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# Using the Census Web Site Handouts

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The screenshot shows the U.S. Census Bureau homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Subjects A to Z", "FAQs", "Privacy Policy", and "Help". Below this is a search bar with "SEARCH:" and "GO" buttons. The main content area is divided into several sections: "New on the Site" (Hispanic Heritage Month), "Data Tools", "American FactFinder", "Jobs@Census", "Catalog", "Publications", "Are You in a Survey?", "About the Bureau", "Regional Offices", "Doing Business with Us", and "Related Sites". The "United States Census 2000" section highlights "Your Gateway to Census 2000" with links to "2010 Census", "Census 2000 EEO Tabulations", "Summary File 4 (SF 4)", and "Summary File 3 (SF 3)". Other sections include "People & Households", "Business & Industry", "Geography", "Newsroom", and "Special Topics". On the right, the "Data Finders" section features "Population Clocks" showing the U.S. population as 303,098,417 and the world population as 6,623,930,953. It also includes a "Population Finder" with input fields for city/town/county/zip or state, and a "Find An Area Profile with QuickFacts" section. The "Latest Economic Indicators" section lists "U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services" and "Monthly Wholesale Trade, Sales and Inventories".

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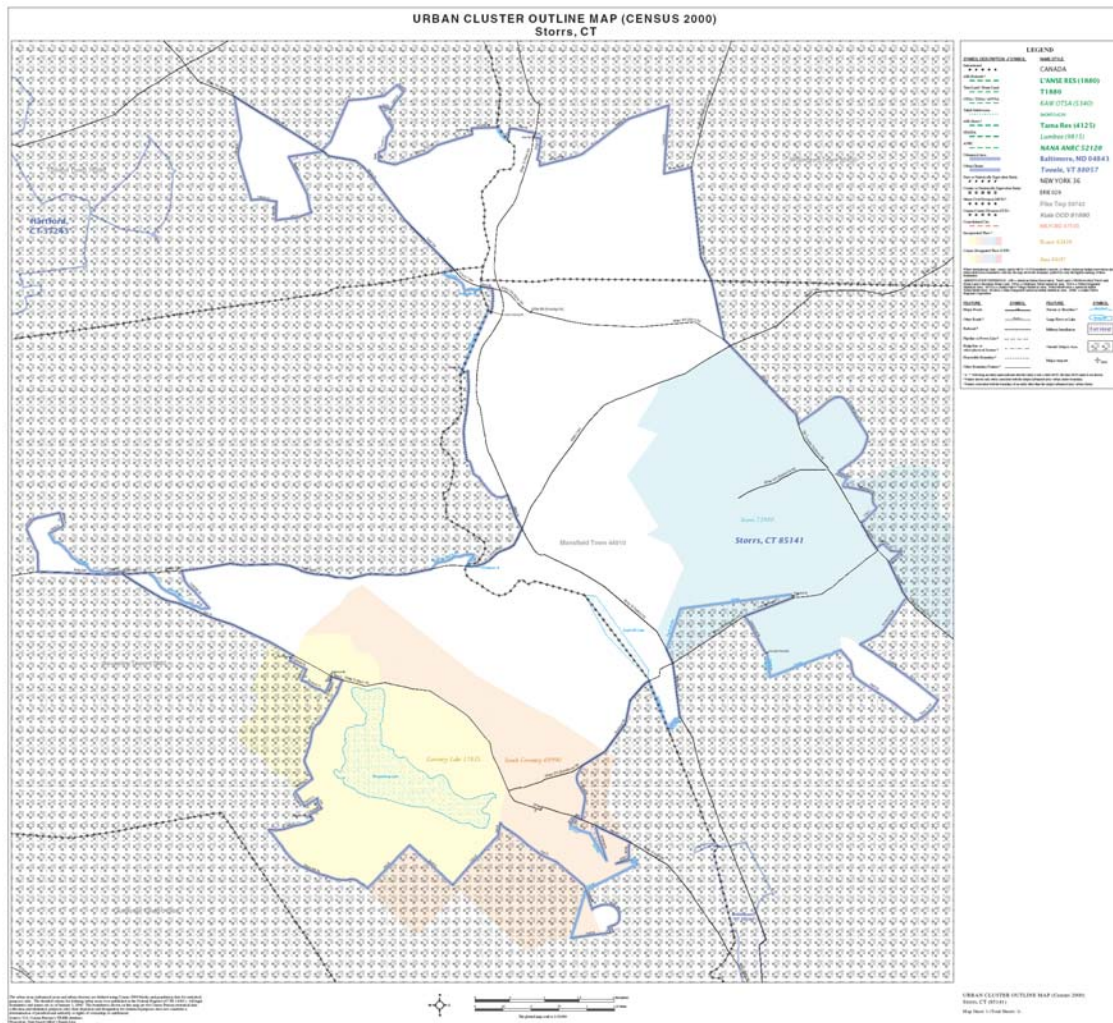
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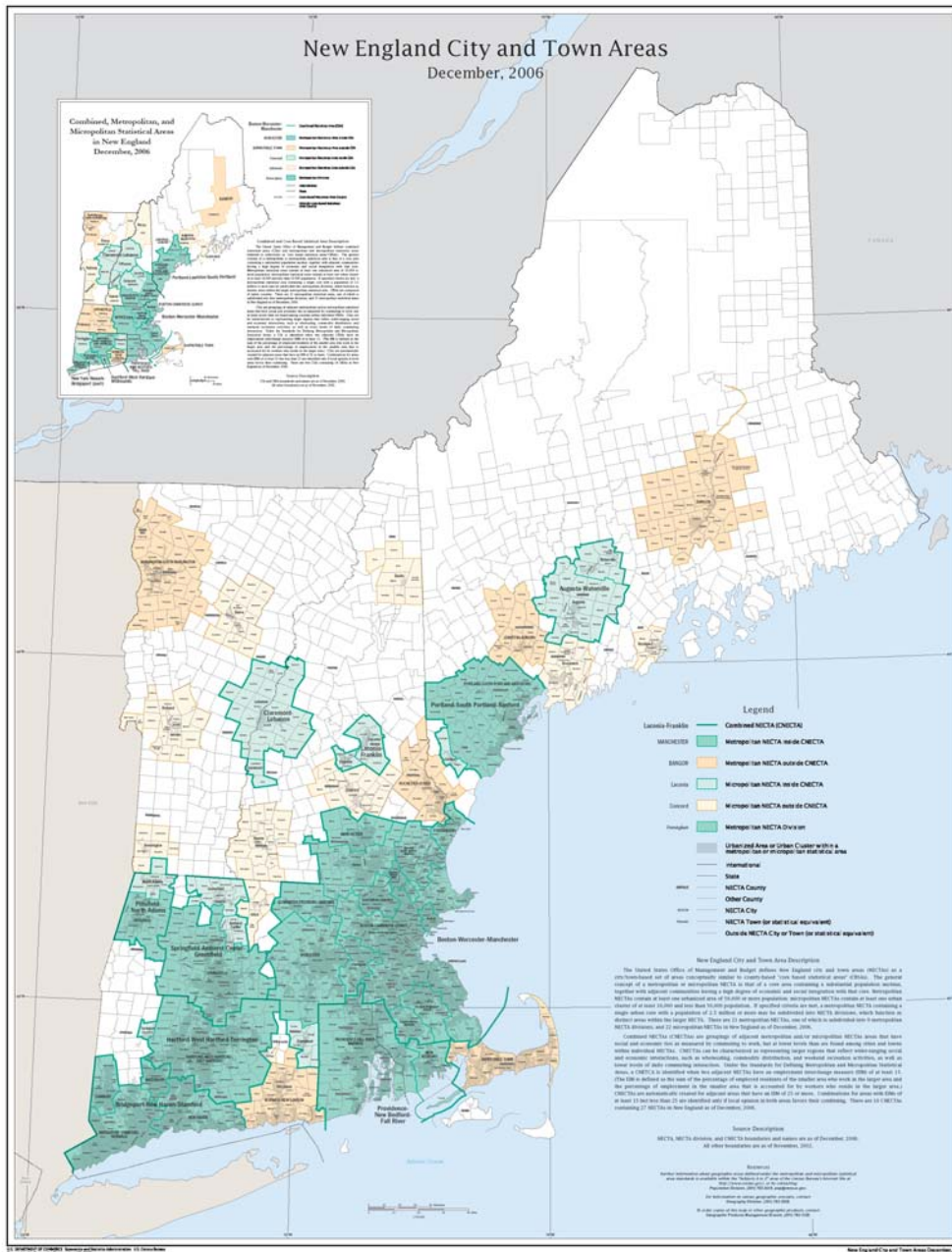
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## Reference Map New England City and Town Areas

