



How Will Proposed Budget Cuts to Children Impact Your Town?

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The Governor's proposed budget makes painful cuts to essential investments that support the **health, education, and economic well-being** of Connecticut's children and families. Among other provisions, the budget reduces HUSKY health insurance coverage, underfunds education, and hikes taxes for the working poor.

- **Health:** The proposed budget eliminates HUSKY A health insurance coverage for over 30,000 pregnant women and parents. When parents have health insurance coverage, their children are more likely to remain covered as well. Furthermore, two out of every five children are now born to women on the HUSKY program. When women give birth while covered by HUSKY A, their infant children automatically receive insurance through the program for a year; eliminating coverage for pregnant women jeopardizes the insurance coverage of their newborn babies as well.
- **Education:** The budget continues to underfund and unfairly allocate the Education Cost Sharing grant, the primary source of State support for public schools. In fact, many towns would receive less than half of what they are owed from the State, even as a few very wealthy towns actually receive *more* than 100% of their "target grant." Underfunding public education can lead to larger classes, less qualified teachers, fewer extra-curricular opportunities, and higher property taxes, as towns try to make up for the State's shortfall.
- **Economic well-being:** The budget delays full restoration of the State's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This imposes an \$11 million tax hike on nearly 200,000 low-income working families, families who are already paying the greatest share of their income in taxes.

These cuts will affect children and families in every single Connecticut town. Instead of balancing the budget on the backs of our State's children, the legislature should consider raising new revenue to:

- Preserve HUSKY coverage for parents and pregnant women;
- Continue annual increases in support for public education;
- Fully restore the State's earned income tax credit; and
- Maintain support for other critical public investments in children and families.

HUSKY Health Insurance, Education Funding, and EITC Data by Town

	Health			Education		Well-Being	
	HUSKY A Enrollment ¹	Number of Births on HUSKY A ²	Percent of Babies Born on HUSKY A ³	Proposed ECS Grant	Percent of ECS Target ⁴	Number of EITC Claimants ⁵	Average Income of EITC Claimant ⁶
Connecticut	479,595	14,477	39%	\$2,038,840,614	77%	189,899	\$17,649
Andover	239	**	**	\$2,379,549	78%	82	\$17,279
Ansonia	3,945	139	55%	\$16,548,642	74%	1556	\$18,710
Ashford	590	20	44%	\$3,933,350	98%	220	\$19,803
Avon	529	13	11%	\$1,233,415	97%	261	\$14,045
Barkhamsted	277	**	**	\$1,668,460	68%	110	\$17,814

