



## STAMFORD, CT AREA INFORMATION

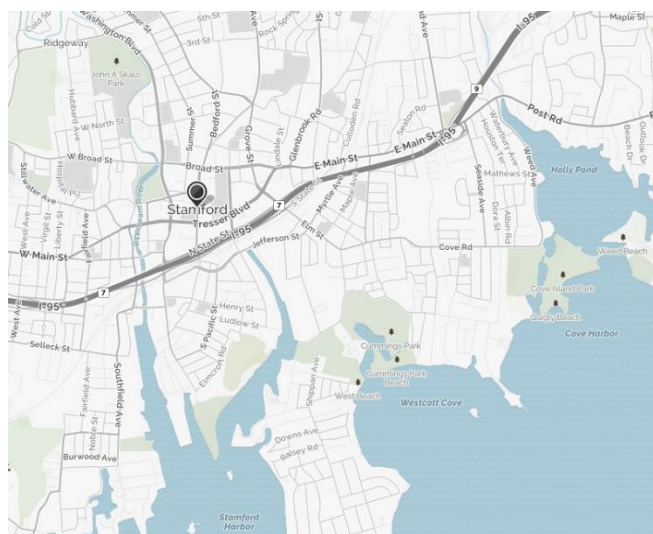
While [Stamford](#) is a smaller city with a population near 130,000, it is a bustling city. Only an hour away from New York City, Stamford has much to explore inside and out of the city, offering extensive arts, culture, the great outdoors, summer festivals, the [salsa dance fest](#), showcases from local artists, and the Stamford Museum. Stamford is known to be a natural city with many public beaches open for swimming, fishing and crabbing. Overall, Stamford is a stunning city where you can find constant stimulation, and a great introduction into life as a New Englander.



### Transportation

#### By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Stamford. There are 9500 parking spots in 15 different locations. Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#) , all of Stamford attractions are accessible by car. Aside from commuting, there are many trails to use for nature biking to get away from the stress of city life.



### **By Bike**

Biking is becoming a very popular mode of transportation for commuters in the city with numerous bike racks and parking locations. Click [here](#) for a map of bike lanes in the city. The [Mianus Maze](#) is a 14-mile loop trail that offers beautiful river views and is perfect for beginners.

### **By Bus**

Stamford runs on the [Connecticut transit](#) system. There are 19 different lines, giving the city great coverage.



### **By Air**

The city has 7 different airports in and around the area. The most convenient may be [Bradley International Airport](#) which is in Connecticut. Stamford is also close enough to New York that it is very convenient to get the major international airports that can take you pretty much any where in the world. These airports include [John F Kennedy International Airport](#) and [LaGuardia Airport](#). Shuttle services are available to take you to and from all three of these airports.

## **Schools**

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

**Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.**

### **Public, Private, and Preschools**

A complete listing of public schools in Stamford can be viewed [here](#).

A complete listing of private schools in the Stamford area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools in the Stamford area can be viewed [here](#).

## Additional Resources

- [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)
- [www.eschoolprofile.com](http://www.eschoolprofile.com)
- [www.schooltree.org](http://www.schooltree.org)

## Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and Universities near Stamford](#)
- [The University of Connecticut](#)



## Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Stamford. A more complete listing of attractions in Stamford can be found [here](#).

- [Museums in Stamford](#)
- [Specialty trails, beaches, fishing , hiking and biking](#)
- [Outdoor activities](#)
- [Nightlife in Stamford](#) and [Breweries](#)
- [Sports in Stamford](#)
- [Arts & Culture in Stamford](#)
- [Dining in Stamford](#)



[Stamford Museum and Nature Center](#)

### **Obtaining a Driver's License**

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. International licenses are not recognized in Connecticut. If you are moving permanently to Connecticut, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days. To change to a Connecticut license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are a Connecticut resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

**Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.**