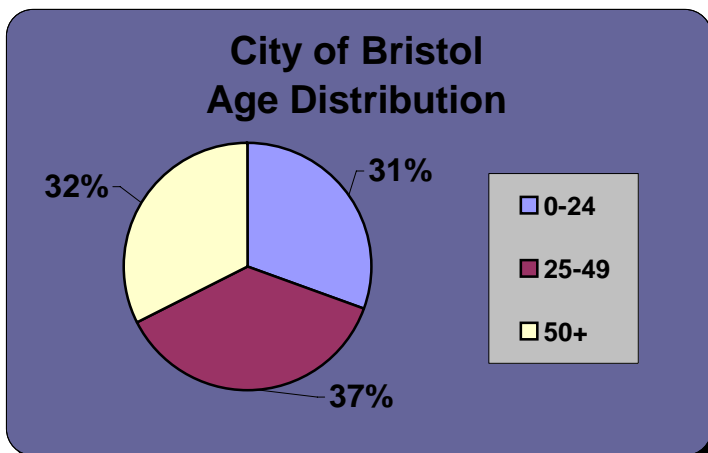
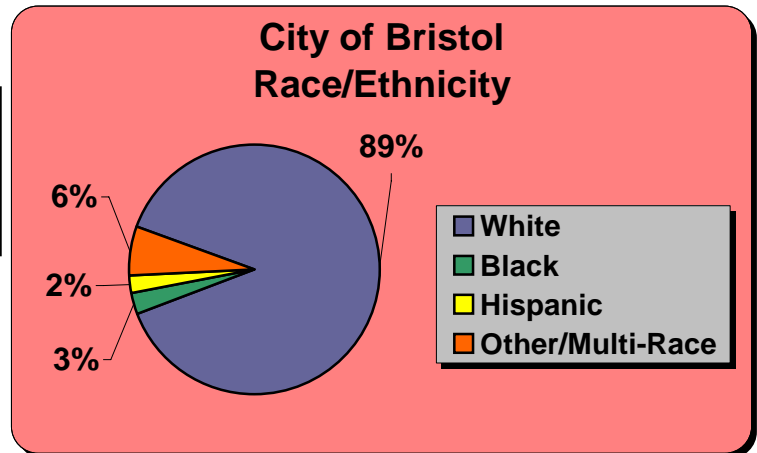




City of Bristol Workforce Profile

The City of Bristol covers a land area of 27.1 square miles and is home to 60,875 residents.

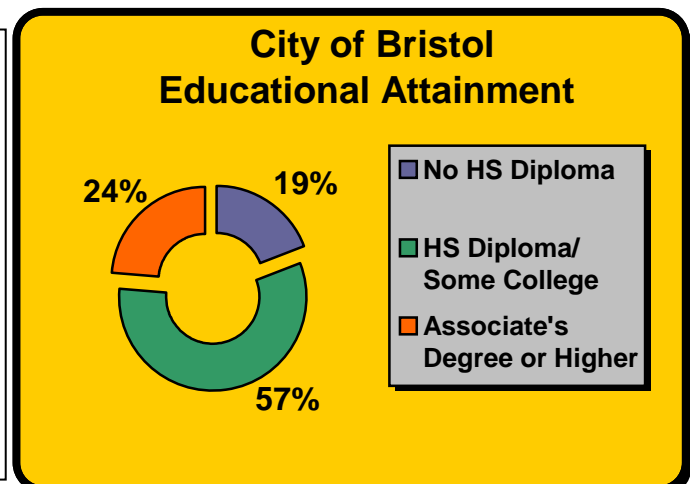
Bristol's population is comprised of 89% whites, 3% Blacks, 2% Hispanics, and 6% Other/Multi-Race individuals.

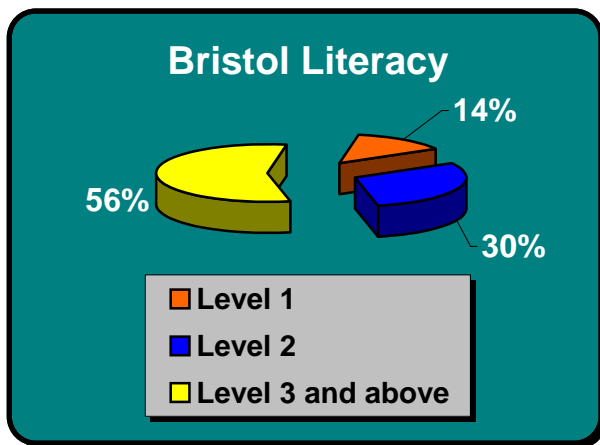


Bristol's median age is 39. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Bristol residents age 25+, 19% do not have a high school diploma, 57% possess a diploma or some college, and 24% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 7.3% (down 3.5% from previous year) and 75.9% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (down 4.6%).





Forty-four (44) percent of Bristol's population 16+ 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.

2005 Business Profile:

Sector	# of Firms	% of Total	# of Employees	% of Total
Agriculture	51	2.3%	143	0.8%
Construction and Mining	341	15.4%	1,229	6.5%
Manufacturing	197	8.9%	4,057	21.5%
Transportation and Utilities	57	2.6%	812	4.3%
Trade	498	22.6%	4,360	23.2%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	158	7.2%	803	4.3%
Services	831	37.6%	6,568	34.9%
Government	20	0.9%	854	4.5%
Total	2,208	100.0%	18,826	100.0%

Top Five Employers (2002):

- ESPN
- Bristol Hospital
- Cigna
- Associated Spring Company
- Rowley Spring

Bristol's labor force is 31,237 and the unemployment rate is 5.3% (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

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