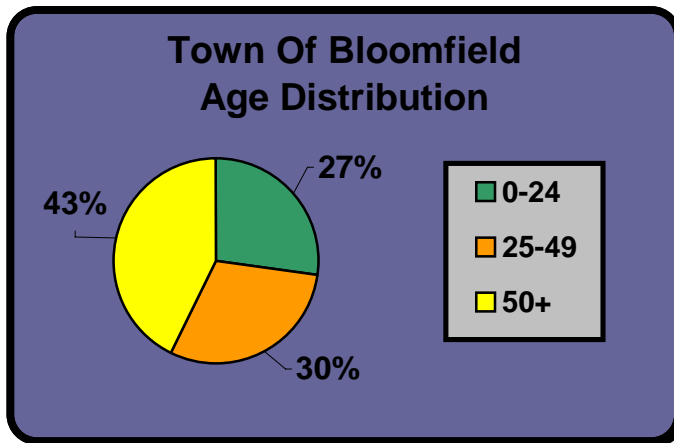
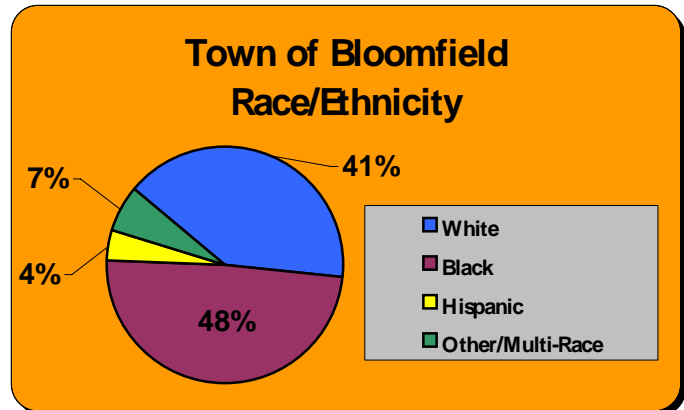




Town of Bloomfield Workforce Profile

The Town of Bloomfield is located 5 miles north of Hartford, has a land area of approximately 26 square miles and is home to 20,080 residents.

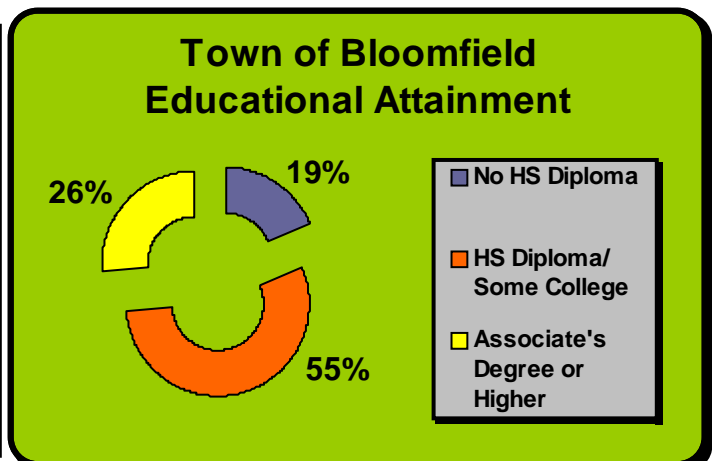
Bloomfield's population is comprised of 41% whites, 48% Blacks, 4% Hispanics and 7% Other/Multi-Race individuals.



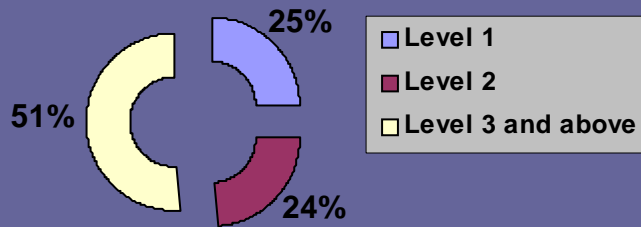
The town's median age is 45. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Bloomfield residents age 25+, 19% do not have a high school diploma, 55% possess a diploma or some college, and 26% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 7.9% (down 2.2% from previous year) and 87.2% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (up 12.1%).



Bloomfield Literacy



Forty-nine (49) percent of Bloomfield's population 16 and over function at literacy levels one and two (out of five levels, five being the highest). Individuals at levels one or two would not be able to read an ATM screen, decipher a bus schedule, read a newspaper, read the dosage on a medicine bottle, or fill out a job application.

In 1973, the Town of Bloomfield was named an All-American City, an award that recognized the town's success as an ethnically and culturally diverse community, following a large influx of people from diverse backgrounds migrating into the town after World War II.

2005 Business Profile:

Sector	# of Firms	% of Total	# of Employees	% of Employees
Agriculture	46	3.6%	252	1.7%
Construction and Mining	126	10.0%	1,058	7.1%
Manufacturing	101	8.0%	4,589	31.0%
Transportation and Utilities	64	5.1%	395	2.7%
Trade	234	18.5%	2,147	14.5%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	108	8.5%	840	5.7%
Services	536	42.4%	5,286	35.7%
Government	20	1.6%	229	1.5%
Total	1,264	100.0%	14,802	100.0%

Top Five Employers (2002):

- Cigna
- Kaman Corporation
- Jacobs Manufacturing
- JDS Uniphase
- Otis Service Center

Bloomfield's labor force is 9,500 and the unemployment rate is 6.0% (September 2005).

Capital Workforce Partners is looking to support an effective workforce development system that strategically connects economic development and education resources to build and maintain a strong and vibrant workforce by researching and understanding the individual towns' growth and vitality.

Sources: 2000 Census, CT Department of Economic and Community Development, CT Department of Labor, CT Department of Education, National Institute for Literacy.