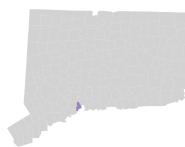


WEST HAVEN



KEY FINDINGS

Housing

16%

of housing is subsidized

45%

of all homes occupied by renters

51%

of housing units are in multifamily buildings

Affordability

21%

of households spend between 30% and 50% of their income on housing

18%

of households spend more than half of their income on housing

\$31.33

the hourly wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment

Population

36

the median age of residents

50%

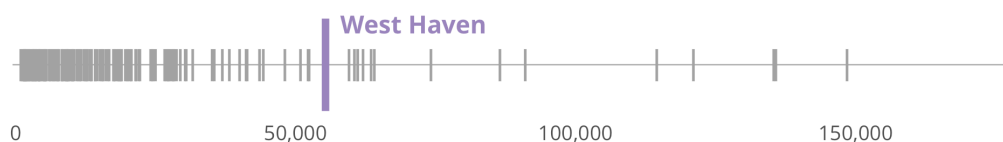
of residents are people of color (BIPOC)

-1%

population change between 2020 and 2023

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

Throughout this report, a series of graphs like the one below are used to show how [West Haven](#) compares to [other towns](#) in the state on a variety of measures.



ABOUT THE HOUSING DATA PROFILES

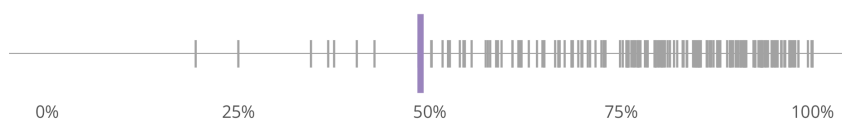
The Partnership for Strong Communities' Housing Data Profiles are a free resource to help Connecticut residents, developers, legislators, municipal officials, and others make data-informed decisions. Profiles are available for every town and Council of Governments in the state. To learn more, please visit pschousing.org or housingprofiles.pschohousing.org to view the interactive version of the profiles.

DATA NOTES

Data comes from the 2018-2022 American Community Survey unless stated otherwise. Percentages may differ slightly or not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding.

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AS
PERCENT OF ALL HOMES

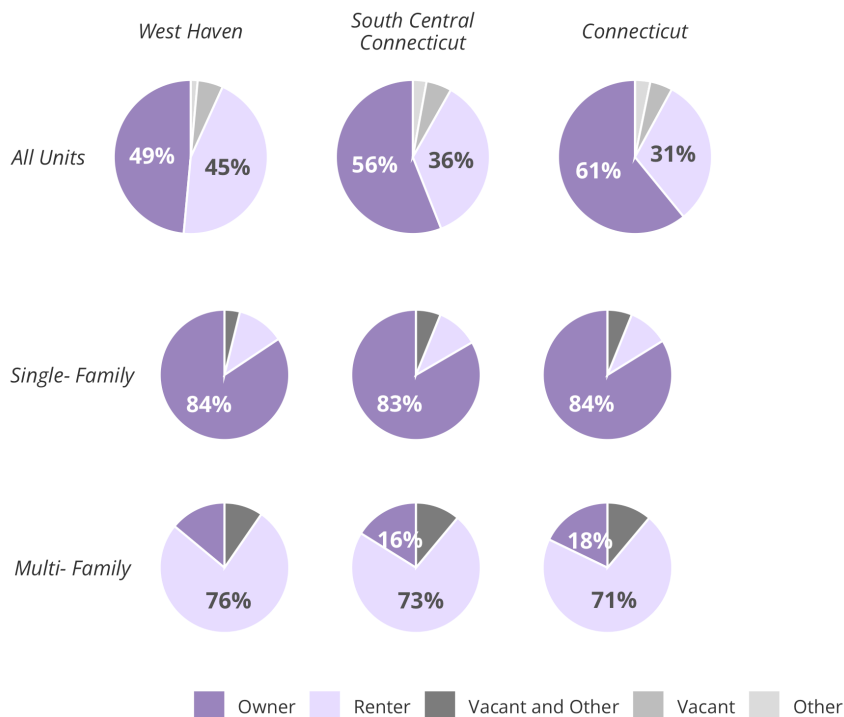
49%

PERCENT OF ALL HOMES
OCCUPIED BY OWNERS

49%

Overall, 65% of Connecticut's occupied housing stock is comprised of single-family housing, while 35% is multifamily housing (2+ units in structure). Most single-family homes are occupied by homeowners, while most multifamily units are occupied by renters.