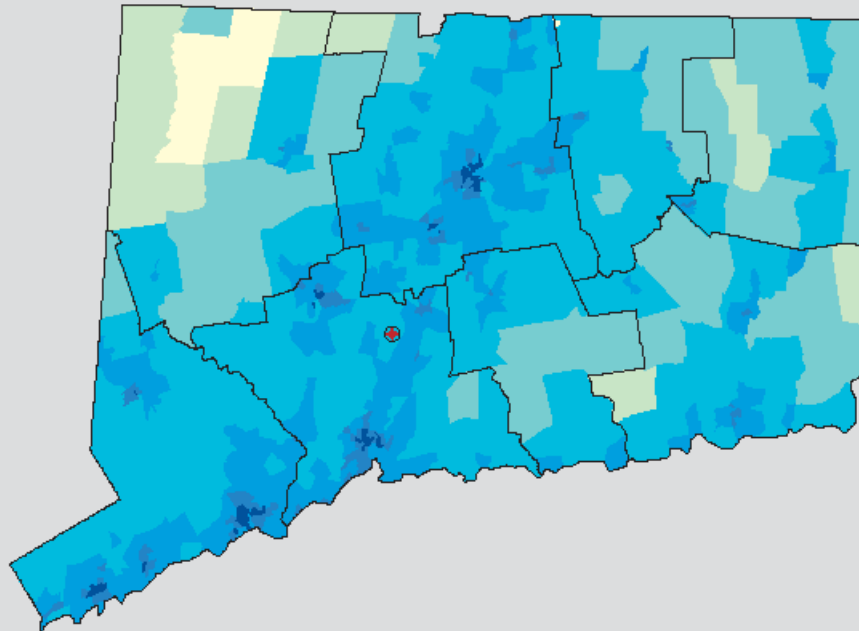




# Thematic Map Connecticut Population Profile

## Census 2000: Connecticut Profile

Population Density by Census Tract



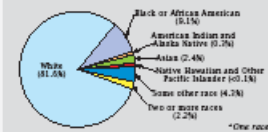
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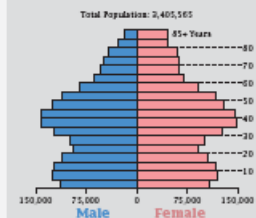
State Race\* Breakdown



\*One race

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up 9.4% of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age

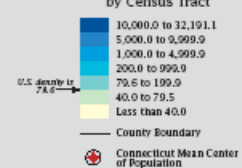


Housing Tenure

Total Occupied Housing Units: 1,301,670



Population Per Square Mile by Census Tract



## Cartographic Boundary Files

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Welcome to the U.S. Census Bureau's Cartographic Boundary Files Web Site. The boundary files available here are selected [generalized extracts](#) from the Census Bureau's TIGER geographic database and are designed for use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) or similar mapping system. **These are not map images.** They have been developed for various internal Census Bureau projects and have been made available here to the general public on an "as is" basis.

### Cartographic Boundary File Formats

The cartographic boundary files on this site are available in the following formats:

ARC/INFO EXPORT (.e00) format  
ArcView Shapefile (.shp) format  
ARC/INFO Ungenerate (ASCII) format

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## TIGER®, TIGER/Line® and TIGER®-Related Products

