# 2020 Housing Data Profiles





#### **KEY FINDINGS**

### Housing

# 8%

of housing is subsidized

### Affordability

# 22%

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

# 24%

of households rent their home

13%

of households spend more than half of their income on housing

# 13%

of housing units are in multifamily buildings

\$19.62

the hourly wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment

### Population

# 43

the median age of residents

# 9%

of residents are people of color (BIPOC)

# +12.1%

projected population change from 2020 to 2040

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT Throughout this report, a series of graphs like the one below are used to show how **Brooklyn** compares to **other towns** in the state on a variety of measures.

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ABOUT THE HOUSING<br/>DATA PROFILESThe Partnership for Strong Communities' Housing Data Profiles are a free resource to help<br/>Connecticut residents, developers, legislators, municipal officials, and others make data-<br/>informed decisions. Profiles are available for every town and county in the state. To learn<br/>more, please visit **pschousing.org** or **housingprofiles.pschousing.org** to view the interactive<br/>version of the profiles.

#### DATA NOTES

Data comes from the 2014-2018 American Community Survey unless stated otherwise. Percentages may differ slightly or not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding.

### HOUSING

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AS PERCENT OF ALL HOMES

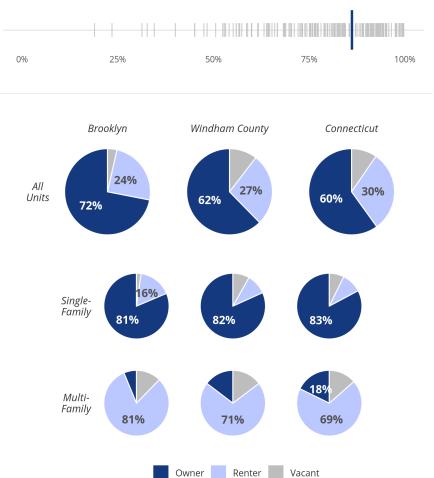
86%

PERCENT OF ALL HOMES OCCUPIED BY OWNERS

72%

Overall, 64% 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 Brooklyn, 86% of occupied homes are single-family, and 13% are multifamily. Owners live in 81% of Brooklyn's 2,793 single-family homes, and renters live in 81% of its 414 multifamily homes.



CHANGE IN BUILDING PERMITS, 1990-2017

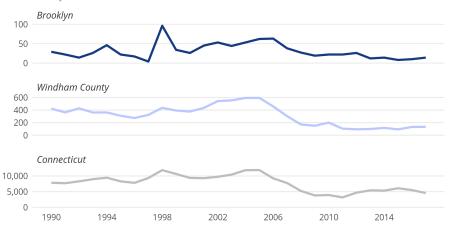
-52%

Growth is slow in the state, which has seen a 42% decrease in building permits between 1990 and 2017.

In Brooklyn, there were 29 building permits issued in 1990, compared to 14 issued in 2017, representing a 52% decrease.

#### Number of building permits per year, 1990-2017

Note: y axis varies between locations



Source: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development



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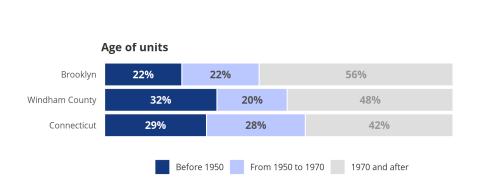
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### UNITS BUILT BEFORE 1970



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.



50%

75%

### SPENDING ON ENERGY AS PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME



Households that use electricity spend 3.6% of their income on energy (3.7% for fuel oil/coal and 4.7% for gas).

#### AFFORDABLE HOMES AS A SHARE OF ALL HOUSING UNITS

# 8%

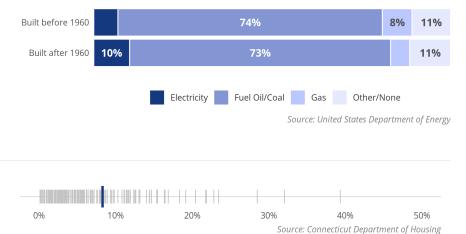
The CT Department of Housing calculates the percentage of affordable units in a municipality annually for the Affordable Housing Appeals List. Affordable units are units that are subsidized below market-rate through programs like Housing Choice Vouchers or CHFA/USDA mortgages.

Of the 3,235 total units in Brooklyn, 268 are considered to be affordable.

