

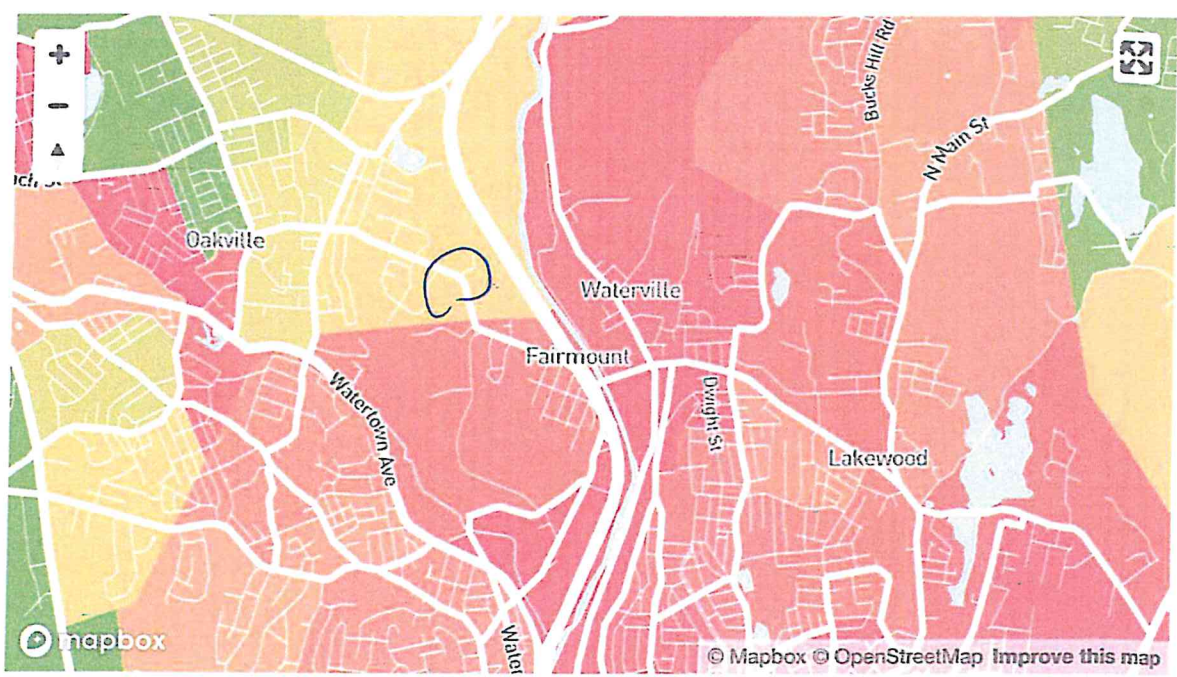
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The Safest and Most Dangerous Places in Waterbury, CT: Crime Maps and Statistics

Crime per Capita in Waterbury

The map below displays the crime rate per 1,000 residents in Waterbury.

- Overall Crime
- Property Crime
- Violent Crime
- More



Crime Grades



A+ (dark green) areas are safest

Waterbury, CT Crime Rates

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Overview

Livability

Demographics

Best Places Nearby

77

B+

A+

B-

D

D

A

A+

D+

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Livability

Amenities

Commute

Cost of Living

Crime

Employment

Housing

Health & Safe

Schools

User Ratings

Get 300+ Local Insights for Any Address in Waterbury, CT

RATING

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52%

Total crime
NAT. AVG. ↑

10%

Violent crime
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60%


Property crime
NAT. AVG. ↑

Date & Last Updated: This data reflects the 2023 calendar year and was released from the [FBI](#) in September, 2024; this is the most current data available.

Statistic	Reported Incidents	Waterbury /100k People	Connecticut /100k People	National /100k People
Total crime	3,994	3,462	1,709	2,281
Murder	18	15.6	3.7	5.7
Rape	46	39.9	20.1	38.0
Robbery	172	149.1	43.4	66.5
Assault	227	196.7	83.0	264.1
Violent crime	463	401	150	364
Burglary	292	253.1	127.8	250.7
Theft	2,333	2,022.0	1,138.7	1,347.2
Vehicle theft	906	785.2	292.0	318.7
Property crime	3,531	3,060	1,558	1,917


Crime (Waterbury)

