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Connecticut zoning second most restrictive

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Connecticut has the second most restrictive land-use and zoning policies in the nation, according to a Cato Institute study analyzing court decisions of disputes.

Among states nationally, Connecticut was No. 2 for restrictions on both land use and zoning, according to Cato policy analyst Vanessa Brown Calder, behind only Ohio nationally. Vermont was the only other state to place in the top five for restrictiveness of both land use and zoning.

Among Northeast states, New York had the least restrictive land use policies, ranking 23rd nationally.

The Cato Institute also found that states with the most restrictive zoning regulations receive nearly two times more federal housing dollars per capita compared to those with the least restrictions, postulating that could create a disincentive for states to solve housing affordability issues.