

Connecticut Police Pursuit Data – 2019

SUMMARY DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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A. Number of Pursuits

There were 739 pursuits recorded in the State in 2019. The table below lists the departments reporting alphabetically with the number of incidents reported by the department.

The Mean number of pursuits per PD is 9.9, and the Median number of pursuits per PD is 4.

The top 3 pursuit departments by number are:

1. CT State Police – 92
2. Bridgeport PD – 75
3. Windsor PD – 69

Top 3 pursuit departments by rate (pursuits per 100 officers) are:

1. Windsor PD – 132.7
2. Wethersfield PD – 66.7
3. Coventry PD – 56.3

There were 23 police departments that recorded ZERO pursuits in 2019:

Ansonia, Avon, Canton, Cromwell, Groton, Groton Long Point, Middlebury, New Britain, New Canaan, New Haven, New London, North Branford, Norwich, Plainfield, Plainville, Portland, Putnam, Redding, Torrington, Weston, Winchester, Windsor Locks, Wolcott.

Department Name	# of Pursuits 2019	# Sworn Officers	Pursuit Rate per 100 PO
Berlin Police Department	4	41	9.8
Bethel Police Department	1	37	2.7
Bloomfield Police Department	3	48	6.3
Branford Police Department	22	51	43.1
Bridgeport Police Department	75	392	19.1
Bristol Police Department	10	119	8.4
Brookfield Police Department	2	34	5.9
CCSU Police Department	3		
Cheshire Police Department	4	48	8.3
Clinton Police Department	4	27	14.8
Connecticut State Police	92	1031	8.9
Coventry Police Department	9	16	56.3
Danbury Police Department	6	145	4.1
Darien Police Department	1	51	2.0
Derby Police Department	11	34	32.4
East Hampton Police Department	3	16	18.8

East Hartford Police Department	48	120	40.0
East Haven Police Department	11	53	20.8
East Lyme Police Department	3	22	13.6
East Windsor Police Department	1	28	3.6
Easton Police Department	1	15	6.7
Enfield Police Department	13	87	14.9
Fairfield Police Department	6	105	5.7
Farmington Police Department	1	48	2.1
Glastonbury Police Department	1	57	1.8
Granby Police Department	1	16	6.3
Greenwich Police Department	11	152	7.2
Groton Police Department	1	26	3.8
Guilford Police Department	1	38	2.6
Hamden Police Department	4	104	3.8
Hartford Police Department	3	394	0.8
Ledyard Police Department	2	21	9.5
Madison Police Department	2	28	7.1
Manchester Police Department	15	110	13.6
Meriden Police Department	2	118	1.7
Middletown Police Department	3	112	2.7
Milford Police Department	15	109	13.8
Monroe Police Department	1	43	2.3
Naugatuck Police Department	2	57	3.5
New Milford Police Department	6	45	13.3
Newington Police Department	5	52	9.6
Newtown Police Department	2	45	4.4
North Haven Police Department	7	51	13.7
Norwalk Police Department	15	177	8.5
Old Saybrook Police Department	9	22	40.9
Orange Police Department	14	43	32.6
Plymouth Police Department	3	23	13.0
Ridgefield Police Department	4	41	9.8
Rocky Hill Police Department	8	36	22.2
SCSU Police	1		
Seymour Police Department	7	37	18.9
Shelton Police Department	1	50	2.0
Simsbury Police Department	1	36	2.8
South Windsor Police Department	6	40	15.0
Southbury CSP Troop A	1		
Southington Police Department	1	66	1.5
Stamford Police Department	4	382	1.0
Stonington Police Department	4	39	10.3
Stratford Police Department	19	105	18.1
Suffield Police Department	1	20	5.0

Thomaston Police Department	3	16	18.8
Trumbull Police Department	11	74	14.9
Vernon Police Department	3	48	6.3
Wallingford Police Department	6	71	8.5
Waterbury Police Department	20	264	7.6
Waterford Police Department	15	45	33.3
Watertown Police Department	14	37	37.8
West Hartford Police Department	6	123	4.9
West Haven Police Department	8	109	7.3
Westport Police Department	11	64	17.2
Wethersfield Police Department	32	48	66.7
Willimantic Police Department	11	42	26.2
Wilton Police Department	6	43	14.0
Windsor Police Department	69	52	132.7
Woodbridge Police Department	1	24	4.2
Total	739		

B. Number of Pursuits Terminated

The open-ended nature of the reporting mechanism allowed departments to write in the specific reason why, and person responsible for terminating the pursuit before the offender was either apprehended or evaded the pursuing officer. This resulted in 370 unique reasons, and 411 different persons associated with the terminated pursuit. These were collapsed into 14 different reasons for terminating (the numbers in the tables in Section B do not add up to 739 because some reports do not list a reason/person terminating the pursuit).

Reason for Terminate Category	Count of Terminate Category
Dangerous conditions	47
Lost sight of Vehicle	32
Motor Vehicle Accident	27
Offense Minor	76
Other	32
Per policy requirements	39
Public Safety	40
Reckless Operation	67
Speed	89
Supervisor/ Commander	
Terminated	14
Traffic Conditions	17
Vehicle failed to stop	8
Vehicle Stopped	31
Weather Conditions	3
Total	522

In addition, the persons or event responsible for terminating the pursuit were collapsed into three separate categories. Either the officer “self-terminated” or the pursuit report indicated a supervisor (ranking officer different than the pursuing officer) terminated the pursuit. There were also a small number of pursuits that were terminated for other reasons such as crashes, and again others where the reason was reported as “other” without greater explanation.

Terminated By?	Count of Pursuit Terminated By CATEGORY
OFFICER	250
SUPERVISOR	252
OTHER	20
Total	522

C. Number of CRASHES resulting from pursuits

In 2019, 131 (17.8%) of the pursuits ended in a collision with one or more vehicles.

Crash?	Count of Crashes
No	608
Yes	131
Grand Total	739

D. Number of INJURIES resulting from pursuits

In 2019, 44 (6.0%) of the pursuits resulted in an injury.

Injury?	Count of Injuries
No	695
Yes	44
Total	739

In 18 of the reports the type of injury was also reported. There was one (1) fatality reported.

E. Average AGE of offender

There were 398 pursuit reports where the age of the offender was provided. The results of these data must be interpreted cautiously because many of the ages were estimates of offenders that evaded apprehension.

The ages ranged from 14 to 83 years old. The average age was 30 years old, and the most common age reported was 19 with 33 of the incidents.

F. REASON for pursuit, listed by frequency

The open-ended nature of the reporting mechanism allowed departments to write in the specific reason for initiating the pursuit. This resulted in 484 unique reasons for the 679 incidents. In order for a better understanding of the reasons for pursuing vehicles these 484 descriptions were condensed into six major categories. The table below lists the number of pursuits listed in each category:

Reason for Pursuit CATEGORY	Count of Pursuit Reason CATEGORY
Motor Vehicle Violation	433
Other	57
Property Crimes	154
Suspicious Activity	15
Violent Crimes	80
Total	739

The Other category reports BOLO reports, assist other agency (no offense listed), medical cases, etc.

G. Supervisor REVIEW performed

A supervisory review was performed in 739 (92.6%) of the incidents.

Supervisory Review?	Count of Pursuit Reviewed?
No	55
Yes	684
Total	739