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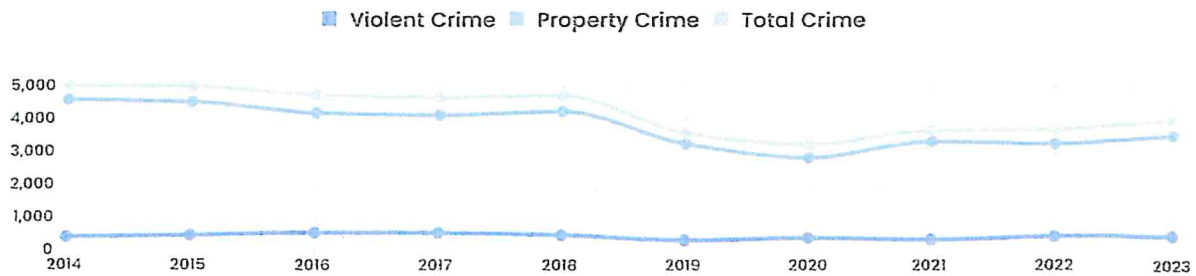
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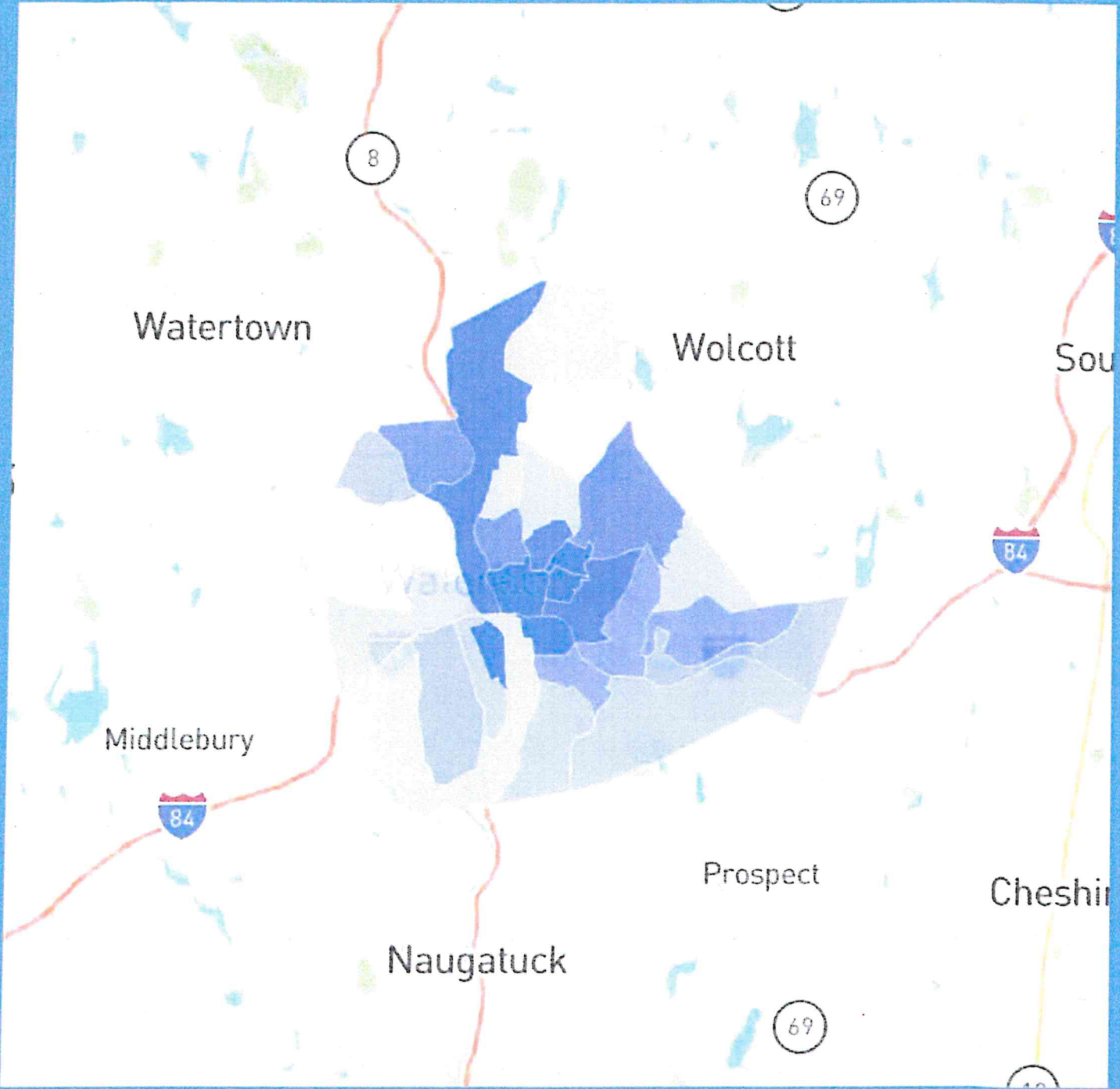
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Historical Crime Data



