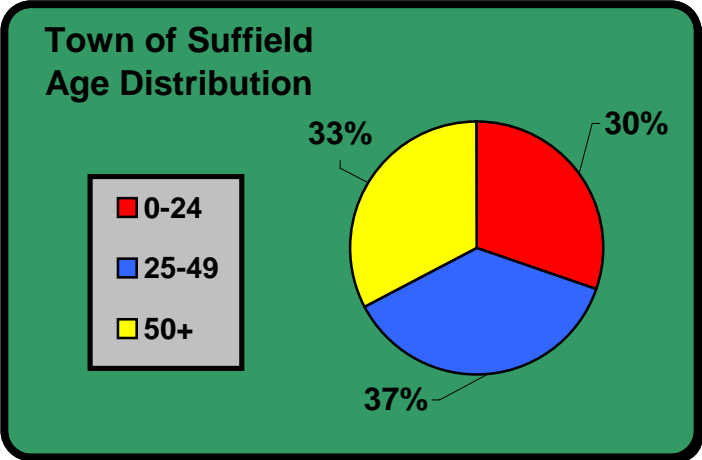
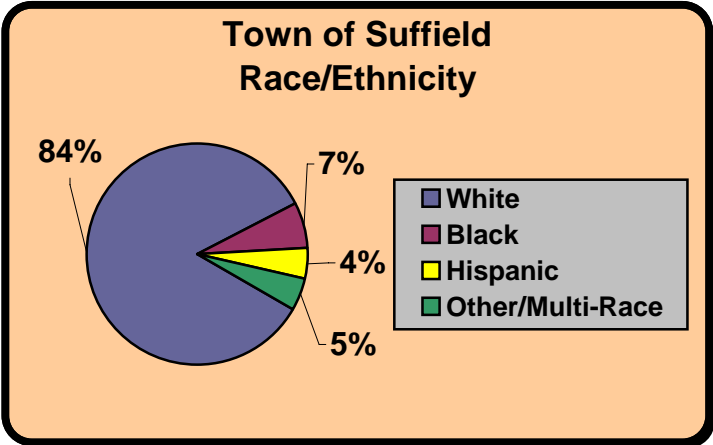




Town of Suffield Workforce Profile

The Town of Suffield is located 16 miles north of Hartford, has a land area of 42 square miles and is home to 14,215 residents.

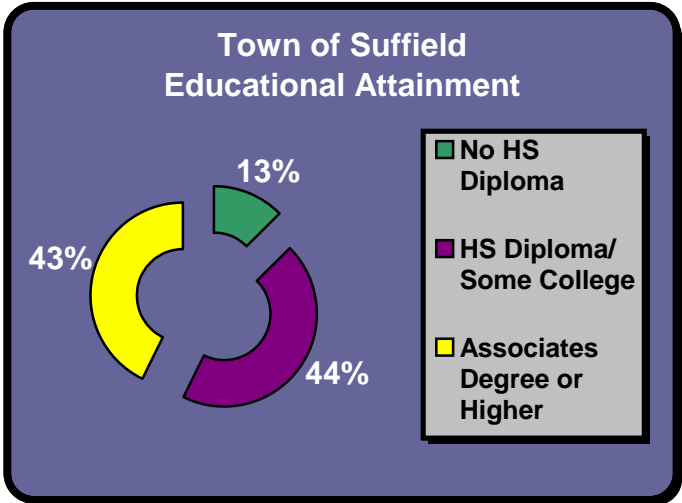
Suffield's population is comprised of 84% whites, 7% Blacks, 4% Hispanics and 5% Other/Multi-Race individuals.



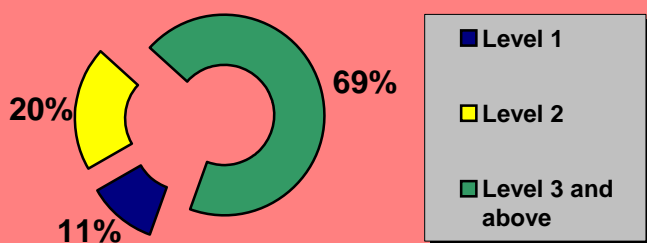
The town's median age is 40. The age distribution is demonstrated in the pie chart to the left.

Of Suffield residents age 25+, 13% do not have a high school diploma, 44% possess a diploma or some college, and 43% have earned an Associate's degree or higher (State: 16%, 46%, and 38% respectively).

The 2003 cumulative dropout rate was 7.2% (down 1.6% from the previous year) and 90.4% of graduates pursue post-secondary education (up 7.8%).



Suffield Literacy



Thirty-one (31) percent of Suffield'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.

Suffield was previously known for its small agricultural base of tobacco farms, dairy farms, a large wholesale nursery, and other agricultural enterprises. Today, Suffield is primarily a residential town with most residents working in the Hartford or Springfield areas.

2005 Business Profile:

Sector	# of Firms	% of Total	# of Employees	% of Total
Agriculture	45	7.8%	154	3.0%
Construction and Mining	81	14.1%	211	4.2%
Manufacturing	26	4.5%	480	9.5%
Transportation and Utilities	20	3.5%	199	3.9%
Trade	108	18.8%	910	17.9%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	39	6.8%	192	3.8%
Services	215	37.5%	1,216	24.0%
Government	16	2.8%	1,708	33.7%
Total	574	100.0%	5,070	100.0%

Top Four Employers (2002):

- Super Valu, Inc.
- Connecticut Department of Correction
- Town of Suffield
- Fleming Transportation, Inc.
- H.P. Hood Inc.

Suffield's labor force is 6,909 and the unemployment rate is 3.7% (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.