

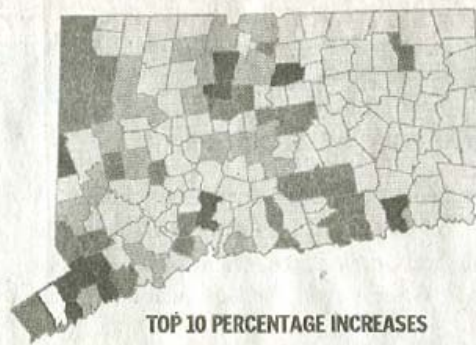
# CT STATS: A PLAN TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO SCHOOLS

Some of the state's wealthiest school districts will see the largest percentage increases in state grants over the next five years under the budget proposed last month by Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

School districts across the state would get a significant boost in aid under the proposal. The Education Cost Sharing grant, the state's main source of education aid to cities and towns, would increase nearly 70 percent over the next five years.

Since a 1977 state Supreme Court ruling, school funding in Connecticut has been based on the principle of closing large funding disparities between wealthy and poor communities. The legislature introduced the ECS grant in 1989 but has imposed limits on the formula under the strain of tight state budgets. Rell's proposal would immediately lift spending caps that have limited state aid in some towns.

The most significant change in the governor's



**TOP 10 PERCENTAGE INCREASES**

1. Stamford	6. Westport
2. South Windsor	7. New Canaan
3. Simsbury	8. Waterford
4. Darien	9. Wilton
5. Avon	10. North Haven

plan is a substantial boost in the formula's foundation level from \$5,891 to \$9,687 per student in a five-year phase-in — the first major increase in more than a decade. The increase benefits virtually all school districts, but its biggest impact would be felt in the state's poorest towns.

A second factor is a change in the formula's guaranteed wealth level — a measure of wealth that helps determine the size of a town's grant. The poorer the town, the larger the grant. The increase in the formula's wealth factor chiefly benefits towns of average wealth.

A third factor, called the minimum aid ratio, mainly benefits about 40 of the state's wealthiest communities, guaranteeing at least a minimum level of aid. Rell's plan would raise the minimum, which leads to a larger percentage increase for wealthy towns, even though they are receiving much less than the poor cities.

Five-year increase in state education grants, as proposed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell, from the current fiscal year to fiscal year 2011-12.