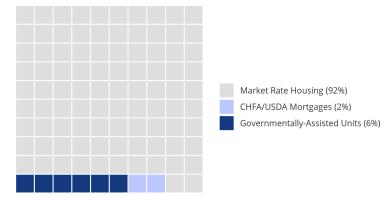


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25%



Affordable units by type



Source: Connecticut Department of Housing



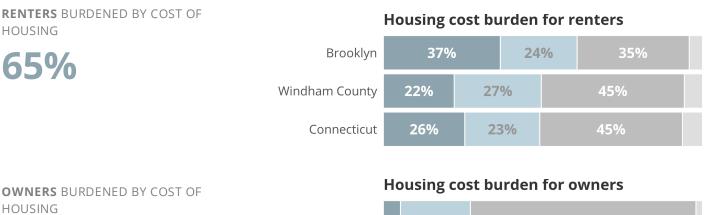
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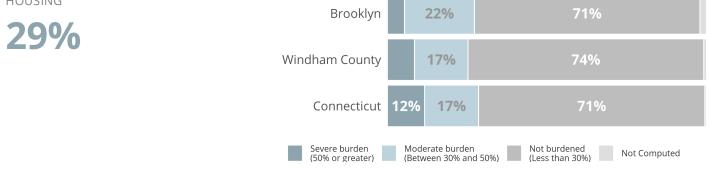
PEOPLE BURDENED BY COST OF HOUSING

36%

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







### **RENTERS'** HOUSING COSTS AS PERCENT OF INCOME

### Housing costs as percent of income

Housing costs as percent of income Median income





### AFFORDABILITY

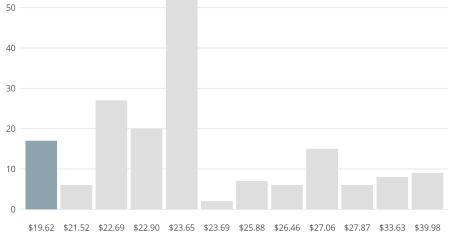
#### HOUSING WAGE

# \$19.62

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.

Brooklyn is included in the Windham County HMFA. Brooklyn's housing wage is lower than the state housing wage of \$26.42.

#### Brooklyn is one of 17 towns with a housing wage of \$19.62



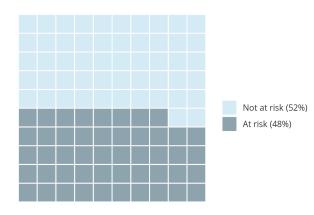
Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

HOUSING PRESERVATION UNITS

48%

Brooklyn has 182 federally assisted housing units, of which 48% are at risk of loss within the next 5 years.

#### Housing preservation by risk



Source: National Housing Preservation Database



### POPULATION

#### TOTAL POPULATION

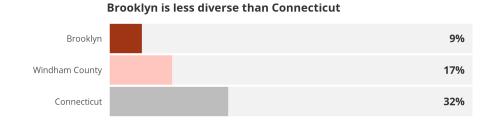
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#### PEOPLE OF COLOR

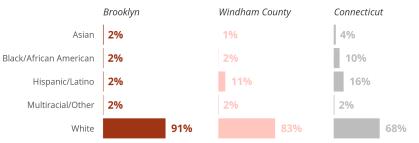
### 9%

Connecticut population is becoming increasingly diverse, but the BIPOC population is concentrated in certain municipalities, especially Connecticut's cities. In Brooklyn, 9% of residents are BIPOC, while 91% are white.



#### The largest race/ethnicity group in Brooklyn is White at 91% of the population

50



40

MEDIAN AGE



### POPULATION CHANGE, 2020 TO 2040

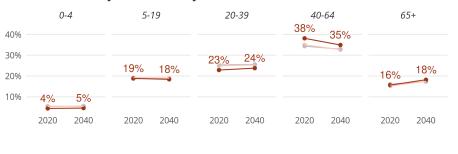
# +12.1%

In the next twenty years, Brooklyn's population is projected to grow from 8,951 to 10,034.

#### People age 65+ are projected to grow the most in the next 20 years in Brooklyn

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Source: Connecticut Data Center

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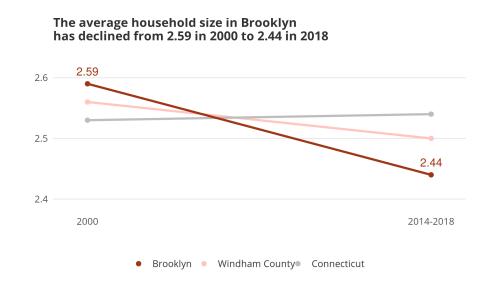
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#### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE



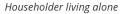
The average household size in Brooklyn has declined between 2000 and 2018.

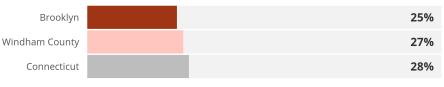




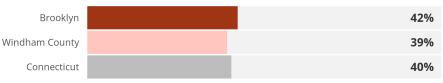
Understanding who lives in our towns provides insight into the housing and service needs for each community such as accessibility, transportation, child care, and education. Compared to Connecticut, Brooklyn has more households with someone older than 60 and fewer households with school-age children.

#### Household types as a percent of total





Households with someone older than 60



Households with someone under 18