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Beacon Falls	471	12	24%	\$4,128,939	79%	196	\$19,314
Berlin	1,107	20	14%	\$6,311,635	79%	593	\$18,058
Bethany	197	**	**	\$2,053,378	80%	112	\$17,641
Bethel	1,588	38	23%	\$8,261,688	92%	650	\$19,085
Bethlehem	281	6	30%	\$1,319,337	101%	119	\$14,335
Bloomfield	2,295	89	45%	\$6,230,536	67%	1224	\$19,550
Bolton	303	7	24%	\$3,046,046	90%	123	\$19,177
Bozrah	224	**	**	\$1,249,912	77%	117	\$18,771
Branford	2,132	54	24%	\$1,911,260	31%	1072	\$15,929
Bridgeport	42,067	1,445	67%	\$178,900,148	85%	16066	\$18,393
Bridgewater	55	**	**	\$137,292	212%	38	\$12,997
Bristol	9,818	272	41%	\$45,348,587	80%	3734	\$18,700
Brookfield	965	20	16%	\$1,555,658	98%	411	\$18,040
Brooklyn	923	27	42%	\$7,087,589	82%	401	\$18,517
Burlington	444	8	14%	\$4,394,032	67%	184	\$18,865
Canaan	387	**	**	\$209,258	710%	209	\$18,920
Canterbury	579	13	39%	\$4,754,383	112%	214	\$19,648
Canton	497	9	11%	\$3,457,436	64%	254	\$12,251
Chaplin	307	9	32%	\$1,893,763	100%	117	\$18,870
Cheshire	1,106	18	10%	\$9,506,203	57%	582	\$17,678
Chester	246	8	31%	\$675,408	60%	139	\$15,772
Clinton	1,195	23	23%	\$6,502,667	125%	504	\$16,673
Colchester	1,404	42	28%	\$13,761,528	87%	593	\$19,618
Colebrook	48	**	**	\$508,008	84%	21	\$14,346
Columbia	359	**	**	\$2,573,616	83%	155	\$18,733
Cornwall	153	**	**	\$85,322	220%	73	\$16,292
Coventry	968	31	27%	\$8,935,142	91%	419	\$18,656
Cromwell	1,008	38	26%	\$4,499,307	54%	427	\$17,221
Danbury	13,551	488	45%	\$29,554,523	50%	4668	\$19,518
Darien	454	**	**	\$1,616,006	143%	199	\$9,237
Deep River	370	10	27%	\$1,720,239	79%	153	\$16,577
Derby	2,247	59	50%	\$7,905,484	66%	858	\$18,254
Durham	306	**	**	\$3,993,506	92%	146	\$16,398
East Granby	333	11	20%	\$1,377,206	50%	56	\$21,802
East Haddam	599	15	19%	\$3,779,206	83%	156	\$18,613
East Hampton	887	22	16%	\$7,690,997	86%	254	\$18,883
East Hartford	11,852	408	59%	\$48,811,203	75%	365	\$18,249
East Haven	3,811	95	34%	\$20,004,233	82%	4904	\$19,888
East Lyme	1,301	31	25%	\$7,138,163	99%	1587	\$18,211
East Windsor	1,303	47	40%	\$5,789,350	92%	544	\$17,826
Eastford	132	**	**	\$1,116,844	102%	91	\$12,180
Easton	239	**	**	\$593,868	166%	573	\$18,760
Ellington	944	28	18%	\$9,722,237	71%	419	\$18,892
Enfield	4,729	122	36%	\$28,973,638	76%	1996	\$18,332
Essex	347	9	26%	\$389,697	155%	171	\$17,306
Fairfield	2,887	52	10%	\$3,590,008	147%	1156	\$16,307

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Farmington	1,260	32	16%	\$1,611,013	108%	607	\$17,219
Franklin	130	**	**	\$948,235	103%	57	\$22,149
Glastonbury	1,474	24	10%	\$6,552,432	47%	744	\$18,367
Goshen	203	**	**	\$218,188	159%	81	\$19,046
Granby	512	8	12%	\$5,536,473	63%	212	\$17,726
Greenwich	3,012	90	16%	\$3,418,642	163%	1322	\$15,512
Griswold	1,913	56	49%	\$10,922,908	84%	714	\$19,980
Groton	4,090	157	29%	\$25,625,179	113%	1690	\$18,268
Guilford	951	20	13%	\$3,058,981	149%	499	\$16,970
Haddam	455	9	13%	\$1,823,044	42%	238	\$18,504
Hamden	6,193	187	30%	\$27,018,047	60%	2574	\$19,000
Hampton	216	**	**	\$1,339,928	123%	92	\$17,217
Hartford	41,835	1,537	77%	\$200,830,551	88%	16121	\$18,028
Hartland	124	**	**	\$1,358,660	101%	51	\$19,432
Harwinton	395	9	27%	\$2,774,080	79%	131	\$19,057
Hebron	477	11	15%	\$7,016,070	73%	224	\$19,425
Kent	222	**	**	\$167,342	216%	111	\$14,310
Killingly	3,015	89	54%	\$15,871,254	92%	1181	\$18,901
Killingworth	207	**	**	\$2,245,206	85%	125	\$9,064
Lebanon	590	14	23%	\$5,524,550	101%	251	\$19,798
Ledyard	1,462	47	30%	\$12,178,128	87%	638	\$18,443
Lisbon	375	15	50%	\$3,927,193	133%	127	\$19,532
Litchfield	602	11	22%	\$1,517,026	76%	268	\$17,311
Lyme	111	**	**	\$145,556	140%	51	\$12,682
Madison	627	13	15%	\$1,576,061	197%	299	\$14,915
Manchester	9,410	291	36%	\$34,476,141	72%	3866	\$18,913
Mansfield	1,007	29	31%	\$10,186,654	89%	386	\$19,602
Marlborough	335	6	13%	\$3,201,941	66%	146	\$18,419
Meriden	13,446	425	54%	\$59,964,898	80%	4975	\$19,182
Middlebury	351	**	**	\$738,899	39%	173	\$17,757
Middlefield	232	6	18%	\$2,142,785	80%	127	\$17,198
Middletown	6,303	171	32%	\$19,648,776	61%	2592	\$18,006
Milford	3,758	88	19%	\$11,381,824	38%	1768	\$16,692
Monroe	961	18	13%	\$6,613,738	101%	426	\$17,007
Montville	2,232	72	44%	\$12,768,219	82%	980	\$20,305
Morris	220	**	**	\$657,975	576%	86	\$17,775
Naugatuck	5,265	121	34%	\$30,805,615	85%	1900	\$19,204
New Britain	20,793	775	70%	\$85,008,849	75%	7580	\$18,827
New Canaan	376	**	**	\$1,495,604	152%	205	\$12,646
New Fairfield	824	15	16%	\$4,468,243	95%	320	\$18,849
New Hartford	468	9	15%	\$3,187,717	74%	230	\$18,098
New Haven	33,438	1,160	58%	\$154,577,620	86%	12131	\$17,505
New London	7,145	218	65%	\$25,677,518	79%	1124	\$18,441
New Milford	2,774	55	24%	\$12,127,127	83%	2794	\$17,924
Newington	2,267	51	21%	\$13,031,837	64%	1082	\$19,189
Newtown	1,309	31	16%	\$4,441,264	49%	516	\$17,333