In West Haven, 49% of occupied homes are single-family, and 51% are multi-family. Owners live in 84% of West Haven's 10,685 single-family homes, and renters live in 76% of its 11,121 multifamily homes.



Vacant units include units that are for rent and other vacant units, and Other units include units that are rented but not occupied, for sale, sold but not occupied, for seasonal/recreational/occasional use, and for migrant workers.

CHANGE IN BUILDING PERMITS,
1990-2023

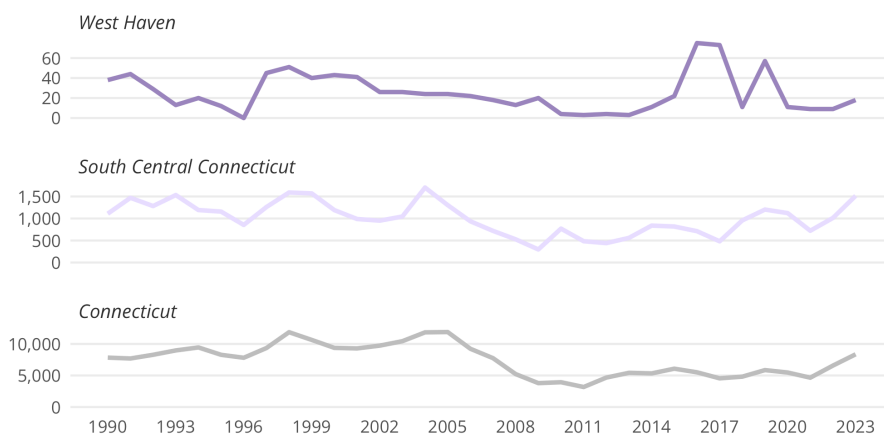
-53%

Growth is slow in the state, which has seen a 7% decrease in building permits between 1990 and 2023.

In West Haven, there were 38 building permits issued in 1990, compared to 18 issued in 2023, representing a 53% decrease.

Number of building permits per year, 1990-2023

Note: y axis varies between locations



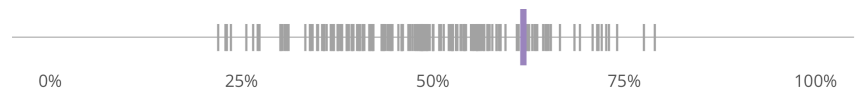
Source: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development



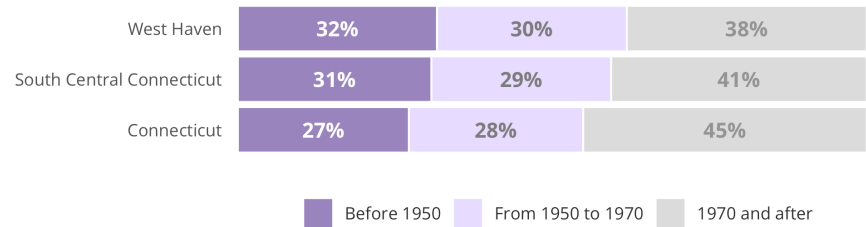
UNITS BUILT BEFORE 1970

62%

Older homes are prone to falling into disrepair, and often carry environmental risks such as lead paint. An aging housing stock can be a sign of poor housing quality.



Age of units

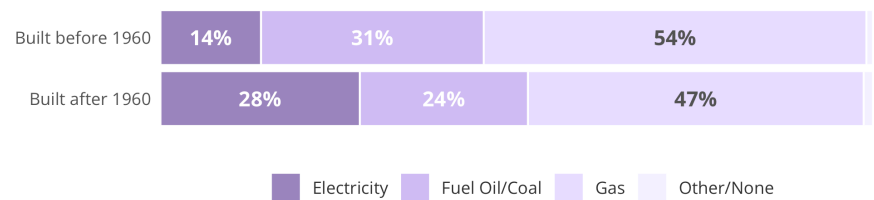


SPENDING ON ENERGY AS PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME

4.3%

Households that use electricity spend 5.5% of their income on energy (4.4% for fuel oil/coal and 4.1% for gas).

