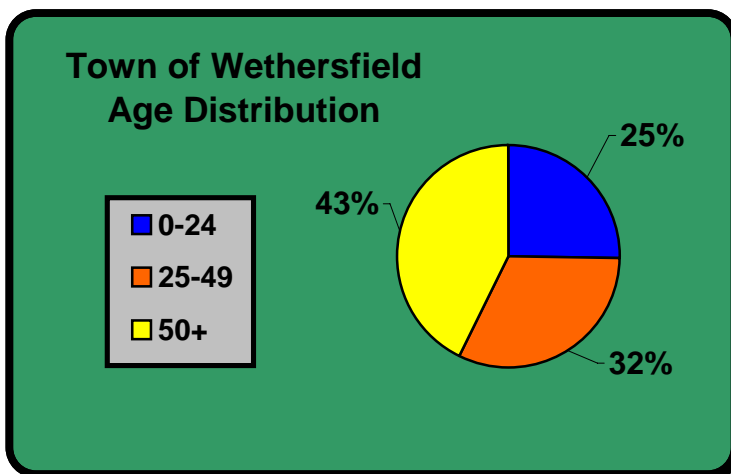
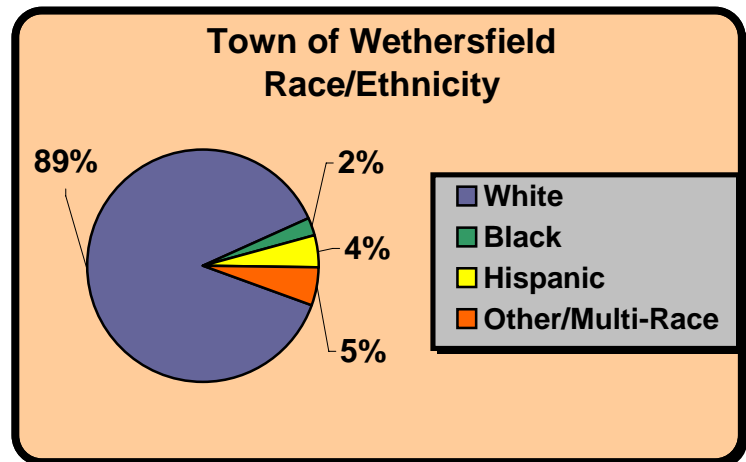




Town of Wethersfield Workforce Profile

Wethersfield is located 4 miles south of Hartford, has a land area of approximately 12 square miles and is home to 26,726 residents.

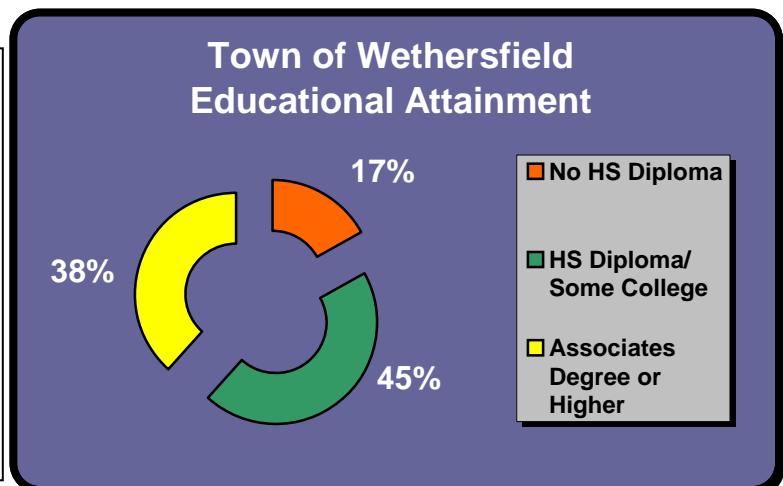
Wethersfield's population is comprised of 89% whites, 2% Blacks, 4% Hispanics, and 5% Other/Multi-Race individuals.



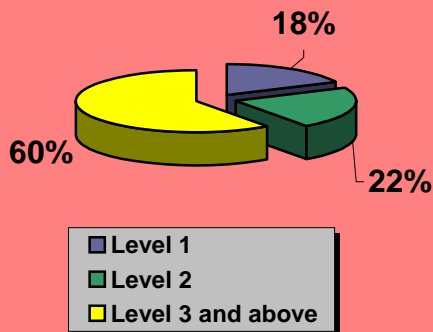
The town's median age is 45. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Wethersfield residents age 25+, 17% do not have a high school diploma, 45% 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 4.1% (down 3.3% from the previous year) and 86.6% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (down 1.4%).



Wethersfield Literacy



Forty (40) percent of Wethersfield'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	19	1.6%	82	0.9%
Construction and Mining	133	11.4%	340	3.9%
Manufacturing	32	2.7%	310	3.5%
Transportation and Utilities	36	3.1%	195	2.2%
Trade	253	21.7%	2,226	25.4%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	123	10.6%	1,158	13.2%
Services	525	45.1%	3,509	40.0%
Government	20	1.7%	954	10.9%
Total	1,165	100.0%	8,779	100.0%

Top Five Employers (2002):

- Connecticut Department of Labor
- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection
- Mediplex of Connecticut, Inc.
- Super Stop & Shop
- Connecticut Department of Correction

Wethersfield's labor force is 13,288 and the unemployment rate is 5.0% (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.