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## Bristol Tops List Among Connecticut's Largest Cities for Economic Well-Being

**(BRISTOL, CT – September 13, 2017)** In numbers just published by the Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL), the City of Bristol (in a tie with the Town of Wallingford) exhibits the strongest “economic health” of the 25 largest cities in the State of Connecticut. The top ranking is based on four economic indicators: (1) total covered business establishments (2) total covered employment (3) inflation-adjusted covered wages, and (4) the local unemployment rate. Combining these four major economic indicators, according to DOL, gives a broad measure of business and resident economic well-being within the community.

The DOL’s Office of Research developed the Connecticut Town Economic Index (CTEI) as an annual composite index of all 169 communities in the state. Bristol’s CTEI ranking is 128.2 for 2016. The City’s CTEI scores have risen dramatically over the past several years, with a 109.9 score in 2013, a 116.8 tally in 2014, and 121.7 in 2015. The City’s index is well above the state average of 122.4 for 2016.

“We are extremely pleased by the numbers and especially the upward trend over the past several years,” said Bristol Mayor Ken Cockayne. “When we went through the credit rating reviews with the top credit rating agencies, they all told us they believed Bristol was in a really solid position economically, and this is more evidence that the work we have been putting in is really paying off.”

Each of the four economic indicators – number of business establishments, total covered employment, wages, and unemployment rate – is given a 25% weight within the CTEI score. “Business establishments” are defined by DOL as the physical work units located in the municipality. “Total covered employment” represents the number of employees on payroll within the establishments. “Wages” are the aggregate payroll pay divided by the total average employment. The unemployment rate is tallied each month by DOL.

“We’re excited when data like the CTEI ranking demonstrates that our economic development and marketing efforts are paying off,” said Justin Malley, Executive Director of the Bristol Development Authority. “We have worked hard to establish Bristol as a welcoming environment for businesses and trust that the effort will help residents seeking employment. We are looking to continue our strong CTEI metrics and grow our economy.”

To learn more, see the CTEI figures below and read the September 2017 *Connecticut Economic Digest* by logging on to <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/digest/pdfs/cedsep17.pdf>

