



Vision 2034

New Haven's Comprehensive Plan

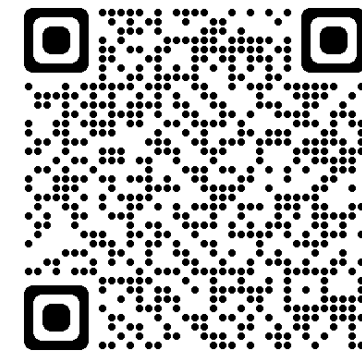
Workshop #1

April 25, 2024

High School in the Community

175 Water Street, New Haven

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



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City Plan Department

The land of our state is the territory of the Sequin including Quinnipiac and Tunxis, Matabesec, Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett, Nipmuc, and Lenape Peoples. These peoples have stewarded this land through many generations. We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.



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Plan Mission Statement

The people of New Haven will use Vision 2034 as a tool to create a promising shared future, focusing on the needs of the whole community and honoring voices and experiences, particularly of those who have been historically undervalued and excluded from facets of community life. The process of developing Vision 2034 will be community-driven, representative, collaborative, and transparent. In the face of upcoming uncertainties, the plan's concrete and actionable goals will serve as benchmarks for addressing systemic inequities and opening greater opportunities for all.

Agenda

- 5:40: Introductions and Comprehensive Plan Overview and Engagement Strategy
- 5:50: Important Trends and Statistics
- 6:00: Interactive Polling
- 6:15: Visioning Break-Out Session
- 7:20: Project Schedule / Next Steps
- 7:30: Adjourn



Vision 2034's Project Team



Prime Consultant: Comprehensive Planning



Community Engagement



Housing and Economic Development



Neighborhood Planning



Coastal Management and Resilience Planning

And All of You!!!



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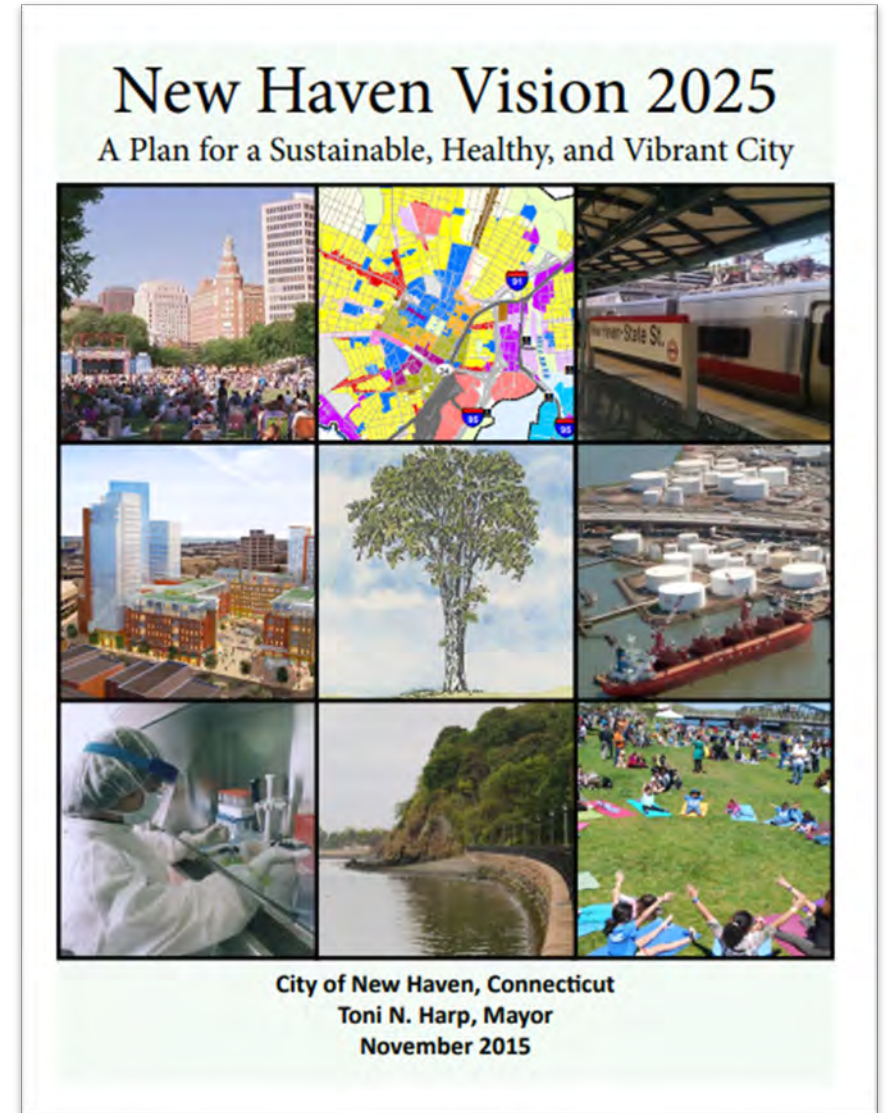
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Plan Overview



About the Comprehensive Plan

- The Comprehensive Plan is:
 - A vision document that guides the City in making policy decisions.
 - Referenced by Boards and Commissions in considering applications.
 - Documents conditions in the City at a point in time and anticipates future conditions based upon documented trends.
- Connecticut General Statutes requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) at least once every ten years.
- An adopted and up-to-date plan is a requirement for State funding and can be used to help secure grants.



