	49%

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Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2024

	Cheshire	State
Employed	15,846	1,842,285
Unemployed	386	67,181
Unemployment Rate	2 4%	
Self-Employment Rate*	10 12%	

*ACS, 2019–2023

Catchment Areas of 15mi, 30mi, and 60mi

Access

ACS, 2019–2023

	Cheshire	State
Mean Commute Time *	27 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	5	9%
No Internet Access	5	7%

Commute Mode

Public Transport	1	3%
Walking or Cycling	3	3%
Driving	78	78%
Working From Home *	14	19%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	New Haven metro, Waterbury metro, Express, CTfastrak
Other Public Bus Operations	-
Train Service	-

** 5 year estimates include pre-pandemic data*

Fiscal Indicators

CT Office of Policy and Management, State FY 2021-22

Municipal Revenue

Total Revenue	$132,913,984
Property Tax Revenue	$98,172,328
per capita	$3,386
per capita, as % of state avg.	103%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$31,459,841
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	102%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$130,667,721
Educational	$89,856,276
Other	$40,811,445

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$5,061,282,379
per capita	$174,563
per capita, as % of state avg.	98%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	14%
Actual Mill Rate	33.72
Equalized Mill Rate	19.30

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2024)	Aa1
S&P Rating (2024)	AAA
Total Indebtedness	$93,610,670
per capita	$3,229
per capita, as % of state avg.	110%
as percent of expenditures	72%
Annual Debt Service	$9,452,703
as % of expenditures	7%

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