**CONNECTICUT TOWN ECONOMIC INDEX (2010=100), 2013-2016\***

| Town/City     | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | Town/City        | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | Town/City     | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Andover       | 93.7  | 102.4 | 108.2 | 110.3 | Griswold         | 97.8  | 102.9 | 110.7 | 116.0 | Prospect      | 111.2 | 117.3 | 120.9 | 130.1 |
| Ansonia       | 97.7  | 102.7 | 109.5 | 115.3 | Groton           | 106.4 | 113.0 | 118.0 | 125.6 | Putnam        | 102.8 | 109.5 | 113.3 | 120.8 |
| Ashford       | 110.0 | 118.4 | 128.7 | 130.7 | Guilford         | 108.9 | 114.7 | 123.4 | 132.5 | Redding       | 105.6 | 113.9 | 121.8 | 126.4 |
| Avon          | 103.9 | 108.1 | 115.3 | 120.9 | Haddam           | 108.7 | 116.5 | 124.5 | 131.9 | Ridgefield    | 104.9 | 109.9 | 117.3 | 120.5 |
| Barkhamsted   | 104.2 | 113.7 | 122.8 | 123.8 | Hamden           | 105.4 | 110.0 | 115.7 | 120.6 | Rocky Hill    | 108.0 | 121.2 | 129.4 | 134.3 |
| Beacon Falls  | 108.3 | 113.6 | 125.4 | 131.9 | Hampton          | 107.7 | 122.4 | 128.0 | 129.7 | Roxbury       | 101.0 | 113.7 | 122.4 | 126.2 |
| Bethlehem     | 109.6 | 111.7 | 117.9 | 120.8 | Hartford         | 103.8 | 109.9 | 116.3 | 121.3 | Salem         | 96.9  | 102.9 | 110.6 | 118.8 |
| Berlin        | 109.4 | 117.0 | 124.4 | 133.2 | Hartland         | 105.8 | 109.1 | 112.8 | 125.7 | Salisbury     | 104.7 | 113.1 | 119.7 | 126.0 |
| Bethany       | 110.3 | 113.0 | 121.4 | 127.2 | Harwinton        | 104.3 | 109.1 | 116.5 | 123.1 | Scotland      | 105.9 | 101.1 | 102.7 | 104.2 |
| Bethel        | 105.8 | 111.6 | 121.0 | 126.4 | Hebron           | 107.9 | 111.9 | 119.5 | 126.7 | Seymour       | 106.0 | 110.9 | 118.8 | 124.6 |
| Bloomfield    | 107.2 | 113.1 | 118.9 | 124.4 | Kent             | 115.8 | 125.8 | 129.9 | 131.5 | Sharon        | 102.2 | 107.8 | 115.3 | 119.4 |
| Bolton        | 106.9 | 113.0 | 119.7 | 124.8 | Killingly        | 104.7 | 112.9 | 119.1 | 125.8 | Shelton       | 106.3 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 121.8 |
| Bozrah        | 102.1 | 108.8 | 115.3 | 121.0 | Killingworth     | 99.5  | 105.5 | 112.5 | 119.7 | Sherman       | 106.8 | 113.2 | 121.0 | 125.1 |
| Branford      | 105.6 | 112.6 | 117.1 | 122.2 | Lebanon          | 106.8 | 113.8 | 121.2 | 127.7 | Simsbury      | 105.6 | 111.3 | 117.6 | 114.1 |
| Bridgeport    | 102.2 | 107.8 | 114.2 | 119.8 | Ledyard          | 99.8  | 103.7 | 113.9 | 123.1 | Somers        | 105.2 | 108.4 | 115.0 | 117.9 |
| Bridgewater   | 97.2  | 100.6 | 111.0 | 125.7 | Lisbon           | 104.5 | 105.9 | 109.4 | 114.5 | South Windsor | 108.2 | 112.9 | 119.5 | 125.8 |
| Bristol       | 109.9 | 116.8 | 121.7 | 128.2 | Litchfield       | 106.1 | 111.1 | 119.7 | 122.4 | Southbury     | 103.0 | 107.3 | 110.8 | 112.1 |
| Brookfield    | 107.1 | 113.3 | 122.1 | 125.4 | Lyme             | 116.7 | 121.6 | 128.5 | 133.8 | Southington   | 106.2 | 113.0 | 121.1 | 127.3 |
