

# CHOOSE STAMFORD

Located only 45 minutes from New York City, the City of Stamford is the fastest growing city in Connecticut and the economic engine of the State. Stamford offers miles of waterfront and nature trails just minutes from downtown, making it the perfect place to live, work, and play. Understanding the incentive programs available can help your business grow here. Some incentives are tied to geography and depend on the address of your business, others relate to the industry of your business or how many jobs you create. Our business-friendly city features unrivaled access to the New York Metropolitan area, a highly educated workforce, access to capital, and a vibrant lifestyle. With a high-touch experience with the Office of Economic Development, Stamford businesses have direct access to the Mayor's Office and can answer questions you may have about incentives.



## Unparalleled Access

- Less than one hour from New York City
- Amtrak service to Washington, D.C. and Boston
- Within 50 miles from three major airports (Westchester County Airport, La Guardia and JFK International Airports)

### #1 SAFEST CITY

Stamford is ranked the safest city in both Connecticut and New England according to the FBI analysis report of crime statistics. Stamford is also one of the safest in the nation based on population.

### #1 DIGITAL ECONOMY

Connecticut has the highest digital economy ranking in the U.S. from the Information, Technology and Innovation Foundation based on the share of transactions conducted through digital means.

### #3 MOST EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Connecticut's workforce is the third most educated according to Wallet Hub, taking into consideration educational level attained, quality of education, and achievement gaps between races and genders.

### #4 MOST INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

Bloomberg rated Connecticut the 4th most innovative state based on patent activity, productivity, and research and development intensity.



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## TOP 100 BEST PLACES TO LIVE

ACCORDING TO LIVABILITY

Stamford is consistently named one of the best places to live for young professionals in America. With over 14 miles of waterfront, a vibrant city life offering more than 200+ restaurants, and picturesque hiking trails within minutes of downtown Stamford.

## #4 KNOWLEDGE JOBS

Connecticut is number four in the nation for managerial, professional, and technical positions that require more than 2 years of higher education according to the Information Technology and Innovation foundation.

## #7 SMALL U.S. CITIES OF THE FUTURE

Connecticut is ranked No. 7 "Small U.S. Cities of the Future" and consistently ranked the best city in the state to start a business.

## 1.8 M CONNECTICUT LABOR FORCE

Connecticut is located within 500 miles of states comprising over 29% of the U.S. population, 30 % of U.S. businesses, 31% of U.S. jobs, and 32% of U.S. GDP.



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Mayor Caroline Simmons at the ribbon cutting of Charter Communications' new corporate headquarters in Stamford.



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