Units by age and fuel type



Source: United States Department of Energy

AFFORDABLE HOMES AS A SHARE OF ALL HOUSING UNITS

16%

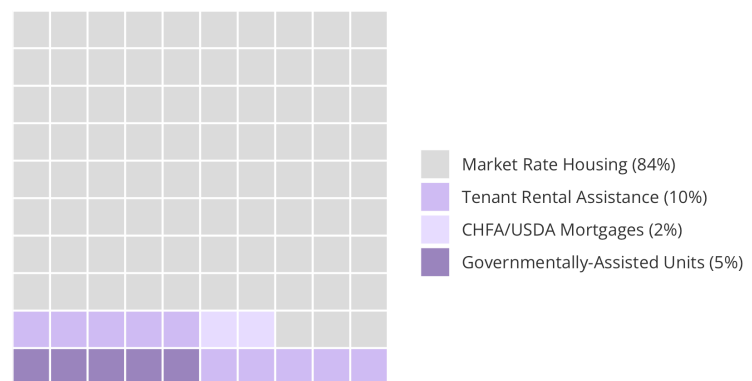
The CT Department of Housing calculates the percentage of affordable units in a municipality annually for the Affordable Housing Appeals List. Affordable units are units that are subsidized below market-rate through programs like Housing Choice Vouchers or CHFA/USDA mortgages.

Of the 22,735 total units in West Haven, 3,547 are considered to be affordable.



Source: Connecticut Department of Housing

Affordable units by type



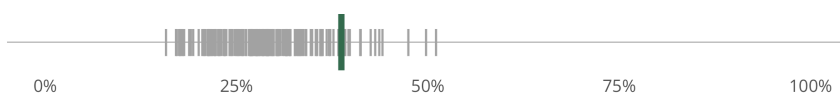
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PEOPLE BURDENED BY COST OF HOUSING

39%

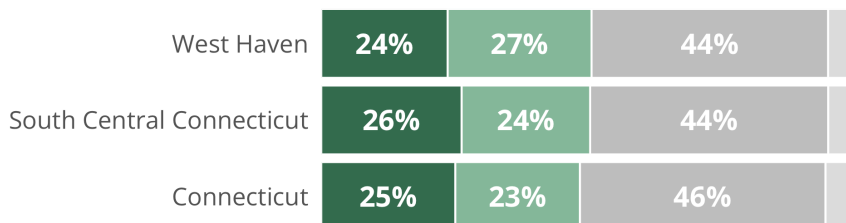
Households that are cost-burdened spend more than 30% of their income on housing. Severely cost-burdened spend more than 50% on housing.



RENTERS BURDENED BY COST OF HOUSING

50%

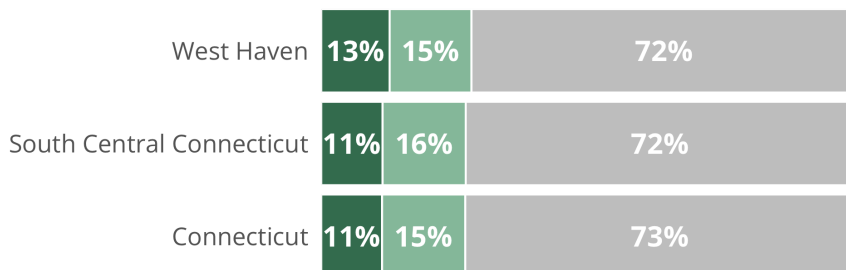
Housing cost burden for renters



OWNERS BURDENED BY COST OF HOUSING

28%

Housing cost burden for owners



Severe burden (50% or greater) Moderate burden (Between 30% and 50%) Not burdened (Less than 30%) Not Computed