The Comprehensive Plan shapes the future of:

- Housing Development
- City Services and Facilities including Park and Recreational Facilities
- Waterfront Resiliency and Coastal Resource protection
- Transportation Infrastructure and Services
- Social Equity and Public Health
- Utilities and Infrastructure
- Environmental Resources
- Land Use and Zoning
- Cultural Resources
- Economic Development and Opportunity



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Equity and Resiliency

Equity and Resilience are priorities for this plan and will be “lenses” that we look through in all our work.



resilience:

“[t]he capacity of a dynamic system to adapt successfully to challenges that threaten the function, survival, or future development of the system.”

—Ann Masten, Professor, University of Minnesota
College of Education and Human Development

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Project Timeline To Date

- Initial Steering Committee meetings in August, September, and October 2023
- The City Plan Department attended community events from June to October 2023
- The FHI Studio Team was selected as the planning consultant
- Project website launch in December 2023
- Project Launch Meeting in January 2024
- Fourth Steering Committee Meeting in February 2024
- Launch of Community Navigators Program in April 2024



Project Launch Meeting Held January 11th

- Introduction to Vision 2034 by Mayor Elicker and the Vision 2034 team
- Attended by 100+ people
- Press coverage



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Our Approach

Engagement Strategy

- Establish a brand and identity for Vision 2034
- Invite residents and stakeholders to participate in the planning process through a variety of forums
- Develop plan recommendations with the community
- Create an exchange for input and promote participation
- Be Active Listeners



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The Community Navigator Program

- Community Navigators – trusted members of the community who will conduct outreach in the communities and work with the Plan team
 - 10 Navigators have been selected based on skills and community connections
 - Community Navigator Toolkit developed
 - Community Navigator training session conducted April 6th!
 - Launch of the Community Navigator program!



Public Workshops

- Please participate in future workshops!
- 6 workshops to be conducted across the City.
- Themes and topics will be different at each workshop.

ATTEND OUR UPCOMING PUBLIC WORKSHOPS!

Workshop #2



WHEN:

Monday, May 13th
5:30 - 7:30 PM



WHERE:

Lincoln-Bassett School
130 Bassett Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Workshop #3



WHEN:

Tuesday, June 4th
5:30 - 7:30 PM



WHERE:

Edgewood Magnet School
737 Edgewood Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

Co-Creation Teams

- Co-Creation Teams – developed for each of the Plan’s major topic areas
 - Great Places to Live
 - Economic Opportunity for All
 - Move Together
 - Harmony with Environment
 - Civic Experiences
 - Cultural Identity
- Each Team will meet three times to assist in development of the Plan.



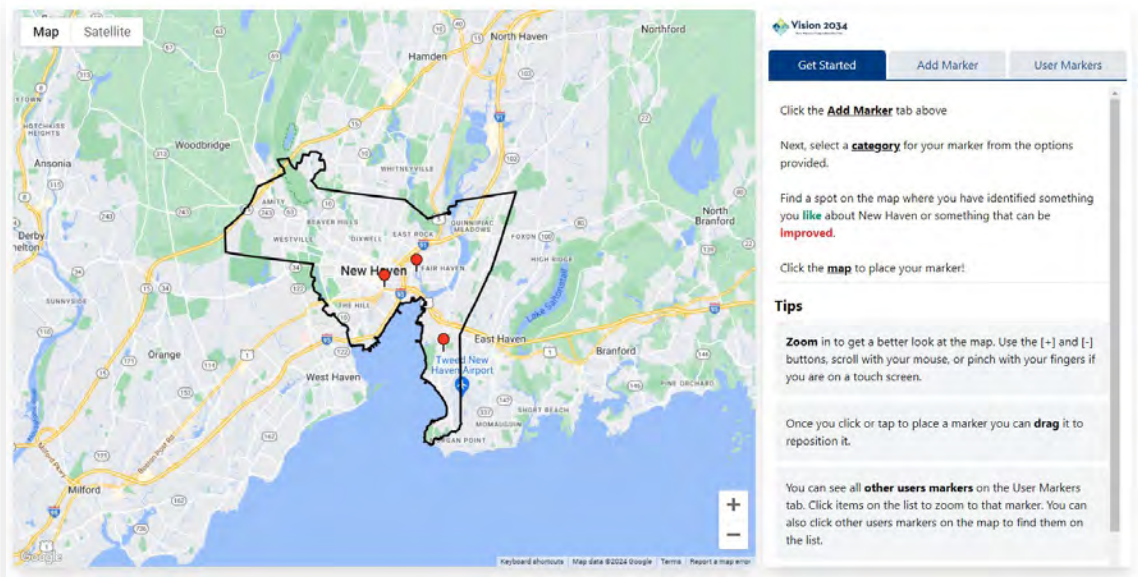
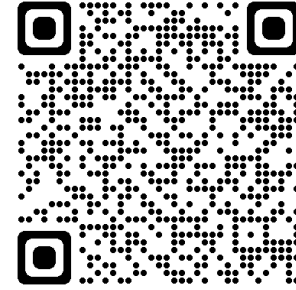
Opportunities to Get Involved