Waterbury, CT Crime Map

(click to see interactive crime map and report)

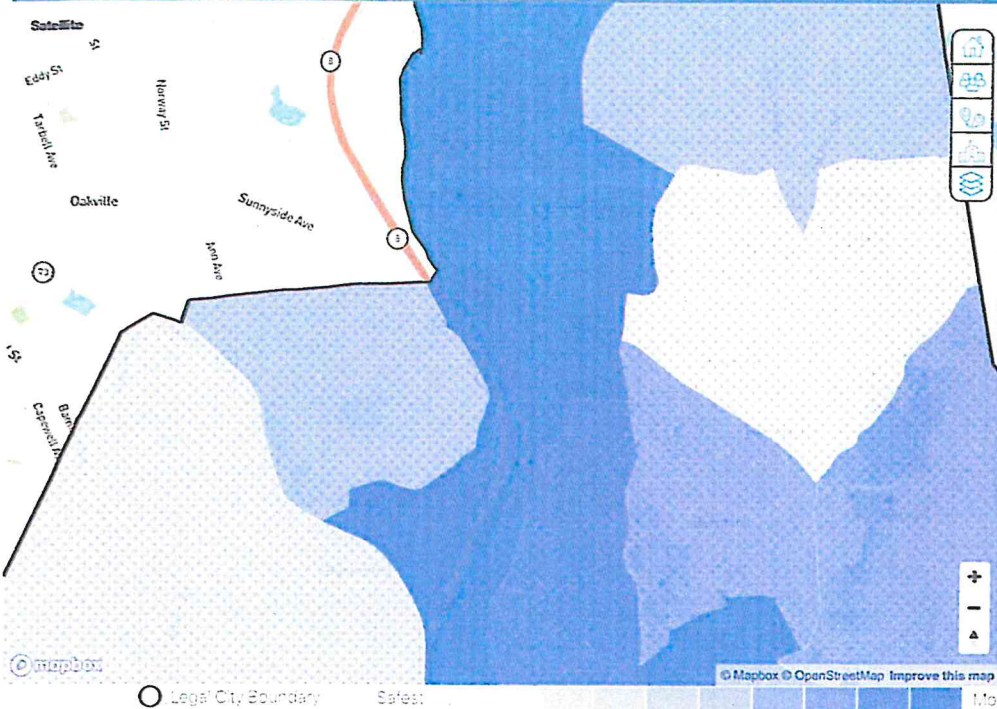


Waterbury, CT Crime Map By Neighborhood



Safest

Most Dangerous



Safest Waterbury Area Neighborhoods

- 1 Hop Brook
- 2 Lakewood
- 3 Town Plot Hill
- 4 Bunker Hill
- 5 Newton Heights
- 6 East Mountain
- 7 Woodtick Road / Alexander Ave
- 8 Hopeville
- 9 West Side Manor / West End
- 10 East Farms



Labor Law Posters Online

Waterbury, CT crime analytics

[Source & Methodology](#)

DATA 1/20/2022

WATERBURY CRIME DATA

TOTAL CRIME INDEX

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(100 is safest)

Safer than 7% of U.S. cities.

Waterbury Annual Crimes

	Violent	Property	Total
Number of Crimes	463	3,531	3,994
Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents)	4.03	30.71	34.73

Worst-Case Scenarios for Watertown, CT (06795) Under H.B. 8002

Core Risk

If Watertown fails to control growth or misses compliance benchmarks, H.B. 8002 could trigger rapid, poorly planned development, fiscal strain, and loss of local character.

Key Threats

- **Uncontrolled Growth in Sensitive Areas**
 - Developers target rural stretches, aquifer zones, or historic districts.
 - Town character erodes; farmland and forests fragmented.
- **Insufficient State Support**
 - Missed compliance leads to loss of grants and reimbursements.
 - Local taxpayers shoulder full costs of road, school, and utility upgrades.
- **Commercial Conversions Gone Wrong**
 - Aging buildings converted hastily into low-quality apartments.
 - Property values stagnate or decline; blight persists.
- **Housing Mismatch**
 - Luxury or high-density projects dominate instead of workforce housing.
 - Local employers still struggle to recruit; congestion worsens.
- **Infrastructure Overload**
 - Schools overcrowded, traffic worsens on Rte 6 & 63.
 - Police, fire, and public works stretched thin without added funding.
- **Tax Base Instability**
 - Service demand outpaces revenue growth.
 - Rising mil rate pressures residents and businesses.
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- **Senior Displacement**

- Few accessible housing options; older residents forced to leave.
- Loss of generational continuity and community anchors.