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Norfolk	124	**	**	\$381,414	662%	72	\$15,350
North Branford	841	24	23%	\$8,252,689	85%	415	\$18,202
North Canaan	176	15	58%	\$2,091,790	107%	47	\$19,399
North Haven	1,476	23	14%	\$3,393,016	43%	742	\$16,900
North Stonington	454	11	41%	\$2,906,538	121%	210	\$18,037
Norwalk	12,142	340	29%	\$11,275,807	76%	4651	\$17,846
Norwich	9,345	289	61%	\$36,195,392	81%	3813	\$18,742
Old Lyme	419	12	24%	\$605,586	155%	203	\$15,408
Old Saybrook	787	17	27%	\$652,677	182%	299	\$14,609
Orange	604	**	**	\$1,185,863	23%	271	\$17,791
Oxford	649	12	12%	\$4,677,464	89%	292	\$16,955
Plainfield	2,752	83	57%	\$15,600,016	89%	994	\$20,151
Plainville	1,732	41	27%	\$10,405,528	79%	791	\$19,076
Plymouth	1,457	42	34%	\$9,913,763	83%	547	\$18,844
Pomfret	357	16	41%	\$3,136,587	90%	141	\$19,223
Portland	728	10	11%	\$4,394,272	63%	285	\$18,073
Preston	402	13	34%	\$3,077,693	105%	176	\$16,787
Prospect	568	10	16%	\$5,405,931	78%	268	\$17,097
Putnam	1,828	44	47%	\$8,471,318	91%	663	\$18,958
Redding	302	**	**	\$687,733	170%	114	\$12,275
Ridgefield	657	**	**	\$2,063,814	168%	285	\$17,257
Rocky Hill	1,193	33	18%	\$3,587,753	41%	558	\$17,440
Roxbury	112	**	**	\$158,114	179%	49	\$17,927
Salem	344	**	**	\$3,114,216	108%	116	\$18,539
Salisbury	247	**	**	\$187,266	197%	124	\$16,239
Scotland	92	**	**	\$1,450,663	111%	34	\$14,468
Seymour	1,763	41	31%	\$10,072,953	76%	717	\$19,259
Sharon	242	**	**	\$145,798	239%	84	\$14,708
Shelton	3,219	68	21%	\$5,286,265	44%	1321	\$17,512
Sherman	232	**	**	\$244,327	179%	94	\$15,501
Simsbury	974	25	15%	\$5,633,072	46%	450	\$15,336
Somers	557	14	30%	\$6,024,473	69%	243	\$18,284
South Windsor	1,380	27	13%	\$13,071,926	84%	377	\$16,943
Southbury	688	14	13%	\$2,631,384	34%	1463	\$18,797
Southington	3,205	83	24%	\$20,361,334	71%	649	\$15,153
Sprague	626	12	46%	\$2,641,208	85%	206	\$19,636
Stafford	1,357	46	43%	\$9,958,369	87%	616	\$18,974
Stamford	17,360	477	26%	\$10,605,319	52%	6291	\$17,936
Sterling	548	12	46%	\$3,231,103	75%	189	\$19,866
Stonington	2,141	21	31%	\$2,079,926	353%	907	\$17,600
Stratford	6,769	173	33%	\$21,391,105	58%	2836	\$19,069
Suffield	647	12	17%	\$6,267,018	58%	341	\$17,485
Thomaston	714	23	32%	\$5,737,258	81%	347	\$18,511
Thompson	1,082	21	46%	\$7,682,218	95%	444	\$19,884
Tolland	715	12	12%	\$10,902,485	85%	280	\$17,965
Torrington	6,193	199	50%	\$24,565,539	73%	2314	\$18,456

