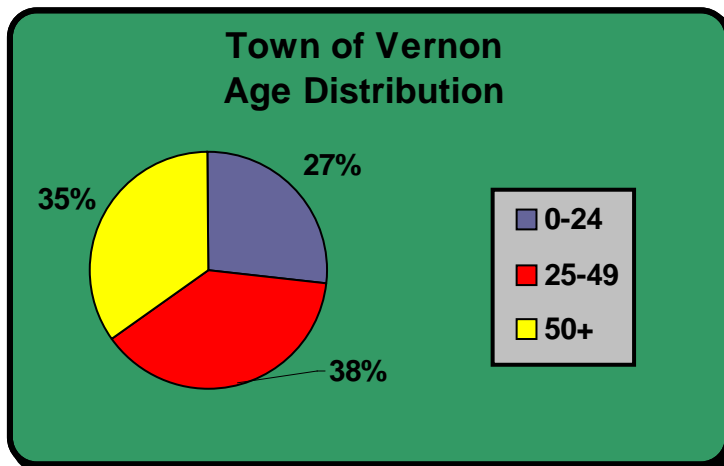
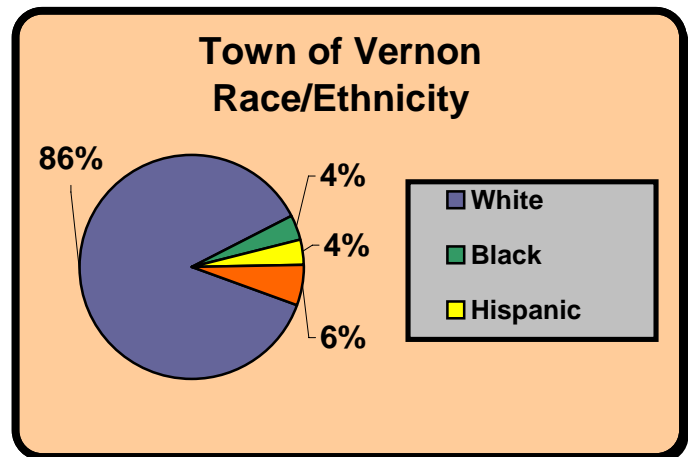




## Town of Vernon Workforce Profile

The Town of Vernon is located 18.6 miles east-northeast of Hartford, has a land area of 17.73 square miles and is home to 30,106 residents.

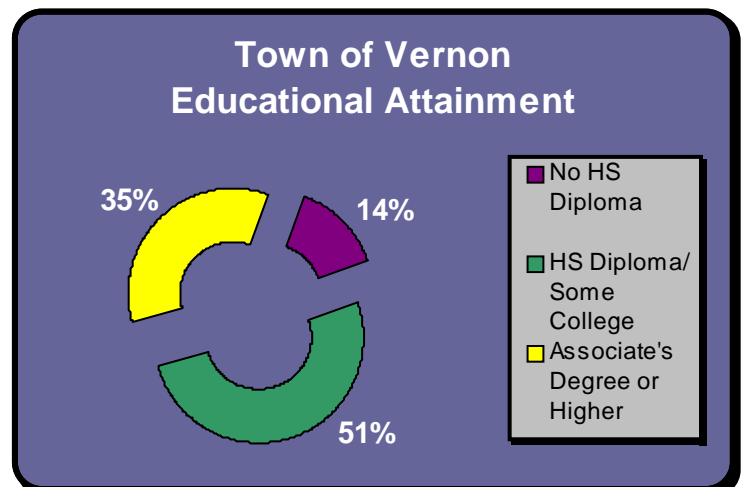
Vernon's population is comprised of 86% whites, 4% Blacks, 4% Hispanics, and 6% Other/Multi-Race individuals.

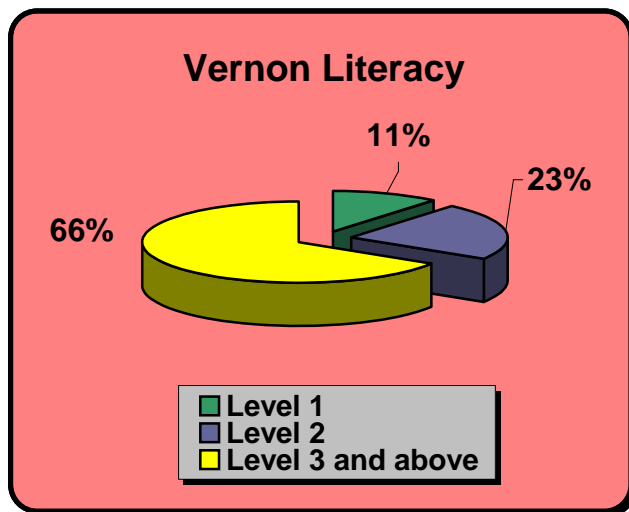


The town's median age is 40. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Vernon residents age 25+, 14% do not have a high school diploma, 51% possess a diploma or some college, and 35% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 8.8% (down over 1% from the previous year) and 83% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (down 2½%).





Thirty-four (34) percent of Vernon's population 16 and over functions 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	21	1.8%	73	0.9%
Construction and Mining	135	11.7%	392	4.9%
Manufacturing	58	5.0%	842	10.5%
Transportation and Utilities	25	2.2%	182	2.3%
Trade	275	23.9%	2,304	28.7%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	105	9.1%	768	9.6%
Services	489	42.5%	3,274	40.8%
Government	14	1.2%	187	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,024</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Top Five Employers (2002):**

- Town of Vernon
- Rockville General Hospital
- New England Mechanical Service
- Visiting Nurse & Health Services
- Stop & Shop

Vernon's labor force is 16,729 and the unemployment rate is 4.7% (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.