

## Learn about Connecticut's 5th District

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The 5th District of Connecticut

From the small towns and villages of Litchfield County to the industrial cities of Waterbury, Danbury, New Britain, and Meriden, to the suburbs of the Farmington Valley, the Fifth District is a region rich in natural beauty and homegrown history, industry and ingenuity.

Home to nearly 700,000 Connecticut residents, the Fifth District boasts a diverse economic cross-section of manufacturing, twenty first century high technology businesses, and a robust services sector. No strangers to competition, even two of the Fifth Districts' towns - Plainville and Meriden - vie for recognition as the geographic center of Connecticut!

Known for its breathtaking vistas and rolling hills, Northwest Connecticut is home to many small, family-owned farms and businesses, and its covered bridges and wooded brooks make it a renowned New England tourist destination. Anchored by the thriving arts center of Torrington in the Upper Naugatuck River Valley, Northwest Connecticut is home to some of the world's most famous hiking trails and open spaces as well as scores of popular museums, historical landmarks and quaint communities.

The Fifth District's bustling urban stretch includes several hubs of commerce and entrepreneurship. Danbury, one of Connecticut's fastest growing cities and home to Western Connecticut State University, is becoming a leader in fuel cell technology. Waterbury, the "Brass City", boasts some of New England's richest history and iconic landmarks. New Britain, the "Hardware City", is home to the hard-hittin' New Britain Rock Cats minor league baseball team as well as Central Connecticut State University. And Meriden, situated in the southeastern corner of the District, is both a hub for Connecticut retail and a bright spot in the state's emerging biotech industry, while also boasting the largest municipal park in New England.

The Farmington Valley suburbs offer a quiet enclave just outside the state capital, Hartford.

From New Fairfield to New Britain and everywhere in between, the Fifth District is one of the nation's most exciting and diverse places to

live, work and raise a family.