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Trumbull	1,967	33	12%	\$3,310,992	38%	745	\$17,898
Union	33	**	**	\$241,791	99%	13	\$19,016
Vernon	4,059	156	42%	\$19,650,126	72%	1588	\$18,319
Voluntown	317	**	**	\$2,550,166	106%	118	\$18,758
Wallingford	3,796	94	24%	\$21,769,831	89%	1642	\$18,975
Warren	75	**	**	\$99,777	170%	35	\$16,018
Washington	219	**	**	\$240,147	194%	126	\$17,962
Waterbury	34,409	1,035	68%	\$132,732,623	74%	12021	\$18,384
Waterford	1,651	48	31%	\$1,485,842	203%	723	\$18,738
Watertown	1,978	41	23%	\$11,951,602	78%	892	\$18,274
West Hartford	4,901	133	20%	\$18,181,174	33%	236	\$16,052
West Haven	10,278	345	50%	\$45,496,942	75%	2069	\$18,216
Westbrook	438	13	33%	\$427,677	201%	4173	\$18,483
Weston	221	**	**	\$948,564	169%	87	\$8,439
Westport	653	**	**	\$1,988,255	148%	340	\$12,932
Wethersfield	2,040	52	21%	\$8,518,846	44%	985	\$18,670
Willington	424	7	18%	\$3,718,418	89%	186	\$18,216
Wilton	416	**	**	\$1,557,195	156%	222	\$16,063
Winchester	1,851	**	**	\$8,187,980	99%	693	\$18,689
Windham	5,786	182	61%	\$26,753,954	81%	2151	\$18,316
Windsor	3,107	81	30%	\$12,476,044	77%	1555	\$19,504
Windsor Locks	1,553	36	36%	\$5,274,785	76%	635	\$19,603
Wolcott	1,348	28	24%	\$13,696,541	96%	629	\$18,387
Woodbridge	333	**	**	\$732,889	54%	162	\$18,384
Woodbury	514	9	14%	\$942,926	29%	272	\$18,677
Woodstock	664	11	23%	\$5,463,651	91%	267	\$18,549

** In towns with fewer than 5 births, counts and rates of births are redacted.

¹ Count of all persons enrolled in HUSKY A for parents, pregnant women, and children on January 1, 2016. Source: Connecticut Voices for Children's Analysis of Department of Social Services Data.

² Count of all children born to pregnant women who were covered by HUSKY A at the time of birth in 2010. Source: Connecticut Voices for Children's Analysis of Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health Data.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ The most recent ECS target amounts were calculated for FY 2014. In FY 2015, ECS grant amounts were written into law with now formula calculation. The proposed budget would provide every town with the same grant it received in FY 2015. FY 2014 target grants provided by the State Department of Education Bureau of Grants Management via e-mail "ECS Targets," February 2, 2015. Available upon request.

⁵ Source: Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

⁶ *Ibid.*