

Town of Plainville 26 Year Budget History 1986 – 2012

Below is a spreadsheet showing the approved Plainville budget from Fiscal Year 1986 to FY 2012. The spreadsheet also shows the amounts approved for the major categories of the budget namely, Town, Board of Education, Debt Service and Capital.

During the last three years, (FY10 to FY 12) the overall Town Budget has increased by \$223,524. **This three-year increase is less than any one single year increase since 1986.** (Exception – 1993) Over the last three years, the Budget has increased .42% or less than .15% per year.

Additionally, a Budget Analysis of CT Towns was published by Bill Generous of Windsor, Connecticut. That analysis compared the tax increases over the last 10 years (2002 to 2010) for all of the 169 Towns in Connecticut. For Connecticut towns, the annualized median effective property tax rate increase over the last decade is 3.6%. Towns with the lowest annualized effective tax rate increase this past decade (Sweet Sixteen) were Berlin, East Hartford, East Haven, East Windsor, Eastford, Franklin, Groton, Harwinton, North Stonington, Oxford, **Plainville**, Putnam, Salisbury (lowest at 1.5%), Washington, Watertown, and Windsor.

Plainville had the 11th lowest effective tax increase over the ten year period among all of the Town in Connecticut at 2.32% per year. Plainville's effective tax increase ranked lower than all of our surrounding Towns including Bristol (29th), New Britain (34th), Farmington (80th) and Southington (90th). A copy of the report is below.

Plainville has a very enviable record of keeping tax increases at a low level when compared to the other cities and towns in Connecticut. Additionally, over the last several years, expenditure increases have been kept to record **LOW** levels. The reason for the tax increases over the last several years has been the loss of revenues due to the downturn in the economy.

