



# Budget Problems in Branford?



- \* Less money is available from the State of Connecticut ...
- \* Because less money is available from Washington DC ...
- \* Because money is being diverted to the war in Iraq ...

**By March 2007, the State of Connecticut's share the War in Iraq is estimated to reach \$ 9.2 BILLION!**  
Your town's share of this, and some of the major metropolitan areas, are shown below:

All Connecticut	\$9.2 Billion
Greenwich	\$283.2 Million
Hartford	\$137.4 Million
New Haven	\$171.7 Million
New London	\$ 42.4 Million
Stamford	\$338.3 Million
Westport	\$140.9 Million

## Branford's

Share of the cost of the War in Iraq is estimated to be:

# \$ 89.5 Million!

Instead of war, we could have:

- Paid for 1,158,020 children in Connecticut to attend a year of Head Start (7,129 Students in 2004).
- Hired 151,518 additional public school teachers in Connecticut for one year (Regular teachers 33,666 in 2001).
- Provided 423,844 students four-year scholarships at public Universities in Connecticut.
- Kids Health Insurance for 5,235,368 children in Connecticut for one year (Estimated 20,000 uninsured children in CT).

**Americans on the Home Front:**

**Do Their Part For The War**



## *No Americans Died For Regime Change In:*

*Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and many other places*

Estimates of the cost of the War in Iraq for towns, cities and counties across the U.S are based on those from [www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org).

- 1) The local cost of the war in Iraq is based on an estimated **total cost of \$378 Billion by March 1, 2007**. The details underlying these numbers can be seen at <http://costofwar.com/numbers.html>
- 2) The state share of the total is based on how much each state contributes in tax revenues, according to IRS data. **This is 2.43% for Connecticut.**
- 3) The town-level costs are based on **allocating the state share of the cost of the war in Iraq to towns based on the ratio of median local-level town income** to the total state income of \$74,556 Million (based on 2000 census data estimates).

Estimated Cost of War in Iraq (Million \$) = \$378, 000 Million \* (Median Household Income for Town) \* (Number of Households in Town) / \$74,556  
**Branford: Median Household Income for Town = \$58,009 and 12,558 Households**

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Join us at our meetings: Every Monday evening at 7:30 PM, Quaker Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford

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