### TIGER

Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system

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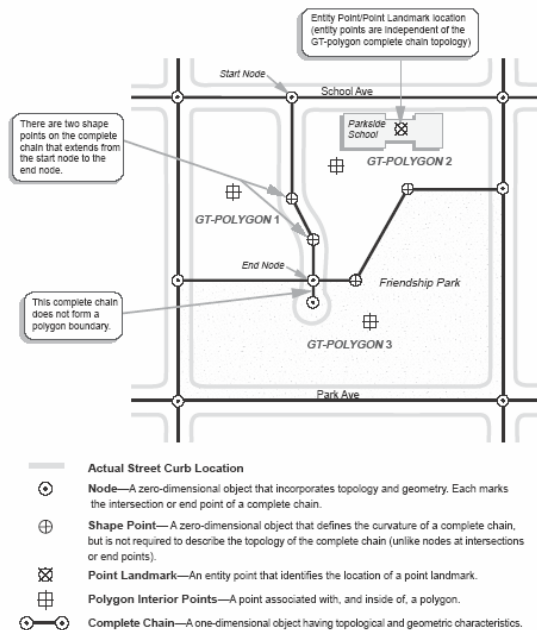
#### TIGER/Line® Shapefiles and Relationship Files

- [2007 First Edition TIGER/Line® Shapefiles and Relationship Files](#) -- Revised Record Layout released October 3, 2007. **NEW!**

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- [2006 First Edition TIGER/Line® Files](#) -- No longer available on-line.
- [2005 Second Edition TIGER/Line® Files](#) -- No longer available on-line.
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## Basic TIGER/Line Topology



## 2000 Census Gazetteer Example for Places

Record Layout: The place file contains data for all Incorporated and Census Designated places in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as of the January 1, 2000. The file is plain ASCII text, one line per record.

- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation
- Columns 3-4: State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code
- Columns 5-9: Place FIPS Code
- Columns 10-73: Name
- Columns 74-82: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 83-91: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 92-105: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 106-119: Water Area(square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 120-131: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 132-143: Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 144-153: Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 154-164: Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

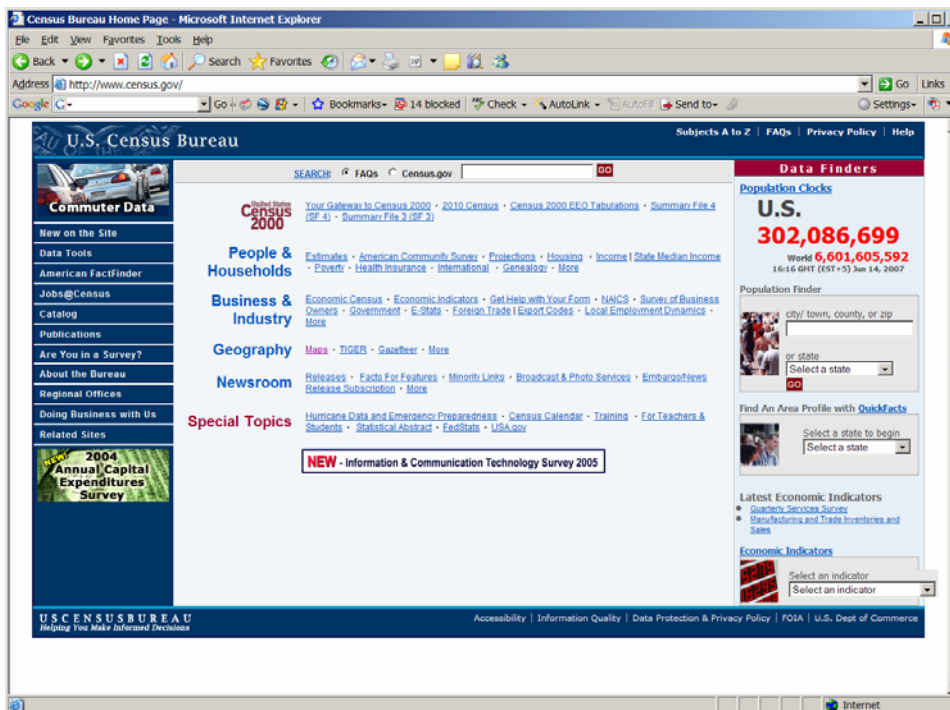
### Example Records for Connecticut (Column positions squeezed to fit on page)