| Brooklyn      | 106.4 | 111.5 | 120.8 | 129.5 | Madison          | 105.8 | 113.3 | 121.8 | 128.1 | Sprague       | 97.4  | 102.2 | 101.6 | 109.4 |
| Burlington    | 108.8 | 116.9 | 120.4 | 123.2 | Manchester       | 104.0 | 109.1 | 115.2 | 120.8 | Stafford      | 102.5 | 108.4 | 113.4 | 119.5 |
| Canaan        | 97.7  | 113.9 | 129.1 | 143.6 | Mansfield        | 101.4 | 109.4 | 117.0 | 121.6 | Stamford      | 107.5 | 113.2 | 119.9 | 125.4 |
| Canterbury    | 106.9 | 113.9 | 121.2 | 127.4 | Marlborough      | 111.0 | 115.9 | 122.4 | 137.3 | Sterling      | 104.2 | 102.0 | 108.2 | 114.8 |
| Canton        | 115.4 | 119.6 | 128.4 | 134.3 | Meriden          | 103.7 | 108.0 | 115.2 | 122.3 | Stonington    | 104.6 | 105.7 | 112.2 | 123.8 |
| Chaplin       | 108.5 | 107.9 | 110.4 | 111.8 | Middlebury       | 110.5 | 113.8 | 119.6 | 126.0 | Stratford     | 103.0 | 108.1 | 115.1 | 119.0 |
| Cheshire      | 108.3 | 114.7 | 121.6 | 126.5 | Middlefield      | 109.6 | 116.2 | 119.0 | 121.0 | Suffield      | 103.9 | 109.9 | 117.8 | 121.9 |
| Chester       | 109.0 | 115.0 | 121.5 | 125.0 | Middletown       | 104.1 | 108.9 | 115.1 | 120.9 | Thomaston     | 108.7 | 115.0 | 122.6 | 130.3 |
| Clinton       | 104.8 | 109.7 | 117.5 | 125.6 | Milford          | 109.7 | 114.9 | 121.8 | 127.8 | Thompson      | 109.0 | 120.4 | 128.9 | 130.6 |
| Colchester    | 107.7 | 117.6 | 125.5 | 131.8 | Monroe           | 108.7 | 113.7 | 120.5 | 124.0 | Tolland       | 102.4 | 108.5 | 114.6 | 120.5 |
| Colebrook     | 92.1  | 92.1  | 98.8  | 101.9 | Montville        | 100.9 | 107.4 | 111.4 | 120.4 | Torrington    | 107.3 | 112.8 | 119.2 | 121.7 |
| Columbia      | 104.2 | 107.8 | 112.4 | 118.0 | Morris           | 114.2 | 116.4 | 125.7 | 137.7 | Trumbull      | 102.1 | 104.3 | 110.4 | 116.0 |
| Cornwall      | 99.5  | 115.3 | 122.3 | 126.9 | Naugatuck        | 107.0 | 111.7 | 116.7 | 122.2 | Union         | 94.1  | 97.6  | 102.0 | 105.7 |
| Coventry      | 106.8 | 111.6 | 118.2 | 125.4 | New Britain      | 104.5 | 110.5 | 117.0 | 122.7 | Vernon        | 103.6 | 109.0 | 116.0 | 121.4 |
| Cromwell      | 111.2 | 116.9 | 124.6 | 130.7 | New Canaan       | 104.8 | 111.2 | 118.3 | 123.8 | Voluntown     | 101.7 | 108.2 | 114.3 | 124.1 |
| Danbury       | 108.8 | 115.3 | 121.2 | 125.3 | New Fairfield    | 102.8 | 111.3 | 117.0 | 121.4 | Wallingford   | 109.1 | 114.9 | 122.3 | 128.2 |
| Darien        | 103.2 | 111.1 | 118.7 | 121.9 | New Hartford     | 105.1 | 109.1 | 116.9 | 121.2 | Warren        | 98.2  | 97.7  | 98.5  | 102.1 |
| Deep River    | 105.2 | 112.5 | 116.1 | 124.7 | New Haven        | 104.6 | 111.5 | 118.6 | 126.1 | Washington    | 103.9 | 107.6 | 116.1 | 124.8 |
| Derby         | 103.7 | 108.1 | 115.1 | 119.7 | New London       | 93.5  | 98.7  | 104.4 | 111.0 | Waterbury     | 102.7 | 107.0 | 112.8 | 120.1 |
| Durham        | 109.7 | 112.0 | 122.4 | 129.0 | New Milford      | 101.7 | 107.3 | 113.6 | 118.7 | Waterford     | 101.2 | 109.0 | 114.1 | 119.7 |
