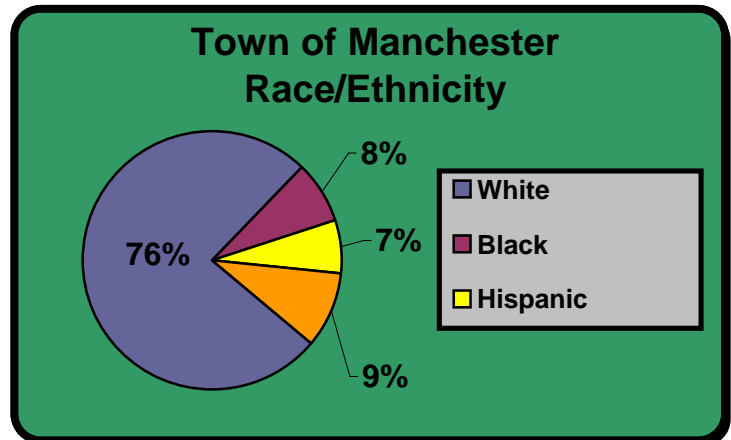




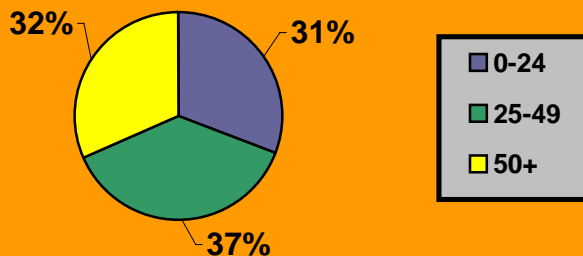
Town of Manchester Workforce Profile

The Town of Manchester, incorporated in 1832, is located 8 miles east of Hartford. It has a land area of 27 square miles and is home to 57,079 residents.

Manchester's population is comprised of 76% Whites, 8% Blacks, 7% Hispanics, and 9% Other/Multi-Race individuals.



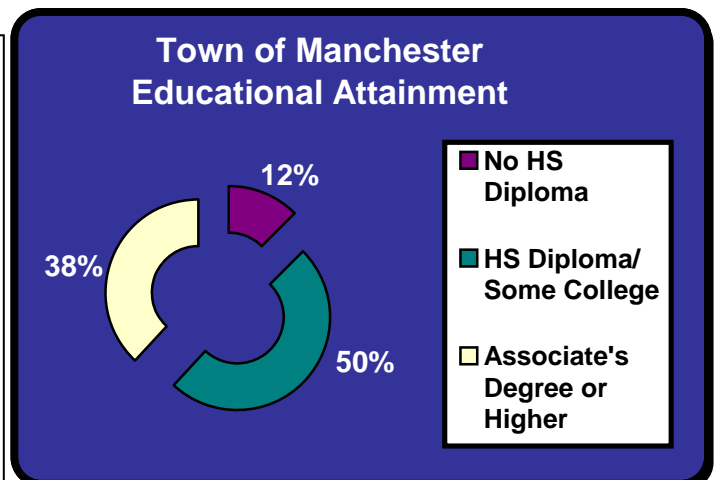
Town of Manchester Age Distribution

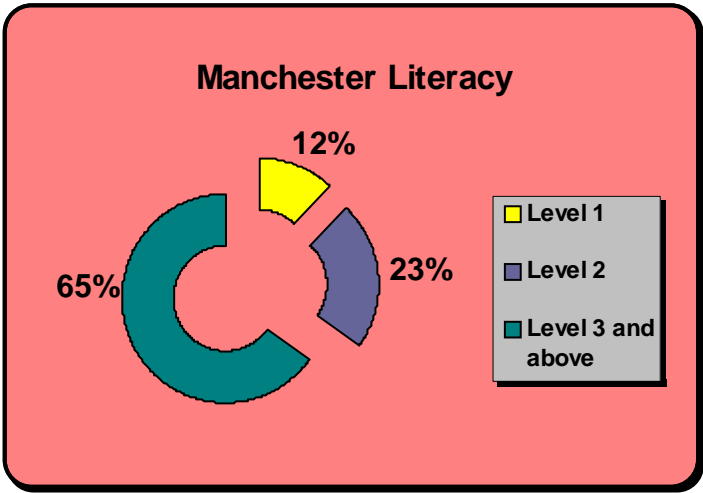


Manchester's median age is 38. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Manchester residents age 25+, 12% do not have a high school diploma, 50% possess a diploma or some college, and 38% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 6.8% (down 6.1% from the previous year) and 82.8% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (up 2%).





Thirty-five (35) percent of Manchester'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.

Manchester is considered a great place to live, work and raise a family. It has one of the largest retail concentrations in the northeast along with industrial parks and a historic Main Street.

2005 Business Profile:

Sector	# of Firms	% of Total	# of Employees	% of Total
Agriculture	44	1.7%	187	0.7%
Construction and Mining	261	10.2%	1,224	4.4%
Manufacturing	130	5.1%	3,384	12.2%
Transportation and Utilities	76	3.0%	740	2.7%
Trade	723	28.3%	9,318	33.5%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	206	8.1%	945	3.4%
Services	1,022	40.0%	10,939	39.3%
Government	31	1.2%	1,068	3.8%
Total	2,554	100.0%	27,805	100.0%

Top Five Employers (2002):

- Allied Printing Services
- Andrews Connecticut
- Dynamic Gunver Technologies LLC (now Smiths Aerospace Components)
- Gerber Scientific Products
- The Journal Publishing Company

Manchester's labor force is 31,248 and the unemployment rate is 5.1% (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, and the National Institute for Literacy.