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## *Welcome to Fairfield, Connecticut*

County: Fairfield  
Population: 56,544  
Square Miles: 31.3  
Government: Selectman  
Distance to Major Cities:  
Boston: 142 miles  
Hartford: 53 miles  
New York City: 48 miles



Fairfield Town Green

Fairfield, CT is situated along the Gold Coast of Connecticut with 5 miles of stunning Long Island Sound coastline offering residents a wealth of recreational opportunities including 5 different public beaches. Fairfield's real estate market is made up of many diverse neighborhoods like Southport and Greenfield Hill, both notably scenic and affluent.

Fairfield considers itself the "Dogwood Capital" of the world and hosts an annual Dogwood Festival each spring in Greenfield Hill to show off the thousands of flowering trees. *Connecticut Magazine* ranked Fairfield #2 (Greenwich ranked #1) in their 2011 Rate the Town issue for cities over 50,000 and CNNMoney.com ranked Fairfield 7th as a Top Earning Town. In July 2006, *Money* magazine ranked Fairfield the 9th "Best Place to Live" in the entire United States and the very best in the Northeast! Easy to see why so many people want to call Fairfield HOME.

Fairfield's vast history can be seen in the hundreds of historic homes that have been preserved throughout the town, with Greenfield Hill and Southport Historic Districts dating from the mid-18th century. Fairfield is well positioned to all major highways, Interstate 95, US 1 and the Merritt Parkway.

It also offers three Metro-North railroad stations, Fairfield Center, Fairfield Metro and Southport. Local travel is available by several public bus lines of the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority.

Fairfield is home to 2 respected universities, Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University, and to corporate headquarters for R. C. Bigelow Tea. They can claim John Mayer, recording artist, James Blake, tennis star, and Justin Long, actor as town natives.

There are extraordinary real estate opportunities for those seeking the Fairfield lifestyle, from first-time buyers to seasoned homeowners. Fairfield's rich fabric has so much to offer its residents... it's a great place to call home.



Tide Mill Tavern



Fairfield Beach Postcard 1932

Fairfield, CT History:

Early in the 1600s, the first settlers, a group of hardy souls led by Roger Ludlowe, traveled south and west from Hartford through dense woodlands and over swift rivers to “the place beyond,” a place rich with abundant game and pleasing to the eye, the Unquoway Indians’ beloved homelands. Miles of salt marsh, perfect for grazing cattle, ran along the coast, giving rise to the name “Fair Fields,” and, as the population grew and cleared land for homes, so did the town’s area; at one time it encompassed Redding, Weston, Easton, Greens Farms, Black Rock and most of Westport. As more settlers arrived and cleared “long lots” for grazing and farming, Fairfield prospered, incorporating as a town in 1639. Black Rock and Southport developed deep water ports serving the burgeoning population between New York and Boston with cargoes of wheat, flax, timber, livestock and the world-famous Southport Globe onion.

The Southport Historic District in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut is a 225-acre (91 ha) area historic district that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. It preserves a portion of the modern neighborhood and former borough of Southport, Connecticut. Since the British burnt almost all of Southport's structures in 1779, there is only one home built prior to that date, the Meeker House at 824 Harbor Road, which survives.



Southport Congregational Church 1966



Burr Homestead 1938