Town of Plainville
26 Year Budget History
1986 - 2012

FY	Town	% Change	BOE	% Change	Debt	% Change	Capital	% Change	Total Budget	% Change	\$ Change	FY
1986	\$ 5,437,764		\$ 9,083,868		\$ 1,066,300		\$ 385,435		\$ 15,973,367			1986
1987	\$ 5,857,367	7.72%	\$ 9,923,785	9.25%	\$ 1,226,366	15.01%	\$ 205,000	-46.81%	\$ 17,212,518	7.76%	\$ 1,239,151	1987
1988	\$ 6,357,076	8.53%	\$ 11,145,667	12.31%	\$ 1,254,671	2.31%	\$ 334,000	62.93%	\$ 19,091,414	10.92%	\$ 1,878,896	1988
1989	\$ 7,250,335	14.05%	\$ 13,288,910	19.23%	\$ 1,564,932	24.73%	\$ 900,000	169.46%	\$ 23,004,177	20.49%	\$ 3,912,763	1989
1990	\$ 7,919,510	9.23%	\$ 14,454,056	8.77%	\$ 2,125,090	35.79%	\$ 572,500	-36.39%	\$ 25,071,156	8.99%	\$ 2,066,979	1990
1991	\$ 8,847,124	11.71%	\$ 16,124,833	11.56%	\$ 2,399,640	12.92%	\$ 922,000	61.05%	\$ 28,293,597	12.85%	\$ 3,222,441	1991
1992	\$ 9,145,680	3.37%	\$ 16,825,706	4.35%	\$ 3,355,065	39.82%	\$ 813,200	-11.80%	\$ 30,139,651	6.52%	\$ 1,846,054	1992
1993	\$ 9,283,724	1.51%	\$ 16,822,519	-0.02%	\$ 3,160,867	-5.79%	\$ 698,375	-14.12%	\$ 29,965,485	-0.58%	\$ (174,166)	1993
1994	\$ 9,665,664	4.11%	\$ 17,510,683	4.09%	\$ 3,218,875	1.84%	\$ 649,100	-7.06%	\$ 31,044,322	3.60%	\$ 1,078,837	1994
1995	\$ 9,877,727	2.19%	\$ 17,870,632	2.06%	\$ 3,056,059	-5.06%	\$ 769,185	18.50%	\$ 31,573,603	1.70%	\$ 529,281	1995
1996	\$ 10,065,117	1.90%	\$ 18,875,457	5.62%	\$ 2,946,240	-3.59%	\$ 855,787	11.26%	\$ 32,742,601	3.70%	\$ 1,168,998	1996
1997	\$ 10,317,061	2.50%	\$ 19,345,990	2.49%	\$ 2,839,957	-3.61%	\$ 668,295	-21.91%	\$ 33,171,303	1.31%	\$ 428,702	1997
1998	\$ 10,599,211	2.73%	\$ 20,439,694	5.65%	\$ 2,850,173	0.36%	\$ 636,500	-4.76%	\$ 34,525,578	4.08%	\$ 1,354,275	1998
1999	\$ 10,650,656	0.49%	\$ 21,019,838	2.84%	\$ 2,944,681	3.32%	\$ 1,196,557	87.99%	\$ 35,811,732	3.73%	\$ 1,286,154	1999
2000	\$ 11,005,760	3.33%	\$ 22,258,279	5.89%	\$ 2,904,676	-1.36%	\$ 1,358,073	13.50%	\$ 37,526,788	4.79%	\$ 1,715,056	2000
2001	\$ 11,382,259	3.42%	\$ 23,335,359	4.84%	\$ 3,215,193	10.69%	\$ 1,246,088	-8.25%	\$ 39,178,899	4.40%	\$ 1,652,111	2001
2002	\$ 12,071,161	6.05%	\$ 24,152,996	3.50%	\$ 3,239,257	0.75%	\$ 1,345,000	7.94%	\$ 40,808,414	4.16%	\$ 1,629,515	2002
2003	\$ 12,699,489	5.21%	\$ 25,622,684	6.08%	\$ 3,323,818	2.61%	\$ 1,121,000	-16.65%	\$ 42,766,991	4.80%	\$ 1,958,577	2003
2004	\$ 12,870,645	1.35%	\$ 27,081,295	5.69%	\$ 3,580,878	7.73%	\$ 845,600	-24.57%	\$ 44,378,418	3.77%	\$ 1,611,427	2004
2005	\$ 13,063,423	1.50%	\$ 27,797,533	2.64%	\$ 3,711,340	3.64%	\$ 440,900	-47.86%	\$ 45,013,196	1.43%	\$ 634,778	2005
2006	\$ 13,341,570	2.13%	\$ 28,891,847	3.94%	\$ 3,586,695	-3.36%	\$ 640,900	45.36%	\$ 46,461,012	3.22%	\$ 1,447,816	2006
2007	\$ 13,845,320	3.78%	\$ 30,370,415	5.12%	\$ 4,482,183	24.97%	\$ 775,900	21.06%	\$ 49,473,818	6.48%	\$ 3,012,806	2007
2008	\$ 14,166,961	2.32%	\$ 31,645,921	4.20%	\$ 4,732,306	5.58%	\$ 845,000	8.91%	\$ 51,390,188	3.87%	\$ 1,916,370	2008
2009	\$ 14,520,653	2.50%	\$ 32,271,879	1.98%	\$ 4,802,057	1.47%	\$ 1,100,000	30.18%	\$ 52,694,589	2.54%	\$ 1,304,401	2009
2010	\$ 14,525,725	0.03%	\$ 32,446,447	0.54%	\$ 4,484,120	-6.62%	\$ 900,000	-18.18%	\$ 52,356,292	-0.64%	\$ (338,297)	2010
2011	\$ 14,790,061	1.82%	\$ 32,689,795	0.75%	\$ 4,464,033	-0.45%	\$ 747,000	-17.00%	\$ 52,690,889	0.64%	\$ 334,597	2011
2012	\$ 14,987,338	1.33%	\$ 32,689,795	0.00%	\$ 4,541,346	1.73%	\$ 699,634	-6.34%	\$ 52,918,113	0.43%	\$ 227,224	2012
FY	Town	% Change	BOE	% Change	Debt	% Change	Capital	% Change	Total Budget	% Change	\$ Change	FY