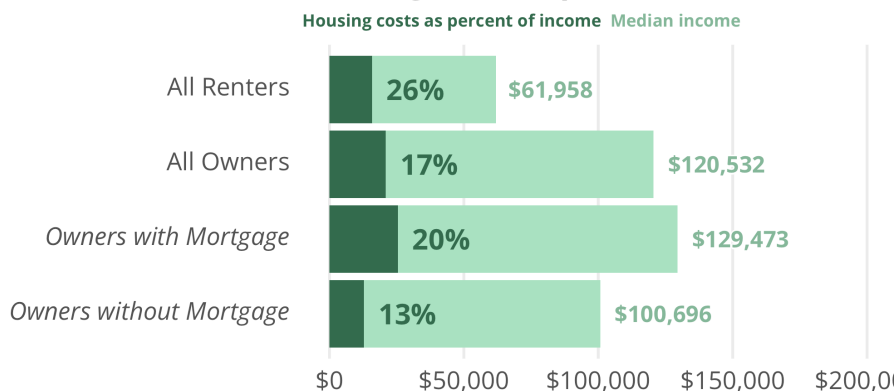
RENTERS' HOUSING COSTS AS PERCENT OF INCOME

26%

OWNERS' HOUSING COSTS AS PERCENT OF INCOME

17%

Housing costs as percent of income



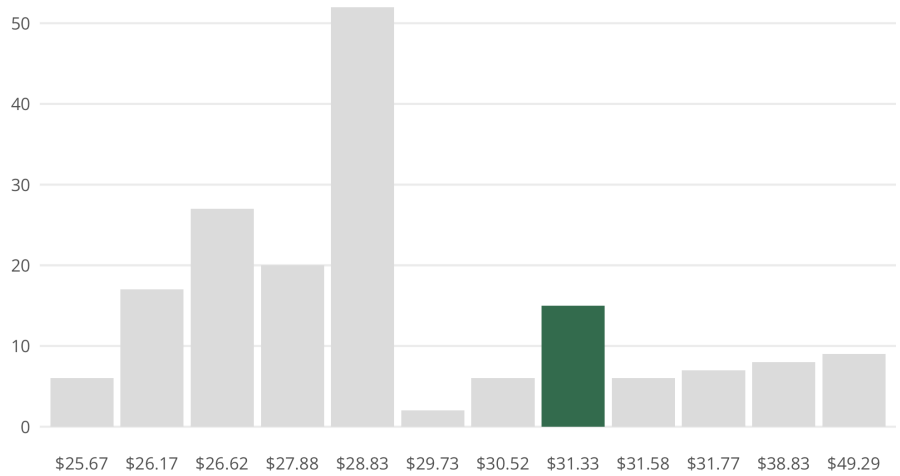
HOUSING WAGE

\$31.33

Each year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition calculates the "housing wage," the hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home without paying more than 30% of income on housing.

West Haven is included in the New Haven-Meriden HMFA. West Haven's housing wage is lower than the state housing wage of \$31.93.

West Haven is one of 15 towns with a housing wage of \$31.33

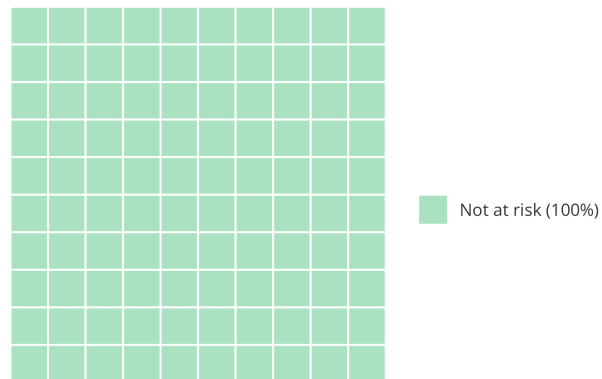


HOUSING PRESERVATION UNITS

0%

West Haven has 1,046 federally assisted housing units, of which 0% are at risk of loss within the next 5 years.

Housing preservation by risk



Source: National Housing Preservation Database



TOTAL POPULATION

55,336

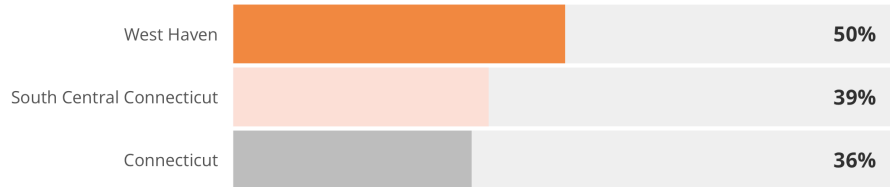


PEOPLE OF COLOR

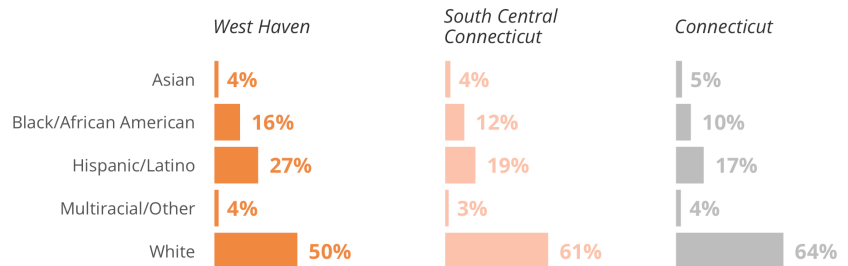
50%

Connecticut population is becoming increasingly diverse, but the BIPOC population is concentrated in certain municipalities, especially Connecticut's cities. In West Haven, 50% of residents are BIPOC, while 50% are white.