CT0901150	Ansonia city	18554	7937	15620869	413392	6.031251	0.159612	41.342690	-73.074467
CT0902690	Bantam borough	802	376	2617953	0	1.010797	0.000000	41.723320	-73.240629
CT0904790	Bethel CDP	9137	3744	10575207	0	4.083110	0.000000	41.373028	-73.416168

Using American Fact Finder to Determine the Census Geography of a Street Address  
Prepared for Connecticut Census Geographic Data Initiative Workshops  
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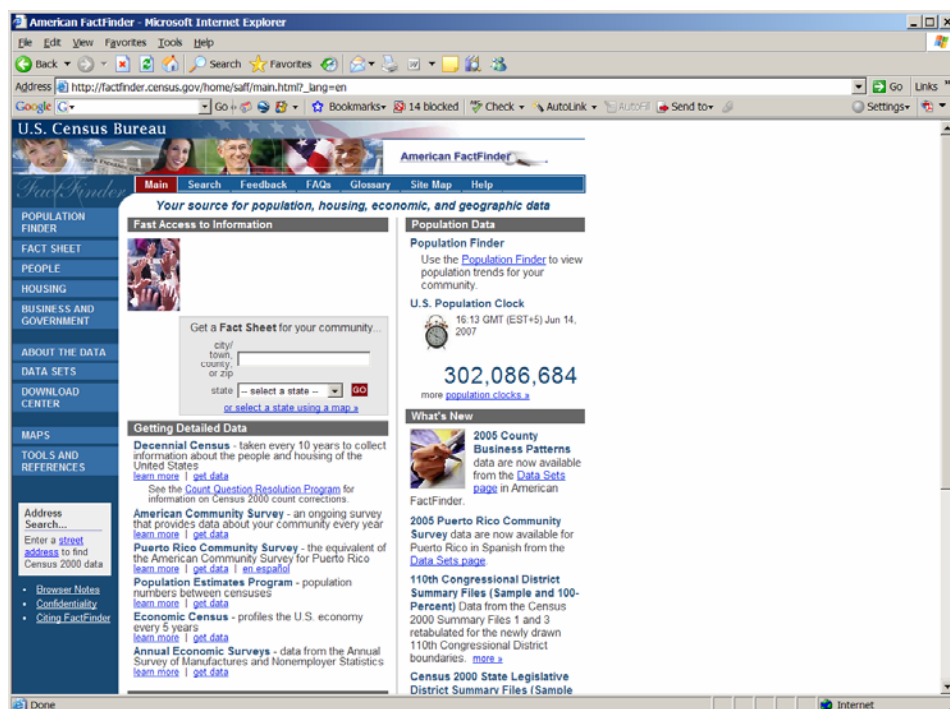
1. Open a web browser and navigate to:

<http://www.census.gov>



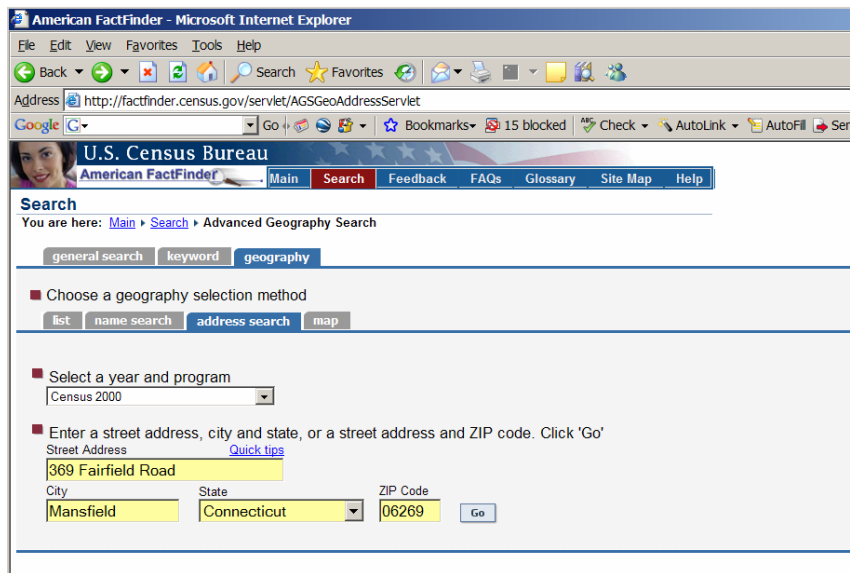
In the panel on the left of the display, click on the American FactFinder link to open American FactFinder.