Town	% Increase	Total increase	Town	% Increase	Total increase	Town	% Increase	Total increase
Andover	187.61%	\$1,729,166	Griswold	158.71%	\$5,583,349	Prospect	180.23%	\$3,565,545
Ansonia	165.61%	\$8,452,157	Groton (Town of)	115.93%	\$3,708,087	Putnam	127.57%	\$2,015,874
Ashford	164.40%	\$2,213,701	Guilford	134.49%	\$968,096	Redding	376.21%	\$1,288,569
Avon	419.35%	\$2,517,969	Haddam	327.98%	\$2,686,973	Ridgefield	392.77%	\$4,045,394
Barkhamsted	248.58%	\$1,829,828	Hamden	170.82%	\$13,785,455	Rocky Hill	298.24%	\$4,451,456
Beacon Falls	180.03%	\$2,750,961	Hampton	129.16%	\$357,868	Roxbury	305.87%	\$243,693
Berlin	262.06%	\$7,560,030	Hartford	129.15%	\$49,581,923	Salem	149.22%	\$1,363,208
Bethany	218.00%	\$1,871,407	Hartland	142.36%	\$519,279	Salisbury	338.85%	\$319,252
Bethel	125.22%	\$1,859,569	Harwinton	157.52%	\$1,373,363	Scotland	151.01%	\$655,156
Bethlehem	138.30%	\$463,248	Hebron	195.66%	\$5,440,285	Seymour	175.90%	\$6,410,442
Bloomfield	230.63%	\$5,196,074	Kent	314.78%	\$269,213	Sharon	321.54%	\$233,833
Bolton	176.26%	\$1,954,331	Killingly	156.23%	\$7,686,647	Shelton	154.93%	\$2,507,718
Bozrah	167.53%	\$716,440	Killingworth	115.93%	\$325,503	Sherman	403.08%	\$491,055
Branford	268.60%	\$2,299,591	Lebanon	174.78%	\$3,477,427	Shirley	422.75%	\$10,386,905
Bridgeport	158.27%	\$85,726,690	Ledyard	157.80%	\$6,094,622	Somers	189.78%	\$4,347,531
Bridgewater	267.31%	\$178,313	Lisbon	153.02%	\$1,836,002	South Windsor	447.38%	\$4,354,450
Bristol	181.04%	\$28,680,789	Litchfield	251.11%	\$1,732,324	Southbury	195.92%	\$15,695,180
Brookfield	247.23%	\$1,770,395	Lyme	316.93%	\$228,234	Southington	211.29%	\$11,399,926
Brooklyn	163.22%	\$3,802,482	Madison	346.64%	\$2,736,500	Sprague	132.11%	\$759,218
Burlington	206.96%	\$3,699,356	Manchester	167.25%	\$17,672,493	Stafford	159.29%	\$5,110,901
Canaan	115.93%	\$30,271	Mansfield	152.30%	\$4,604,769	Stamford	542.73%	\$26,057,809
Canterbury	123.85%	\$1,035,744	Marlborough	153.27%	\$1,460,320	Sterling	170.97%	\$1,906,346
Canton	251.60%	\$3,859,723	Meriden	167.85%	\$31,606,705	Stonington	136.53%	\$690,742
Chaplin	150.08%	\$847,787	Middlebury	310.76%	\$912,337	Stratford	219.12%	\$19,790,777
Cheshire	180.17%	\$6,084,272	Middlefield	189.52%	\$1,579,699	Suffield	244.93%	\$6,564,171
Chester	115.93%	\$97,185	Middletown	207.27%	\$14,592,456	Thomaston	158.93%	\$2,815,131
Clinton	116.09%	\$954,622	Milford	115.93%	\$1,567,776	Thompson	157.02%	\$3,823,678
Colchester	175.21%	\$8,651,604	Monroe	163.80%	\$3,626,112	Tolland	187.15%	\$7,739,916
Colebrook	157.53%	\$239,001	Montville	175.65%	\$8,150,656	Torrington	181.65%	\$16,572,070
Columbia	184.46%	\$1,825,380	Morris	115.93%	\$96,150	Trumbull	292.92%	\$4,360,854
Coornwall	346.13%	\$149,966	Naugatuck	153.52%	\$13,859,802	Union	170.20%	\$142,077
Coventry	157.35%	\$4,426,619	New Britain	165.83%	\$42,207,909	Vernon	164.52%	\$9,965,496
Cromwell	225.47%	\$4,162,512	New Canaan	417.37%	\$3,092,629	Voluntown	116.18%	\$376,509
Danbury	256.46%	\$27,519,146	New Fairfield	116.10%	\$646,782	Wallingford	163.85%	\$11,888,305
Darien	422.74%	\$3,328,725	New Hartford	165.26%	\$1,768,997	Warren	304.47%	\$153,451
Deep River	117.11%	\$264,920	New Haven	139.12%	\$50,268,126	Washington	290.76%	\$345,571
Derby	156.75%	\$3,444,541	New London	202.37%	\$10,632,674	Waterbury	174.27%	\$72,642,333
Durham	168.25%	\$2,325,328	New Milford	138.56%	\$7,969,177	Waterford	415.17%	\$2,518,890
East Granby	162.69%	\$601,751	Newington	158.71%	\$6,306,313	Watertown	174.89%	\$7,570,243
East Haddam	336.80%	\$1,914,624	Newtown	141.48%	\$1,629,100	West Hartford	323.91%	\$698,091
East Hampton	181.92%	\$2,546,776	Norfolk	115.93%	\$55,737	West Haven	292.47%	\$21,887,835
East Hartford	182.45%	\$5,308,756	North Branford	174.46%	\$5,240,768	Westbrook	149.24%	\$17,959,349
East Haven	177.44%	\$27,220,393	North Canaan	171.75%	\$1,311,280	Weston	402.05%	\$1,876,397
East Lyme	149.25%	\$8,271,597	North Haven	405.30%	\$5,288,500	Westport	417.58%	\$4,056,260
East Windsor	136.36%	\$2,368,669	North Stonington	122.10%	\$586,488	Wethersfield	303.92%	\$11,436,124
Eastford	388.68%	\$1,152,672	Norwalk	259.36%	\$13,883,507	Willington	155.27%	\$1,799,708
Easton	194.59%	\$4,336,731	Norwich	168.99%	\$19,485,088	Wilton	414.34%	\$3,158,094
Ellington	173.47%	\$5,894,407	Old Lyme	303.79%	\$910,784	Winchester	162.44%	\$4,286,325
Enfield	182.07%	\$19,975,594	Old Saybrook	332.99%	\$1,083,391	Windham	163.95%	\$13,582,830
Essex	353.98%	\$698,821	Orange	332.59%	\$1,736,110	Windsor	204.73%	\$9,651,829
Fairfield	376.82%	\$6,678,332	Oxford	172.72%	\$2,819,308	Windsor Locks	309.39%	\$6,860,088
Farmington	381.79%	\$3,077,588	Plainfield	150.06%	\$6,762,042	Wolcott	174.18%	\$8,488,592
Franklin	160.17%	\$487,250	Plainville	177.56%	\$6,711,891	Woodbridge	325.69%	\$1,168,618
Glastonbury	377.79%	\$10,855,441	Plymouth	155.17%	\$4,652,651	Woodbury	293.31%	\$975,329
Goshen	277.33%	\$291,417	Pomfret	166.41%	\$1,755,649	Woodstock	185.69%	\$3,942,702
Granby	214.75%	\$4,848,410	Portland	189.45%	\$3,135,377			
Greenwich	386.35%	\$6,578,026	Preston	167.01%	\$1,749,305			