West Haven is more diverse than Connecticut

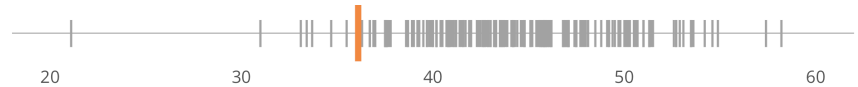


The largest race/ethnicity group in West Haven is White at 50% of the population



MEDIAN AGE

36.1

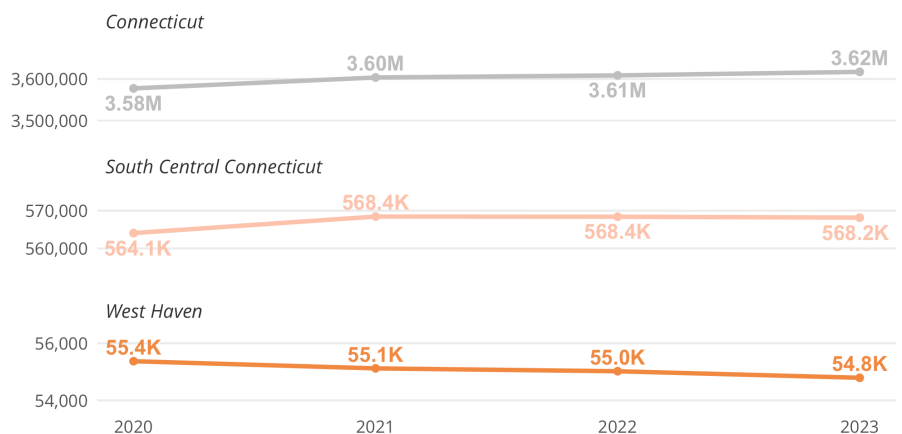


POPULATION ESTIMATES, 2020 TO 2023

-1%

From 2020 to 2023, West Haven's population decreased from 55,370 to 54,790.

Population Estimates From 2020 to 2023

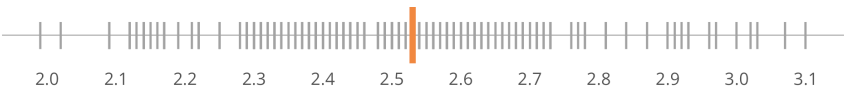


Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health



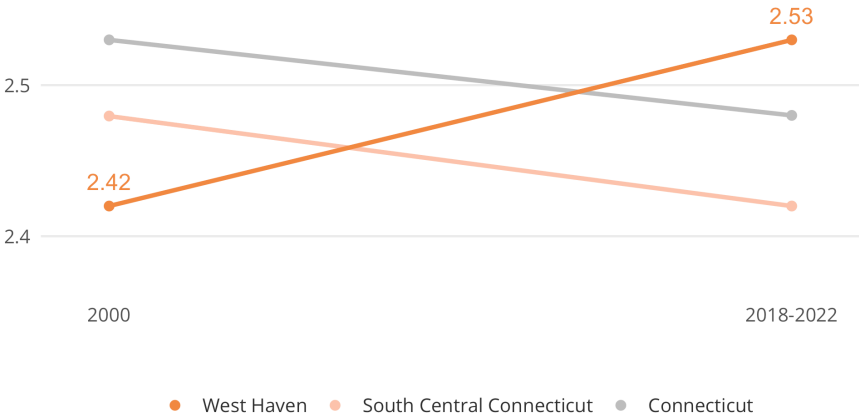
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

2.53



The average household size in West Haven has grown between 2000 and 2022.

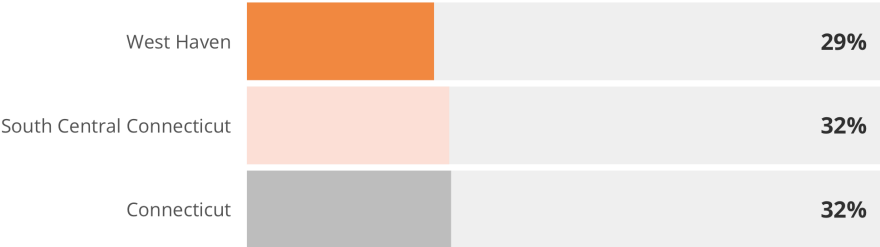
The average household size in West Haven has grown from 2.42 in 2000 to 2.53 in 2022



Understanding who lives in our towns provides insight into the housing and service needs for each community such as accessibility, transportation, child care, and education. Compared to Connecticut, West Haven has fewer households with someone older than 60 and households with school-age children.

Household types as a percent of total

Householder living alone



Households with someone older than 60