2. In the panel on the left of the display, look for the box Labeled “Address Search...” and click the link in “Enter a street address to find Census 2000 data”.



3. In the Search window, make sure that the **geography** tab is clicked and the **address search** tab is clicked under Choose a geography selection method. Choose a geography selection method.

Then select a year and program from the pull-down menu, enter a street address, city and state, or a street address and ZIP code and click Go.

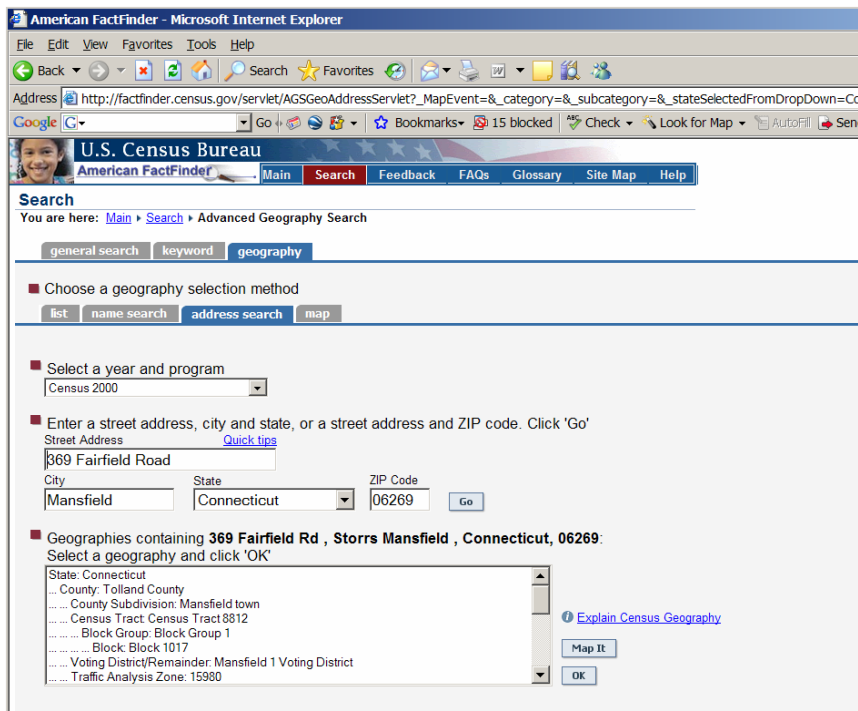


4. A window will open showing Geographies containing the address you entered.

This window shows us that 369 Fairfield Road in Mansfield is located in Census Tract 8812.

Note that census tract numbers are only unique within counties.

Click the Census Tract line to select the tract geography and then click Map It to see a map of the census tract area as shown below.



http://factfinder.census.gov - Census Tract 8812, Tolland County, Connecticut - Reference M...

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Census Tract 8812, Tolland County, Connecticut

**Boundaries**

- State
- '00 County
- '00 Census Tract
- '00 Block Group
- '00 Block
- '00 Place
- '00 Place
- '00 Urban Area
- '00 Urban Area

**Features**

- Major Road
- Street
- Stream/Waterbody
- Stream/Waterbody

2.8 miles across

Close

A map of Census Tract 8812 in Tolland County, Connecticut. The map displays various geographical features and administrative boundaries. A legend on the left side categorizes these into boundaries (State, County, Census Tract, Block Group, Block, Place, Urban Area) and features (Major Road, Street, Stream/Waterbody). The map shows a network of roads, including Storrs Rd, Horse Barn Hill Rd, and Fenton R. It also identifies several census tracts, such as 8812, 8813, 8811, 8815, and 8814. A scale bar at the bottom indicates a distance of 2.8 miles across the map. A 'Close' button is located in the bottom right corner. The map is displayed within a web browser window, with the address bar showing the URL: http://factfinder.census.gov - Census Tract 8812, Tolland County, Connecticut - Reference M...