FY	Tot. Budget	\$ Change	% Change
2009	\$ 52,694,589		
2010	\$ 52,356,292	\$ (338,297.00)	-0.64%
2011	\$ 52,690,889	\$ 334,597.00	0.64%
2012	\$ 52,918,113	\$ 227,224.00	0.43%
3 yr. change		\$ 223,524.00	0.42%

Budget Analysis of CT Towns – by Bill Generous, Windsor, CT

The budget season is winding down and 5 towns have not completed their budget adoption process. To date, 49% of town budget proposals have been rejected at referendum, a small drop from 52% over the prior two years. Another year and yet another record was set for the number of towns that had a binding* town budget referendum (82). The following highlights property tax changes for this year as well as the prior 10 years.

Tax rate increases for Fiscal Year 2008-09

The median effective property tax rate increase** of both referendum towns AND all Connecticut towns this budget season is **2.9%**, which is the third lowest increase of the last 10 years. With exceptionally strong new development, **Stamford steamrolled a path to the lowest effective tax rate change in Connecticut with a 4.4% DECREASE**. After two years with no mill rate changes, Redding reversed itself and edged out Hartford for the highest increase at 11.9%.

Tax increases over the last 10 years

For Connecticut towns, the annualized median effective property tax rate increase over the last decade is 3.6%. Home tax increases were higher as a result of revaluation tax shifting. When taxes from newly taxed properties are added to the increase in taxes generated from the effective tax rate change, the annualized median increase in the tax levy over the last decade is 5.8%.

The top and bottom 10%:

Towns with the lowest annualized effective tax rate increase this past decade (Sweet Sixteen):

Berlin, East Hartford, East Haven, East Windsor, Eastford, Franklin, Groton, Harwinton, North Stonington, Oxford, **Plainville**, Putnam, Salisbury (lowest at 1.5%), Washington, Watertown, and Windsor.

Towns with the highest annualized effective tax rate increase this past decade (Soaring Sixteen):

Beacon Falls, Chaplin, Darien, Essex, Fairfield, Lisbon, Lyme, Prospect, Ridgefield, Seymour, Sprague (highest at 7.1%), Sterling, Waterford, Westport, and Wilton.



Footnotes:

* Mansfield, North Branford, and Wilton also had a town budget referendum but it was not binding. 85 towns in total had at least one town budget referendum. All 17 Regional School Districts also had at least one budget referendum.

** Terminology/Technical Note: The effective property tax rate increase is the percent increase in the mill rate except for a town undergoing revaluation or a revaluation phase-in, in which case it represents the approximate percent change in the mill rate if revaluation was not implemented or a revaluation phase-in was frozen at the prior year's assessments. Although revaluation shifts the tax burden among property classes, the total increase in the tax levy and the effective tax rate increase remain the same whether or not revaluation is implemented.

Effective Tax Rate Increases of CT Towns
Annualized Rate Increase for Decade Ending with Fiscal Year 2008-09 and Single Year Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2009-10

