

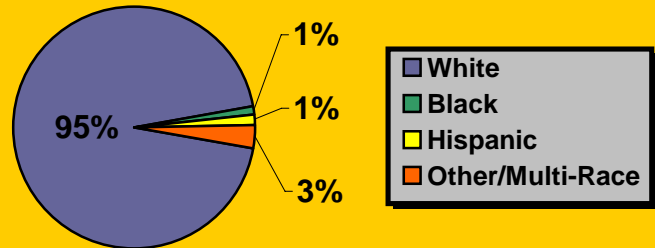


Town of Canton Workforce Profile

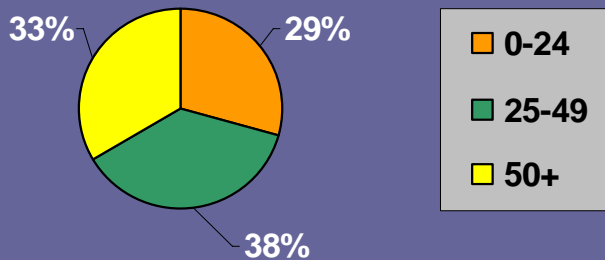
The Town of Canton is located 14 miles west of Hartford, has a land area of approximately 25 square miles and is home to 9,466 residents.

Canton's population is comprised of 95% whites, 1% Blacks, 1% Hispanics, and 3% Other/Multi-Race individuals.

Town of Canton Race/Ethnicity



Town of Canton Age Distribution

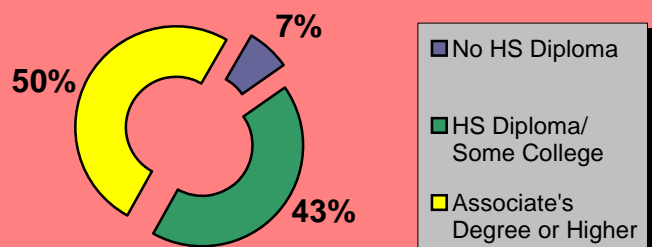


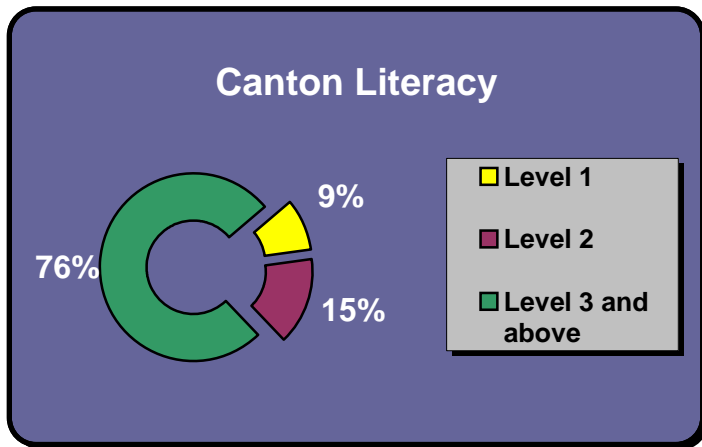
Canton's median age is 42. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Canton residents age 25+, 7% do not have a high school diploma, 43% possess a diploma or some college, and 50% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 1.7% (up 0.9% from the previous year) and 88.4% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (down 3.6%).

Town of Canton Educational Attainment





Twenty-four (24) percent of Canton's population 16 and over function at literacy levels one and two (out of five levels, level 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	35	5.1%	108	3.2%
Construction and Mining	97	14.0%	300	8.9%
Manufacturing	31	4.5%	134	4.0%
Transportation and Utilities	16	2.3%	133	3.9%
Trade	168	24.2%	939	27.8%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	49	7.1%	185	5.5%
Services	269	38.8%	1,413	41.8%
Government	6	0.9%	163	4.8%
Total	693	100.0%	3,379	100.0%

Top Five Employers (2002):

- Town of Canton
- Inertia Dynamics
- Cherry Brook Health Center
- Funny Bone Interactive
- Suburban Sanitation Service

Canton's labor force is 5,267 and the unemployment rate is 3.5% (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.