- **Loss of Local Control**

- Weak or late planning submission triggers state penalties.
- Hartford imposes density mandates; regional authorities override town preferences.

Overall Outcome

Watertown risks **overdevelopment without infrastructure, loss of rural and historic identity, financial strain on taxpayers, and weakened local autonomy.** Instead of revitalization, the town could face congestion, overcrowding, and diminished community cohesion.

Talking Points for Watertown Town Council & P&Z Meetings (re: H.B. 8002)

1. Acknowledge the Purpose of the Bill — But Stress Local Implementation

“We understand the state’s intention to address Connecticut’s housing shortage. Watertown supports responsible growth, but the success of H.B. 8002 here depends entirely on allowing the town to decide where and how that growth occurs.”

2. Emphasize Watertown’s Unique Constraints

“Watertown is not built like a dense urban center. We have real constraints — limited sewer coverage, environmentally sensitive areas like Steele Brook, and traffic pinch points along Routes 6 and 63. These must be respected in any development plan.”

3. Stress the Need for Targeted, Not Blanket, Growth

“We welcome growth in the right places — Town Center, Oakville, underused plazas — but not in rural or environmentally sensitive zones. Our plan should clearly map these areas to guide developers proactively.”

Message:

We’re not anti-housing; we’re pro-planning.

4. Demand Infrastructure Investment First, Not After

“Before density increases, Watertown needs state-supported improvements in sewer capacity, stormwater management, and traffic control. Growth must follow infrastructure — not overwhelm it.”

This point is especially effective because it’s practical, not political.

5. Insist on Maintaining Public Hearing Opportunities

“Fast-tracked approvals may work in large cities, but Watertown relies on public hearings for transparency. We ask that local review and public input remain a non-negotiable part of the process.”

Why this matters it Reinforces community voice; appeals across the political spectrum.

6. Push for Affordability With Accountability

“If the goal is affordability, Watertown wants guarantees — not just market-rate apartments. Any large development should include long-term affordability protections, not temporary or optional ones.”

Prevents developers from exploiting incentives.

7. Highlight Watertown’s Willingness to Comply — If Local Plans Are Respected

“Watertown wants to file a compliant housing plan to remain eligible for state funding, but we insist that final zoning decisions reflect our community’s character and capacity.”

8. Request Clear Metrics From the State

“We need clarity on how compliance is measured. What benchmarks must Watertown meet? What triggers penalties? Transparent standards will help us plan responsibly.”

This Shows responsibility and readiness to work within the system.

9. Stress Preservation of Rural & Historic Character

“Watertown’s identity depends on preserving historic areas, farmland edges, and low-density neighborhoods. Growth must enhance our town, not erase its character.”

10. Balanced Growth

“Our goal is balanced growth: revitalizing Watertown/Oakville and Town Center, improving housing options, supporting businesses, and protecting what makes Watertown special. With thoughtful planning, H.B. 8002 can be implemented in a way that benefits everyone.”

Best vs Worst Case Outcomes for Watertown, CT (H.B. 8002)

Category	Best-Case Scenario	Worst-Case Scenario
Growth & Development	Targeted housing revitalizes Town Center & Oakville; walkable, vibrant downtown	Uncontrolled sprawl into rural, aquifer, and historic zones; town character erodes
Infrastructure	State grants fund road, stormwater, sidewalk, and school upgrades	Loss of compliance → no state support; taxpayers bear full infrastructure costs
Commercial Properties	Aging sites converted into mixed-use housing with retail; higher property values	Poor-quality conversions; persistent blight and stagnant property values
Housing Options	Workforce and mid-priced housing attracts young families and supports employers	Luxury/high-density projects dominate; mismatch with local needs; congestion worsens
Public Services	Moderate growth raises tax revenue without straining schools or services	Overcrowded schools, traffic congestion, overstretched police/fire/public works
Tax Base	Revenue grows faster than service demand; stable mil rate	Service demand outpaces revenue; rising mil rate pressures residents/businesses
Senior Housing	Accessible units allow aging in place; generational balance maintained	Seniors forced to relocate; loss of continuity and community anchors
Local Control	Strong plan ensures compliance; town retains authority over density	Weak/late plan triggers state mandates; Hartford overrides local preferences

Summary

- **Best-Case:** Watertown achieves revitalization, state-supported infrastructure, balanced housing, stronger tax base, and preserved rural/historic identity.
- **Worst-Case:** Town faces overdevelopment, financial strain, overcrowding, and diminished autonomy, with rural character at risk.