10-year Annualized Effective Tax Rate			Town		FY 2009-10 Effective Tax Rate			10-year Annualized Effective Tax Rate			Town		FY 2009-10 Effective Tax Rate			10-year Annualized Effective Tax Rate			Town		FY 2009-10 Effective Tax Rate		
Increase *	Rank	Increase **			Increase *	Rank	Increase **	Increase *	Rank	Increase **			Increase *	Rank	Increase **	Increase *	Rank	Increase **			Increase *	Rank	Increase **
Salisbury	1.52%	1	2.20%		East Granby	3.28%	58	0.91%		Killingly	4.15%	114	1.97%										
Oxford	1.54%	2	0.54%		Greenwich	3.27%	59	3.50%		Windham	4.23%	115	1.18%										
East Hartford	1.82%	3	0.00%		Windsor Locks	3.27%	60	3.39%		Waterbury	4.24%	116	0.00%										
Washington	1.82%	4	4.44%		Litchfield	3.29%	61	0.30%		Bloomfield	4.24%	117	0.68%										
Eastford	1.88%	5	2.06%		Stafford	3.30%	62	6.16%		Simsbury	4.24%	118	1.69%										
Franklin	1.89%	6	-0.81%		Meriden	3.31%	63	3.18%		Plainfield	4.28%	119	0.00%										
Berlin	2.01%	7	0.00%		Winchester	3.32%	64	0.00%		New Fairfield	4.30%	120	-0.15%										
East Haven	2.12%	8	0.00%		Willington	3.34%	65	2.54%		Killingworth	4.30%	121	0.00%										
North Stonington	2.17%	9	2.26%		Kent	3.40%	66	0.61%		Old Saybrook	4.34%	122	3.16%										
Harwinton	2.28%	10	0.19%		Granby	3.41%	67	0.37%		New Haven	4.35%	123	0.00%										
Plainville	2.32%	11	0.34%		Rocky Hill	3.42%	68	2.76%		Bethany	4.37%	124	0.68%										
Windsor	2.34%	12	-1.01%		Clinton	3.45%	69	4.49%		Tolland	4.38%	125	-0.07%										
Putnam	2.38%	13	3.72%		Somers	3.48%	70	0.91%		Branford	4.43%	126	1.59%										
Watertown	2.42%	14	4.90%		Ashford	3.49%	71	0.00%		Redding	4.44%	127	3.81%										
East Windsor	2.51%	15	3.99%		Mansfield	3.49%	72	1.86%		Scotland	4.45%	128	-1.02%										
Groton	2.54%	16	3.10%		Morris	3.49%	73	0.00%		Wethersfield	4.46%	129	1.69%										
Colchester	2.57%	17	2.78%		Wallingford	3.50%	74	1.31%		Bozrah	4.47%	130	3.85%										
Sharon	2.60%	18	3.51%		Stamford	3.56%	75	3.91%		Southbury	4.54%	131	-0.95%										
Woodstock	2.60%	19	0.00%		Haddam	3.58%	76	1.54%		Madison	4.56%	132	4.37%										
Norfolk	2.62%	20	0.55%		New Milford	3.58%	77	1.35%		Thompson	4.58%	133	1.34%										
East Hampton	2.65%	21	0.84%		Thomasston	3.60%	78	0.00%		Preston	4.59%	134	5.45%										
Barkhamsted	2.69%	22	-1.06%		Portland	3.61%	79	0.93%		Lebanon	4.63%	135	1.44%										
Hampton	2.71%	23	4.02%		Cromwell	3.62%	80	-0.19%		Hebron	4.64%	136	3.57%										
Norwalk	2.72%	24	2.33%		Middlefield	3.62%	81	-0.89%		Voluntown	4.68%	137	0.00%										
West Haven	2.72%	25	0.00%		Farmington	3.63%	82	1.54%		Pomfret	4.68%	138	0.00%										
Warren	2.76%	26	0.00%		Marlborough	3.65%	83	2.40%		Westbrook	4.70%	139	3.30%										
Roxbury	2.79%	27	0.00%		Chester	3.65%	84	1.33%		Andover	4.70%	140	0.00%										
Cheshire	2.79%	28	2.47%		Brookfield	3.68%	85	1.13%		Coventry	4.76%	141	1.60%										
Cornwall	2.80%	29	0.00%		Newington	3.69%	86	2.60%		Glastonbury	4.84%	142	2.47%										
Bristol	2.80%	30	0.00%		Burlington	3.69%	87	2.11%		Deep River	4.86%	143	0.00%										
Goshen	2.80%	31	0.00%		Stonington	3.70%	88	-0.26%		Hartland	4.87%	144	0.00%										
Bridgeport	2.83%	32	9.25%		North Haven	3.72%	89	-0.09%		Weston	4.90%	145	-0.19%										