| East Granby   | 106.6 | 110.8 | 120.5 | 122.4 | Newington        | 108.3 | 117.8 | 125.7 | 124.7 | Watertown     | 106.5 | 111.7 | 117.7 | 122.4 |
| East Haddam   | 103.6 | 107.9 | 116.5 | 121.0 | Newtown          | 109.7 | 117.0 | 124.1 | 128.5 | West Hartford | 107.9 | 114.0 | 120.8 | 126.7 |
| East Hampton  | 106.2 | 114.8 | 122.8 | 127.6 | Norfolk          | 99.3  | 106.4 | 114.4 | 114.7 | West Haven    | 103.6 | 109.7 | 116.8 | 124.5 |
| East Hartford | 106.1 | 111.0 | 116.4 | 122.5 | North Branford   | 110.5 | 115.4 | 122.1 | 122.1 | Westbrook     | 109.0 | 114.9 | 122.3 | 124.8 |
| East Haven    | 104.9 | 110.7 | 117.8 | 122.3 | North Canaan     | 103.6 | 108.1 | 114.1 | 116.9 | Weston        | 102.4 | 109.0 | 116.9 | 118.5 |
| East Lyme     | 101.2 | 106.7 | 113.0 | 118.0 | North Haven      | 97.7  | 101.7 | 110.5 | 119.3 | Westport      | 98.2  | 102.9 | 110.5 | 115.2 |
| East Windsor  | 105.0 | 112.1 | 119.0 | 122.8 | North Stonington | 119.3 | 125.4 | 136.0 | 142.8 | Wethersfield  | 105.5 | 110.0 | 117.8 | 124.8 |
| Eastford      | 113.0 | 118.2 | 132.5 | 138.0 | Norwalk          | 107.7 | 112.3 | 118.4 | 123.6 | Willington    | 109.5 | 114.9 | 125.9 | 132.8 |
| Easton        | 102.7 | 110.0 | 117.5 | 120.5 | Norwich          | 102.4 | 107.5 | 112.6 | 120.9 | Wilton        | 103.9 | 112.8 | 119.2 | 122.5 |
| Ellington     | 110.9 | 118.5 | 122.0 | 130.4 | Old Lyme         | 103.5 | 109.7 | 118.6 | 128.2 | Winchester    | 107.5 | 114.1 | 123.2 | 130.2 |
| Enfield       | 106.5 | 113.8 | 119.8 | 121.9 | Old Saybrook     | 105.9 | 113.6 | 120.3 | 123.7 | Windham       | 103.5 | 108.5 | 115.6 | 123.5 |
| Essex         | 105.9 | 112.2 | 116.3 | 124.8 | Orange           | 112.7 | 117.8 | 125.5 | 129.6 | Windsor       | 104.3 | 110.3 | 117.7 | 121.8 |
| Fairfield     | 108.0 | 113.8 | 121.3 | 127.0 | Oxford           | 111.3 | 117.3 | 126.2 | 128.6 | Windsor Locks | 104.5 | 110.1 | 115.9 | 116.9 |
| Farmington    | 107.7 | 112.3 | 121.4 | 127.5 | Plainfield       | 106.8 | 110.8 | 117.3 | 126.4 | Wolcott       | 110.4 | 118.5 | 126.0 | 131.1 |
| Franklin      | 104.7 | 104.8 | 116.3 | 126.6 | Plainville       | 108.9 | 115.3 | 124.9 | 130.4 | Woodbridge    | 107.7 | 113.2 | 116.2 | 121.3 |
| Glastonbury   | 109.1 | 112.9 | 120.5 | 125.6 | Plymouth         | 108.3 | 112.9 | 118.4 | 125.5 | Woodbury      | 104.3 | 110.6 | 118.3 | 123.2 |
| Goshen        | 109.3 | 112.1 | 115.7 | 128.4 | Pomfret          | 108.9 | 115.6 | 122.5 | 134.1 | Woodstock     | 106.3 | 114.2 | 120.7 | 124.7 |
| Granby        | 106.7 | 111.5 | 119.4 | 125.7 | Portland         | 109.3 | 113.6 | 121.8 | 124.0 |               |       |       |       |       |
| Greenwich     | 100.4 | 107.1 | 113.1 | 116.3 | Preston          | 103.1 | 105.9 | 113.7 | 119.2 | CONNECTICUT   | 104.8 | 110.7 | 117.2 | 122.4 |

\* 2010 = 100 for all 169 cities and towns      2005-2012 CTEI is available upon request  
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