



ECS Simplified

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Plus Regional School Districts (RSDs) and Endowed Academies Bonuses

(Alliance & Priority School Districts Held Harmless to grant reductions being phased in through FY 2031-32)



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Need Students

- **Need Students** is a *weighted student count* used to calculate the ECS formula.
- District **Need Students** counts exceed their **Resident Students** counts because credits are given in the amount of:
 - 30% of students receiving free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL);
 - 25% of students are English Language Learners; and
 - 15% of students who put the district above 60% FRPL.
- Bridgeport has the highest **Need Students** count.

2025-26	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury
Resident Students	19,752	18,418	16,938	18,575
Need Students	27,304	25,159	22,435	24,543



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Foundation Amount

Section 10-262f(9) of the Connecticut General Statutes defines the **Foundation Amount** as:

"...for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars."

Foundation Amount = \$11,525



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Town Wealth Adjustment Factor



Town's Equalized Net
Grant List (ENGL)
Adjustment Factor

70% X

+

Town's Median
Household Income (MHI)
Adjustment Factor

30% X

1 -

+

Town Base Aid Ratio Adjustment Factor



PIC Rank 1 – 5	add 6%
PIC Rank 6 – 10	add 5%
PIC Rank 11 – 15	add 4%
PIC Rank 16 – 19	add 3%

PIC = Public Investment
Communities (CGS 7-545)
Ranking PIC Points in
descending order

Note: For Alliance and Priority School Districts Base Aid Ratio cannot be less than 10%, for all others it cannot be less than 1%.
PICs are some of the state's most fiscally and economically distressed municipalities. A list is prepared annually by OPM.

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Base Aid Ratio: Town Wealth Adjustment Factor

Bridgeport has the highest Average ENGL and MHI which influences their Town Wealth Adjustment Factor.

	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury
Average Equalized Net Grand List (ENGL) (Three-year Average of ENGL)	14,428,521,408	8,280,860,632	14,314,904,629	9,991,386,443
ENGL Weighting Factor (70%)	0.265	0.187	0.281	0.237
Median Household Income (MHI)	54,440	41,841	54,305	51,451
Median MHI Weighting Factor (30%)	0.118	0.091	0.118	0.111
Town Wealth Adjustment Factor	0.383	0.278	0.399	0.348
Preliminary Base Aid Ratio (1 – Wealth Adjustment Factor) (expressed as a percentage)	61.62%	72.17%	60.06%	65.10%



Base Aid Ratio: Base Aid Ratio Adjustment Factor

Pursuant to Section 7-545 of the C.G.S., all four districts are ranked in the top-five of the Eligibility Index listing, qualifying them each for an additional six percentage points added to their Base Aid Ratio.

	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury
PIC Percentage Point Bonus	6%	6%	6%	6%



Base Aid Ratio Calculated

	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury
Town Wealth Adjustment Factor	61.62%	72.17%	60.06%	65.10%
Base Aid Ratio Adjustment Factor	6%	6%	6%	6%
Base Aid Ratio	67.62%	78.17%	66.06%	71.10%



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Fully Funded ECS Entitlement FY26

	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury
Need Students	27,304	25,159	22,435	24,543
Foundation	\$11,525	\$11,525	\$11,525	\$11,525
Final Base Aid Ratio	67.62%	78.17%	66.06%	71.10%
Fully Funded ECS Entitlement	\$212,796,357	\$226,674,245	\$170,824,330	\$201,118,542

Note: The *Fully Funded ECS Entitlements* listed in the table are based on actual calculations for the FY26 appropriation. For readability purposes, the *Need Students* and *Final Base Aid Ratio* have been rounded to the whole number and hundredth decimal point. The product of *Need Students*, *Foundation*, and *Final Base Aid Ratio* for each district therefore do not equal exactly the *Fully Funded ECS Entitlement* as listed in the table.