Suffield	2.83%	33	3.41%		Woodbridge	3.76%	90	0.84%		Monroe	4.94%	146	2.86%										
Wolcott	2.84%	34	0.00%		Milford	3.77%	91	-2.59%		Trumbull	4.95%	147	0.88%										
New Britain	2.85%	35	0.00%		Southington	3.78%	92	1.09%		Newtown	4.96%	148	0.99%										
Canaan	2.85%	36	-1.86%		West Hartford	3.80%	93	1.54%		Naugatuck	5.13%	149	0.00%										
Ellington	2.88%	37	2.46%		North Canaan	3.82%	94	0.00%		Sherman	5.13%	150	0.07%										
Enfield	2.88%	38	0.00%		Danbury	3.83%	95	1.45%		Union	5.20%	151	0.54%										
Montville	2.90%	39	2.05%		Orange	3.83%	96	1.29%		Old Lyme	5.20%	152	2.63%										
Guilford	2.92%	40	4.43%		Plymouth	3.88%	97	0.00%		New Canaan	5.26%	153	1.55%										
Middlebury	2.95%	41	1.81%		Ansonia	3.89%	98	0.00%		Prospect	5.29%	154	0.00%										
New London	2.97%	42	-0.19%		Stratford	3.92%	99	-0.49%		Westport	5.34%	155	0.00%										
Vernon	3.03%	43	4.06%		Colebrook	3.94%	100	1.69%		Ridgefield	5.47%	156	0.45%										
Hamden	3.03%	44	-0.03%		Bridgewater	3.98%	101	-1.94%		Willon	5.51%	157	1.40%										
East Haddam	3.10%	45	0.00%		Woodbury	4.00%	102	-0.61%		Lisbon	5.56%	158	5.62%										
South Windsor	3.12%	46	1.53%		East Lyme	4.00%	103	0.00%		Seymour	5.65%	159	1.10%										
Norwich	3.13%	47	3.72%		Derby	4.01%	104	0.00%		Easton	5.66%	160	0.46%										
Salem	3.14%	48	1.30%		North Branford	4.04%	105	4.01%		Essex	5.67%	161	4.12%										
Griswold	3.16%	49	0.00%		Hartford	4.04%	106	6.47%		Fairfield	5.69%	162	1.72%										
Bolton	3.17%	50	3.27%		Manchester	4.05%	107	1.96%		Chaplin	5.76%	163	6.79%										
Shelton	3.19%	51	0.00%		Bethel	4.09%	108	1.69%		Darien	5.86%	164	3.02%										
Avon	3.19%	52	1.48%		Durham	4.11%	109	-0.19%		Sterling	6.00%	165	-0.25%										
Canton	3.20%	53	-0.38%		New Hartford	4.12%	110	-0.29%		Lyme	6.04%	166	1.55%										
Bethlehem	3.20%	54	3.42%		Brooklyn	4.12%	111	0.00%		Beacon Falls	6.31%	167	-2.02%										
Canterbury	3.24%	55	0.00%		Columbia	4.12%	112	5.55%		Waterford	6.68%	168	0.00%										
Torrington	3.26%	56	-0.03%		Ledyard	4.13%	113	0.00%		Sprague	7.10%	169	0.00%										
Middletown	3.26%	57	0.00%																				

Town Rank (1 is lowest annualized effective tax rate increase and 169 is highest for 10 year period ending with FY2008-09)

* Yearly Effective Tax Rate Increases for a town are accumulated for the last 10 Fiscal Years ending with Fiscal Year 2008-09 and then annualized
The Effective Tax Rate Increase for a particular year is the Tax Levy Increase excluding that attributable to new properties to the Grand List (ex new construction)
In years without a revaluation or revaluation phase-in being implemented, the effective tax rate increase is the mill rate increase
Effective Tax Rate Increases and above rankings are NOT a measure of Tax Burden.

** Effective Tax Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2009-10

Blue = Revaluation or Revaluation Phase-in Effective Tax Rate Change for Fiscal Year 2009-10

(Danbury, Milford, New Haven, Orange, and West Hartford froze their revaluation phase-in)

(Monroe and Torrington did not implement their 2008 revaluation for FY2009-10)

Black = Mill Rate Change, Mill Rate Change is the same as the Effective Tax Rate Change when there wasn't a revaluation or revaluation phase-in