- Public workshops at key milestones of the Plan process
- Pop-ups at community events
- Interviews with key stakeholders such as:
 - Boards and Commission members
 - Department heads
 - Community representatives
- Outreach to students- we want to engage New Haven's youth!
 - Five New Haven public high school students will join the process as a Youth Leadership Team



Online Engagement

- Project Website www.newhavenvision2034.com *now live!*
- Online mapping comment tool on the website.
- Community Survey coming soon!



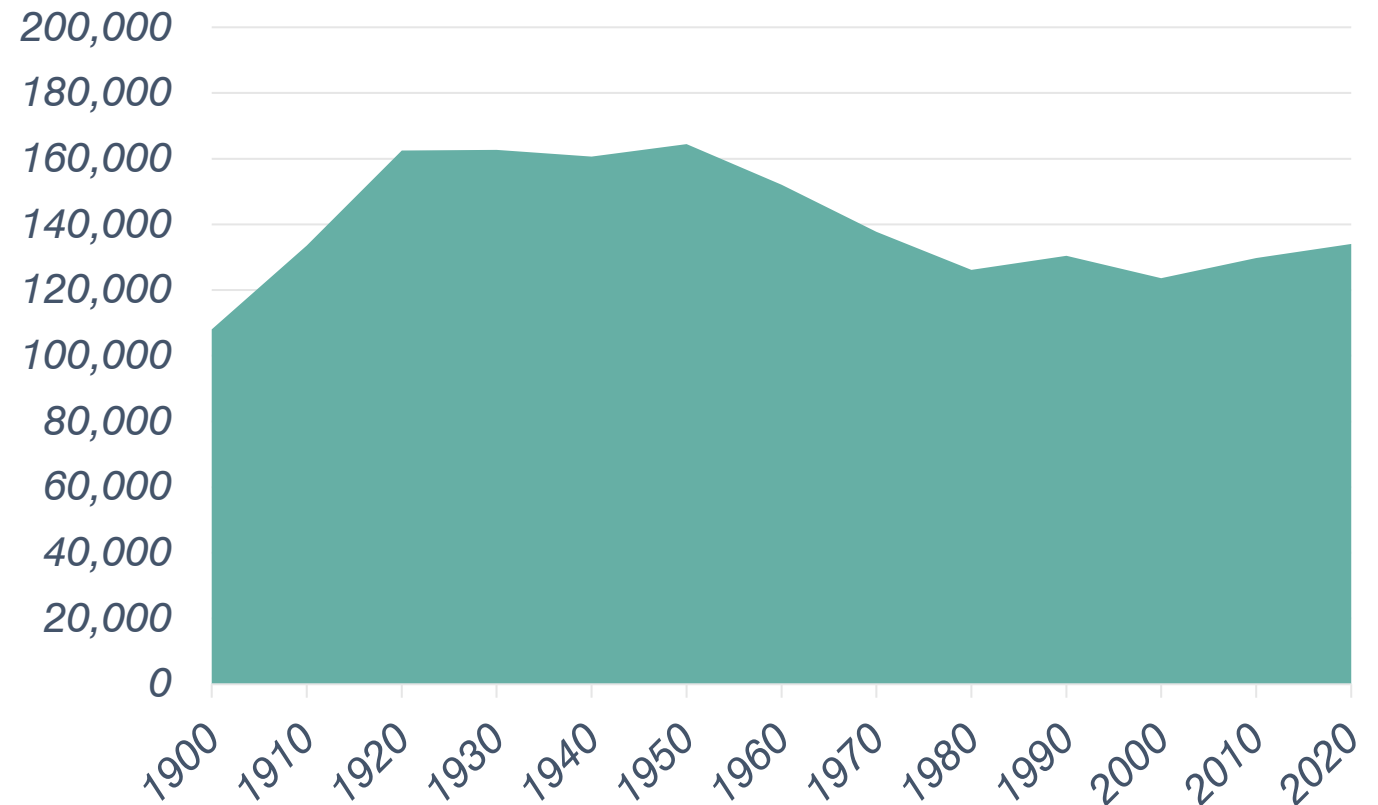


Important Trends and Statistics

Population Change

- The City's population has grown since 2000.
- This growth followed a 40-year decline between 1940 and 1980.
- The City's population in 2020 was 134,023, making it the second largest city in Connecticut.
- The 2022 American Community Survey places the City's population at 138,915.

New Haven Population
(1900-2020)

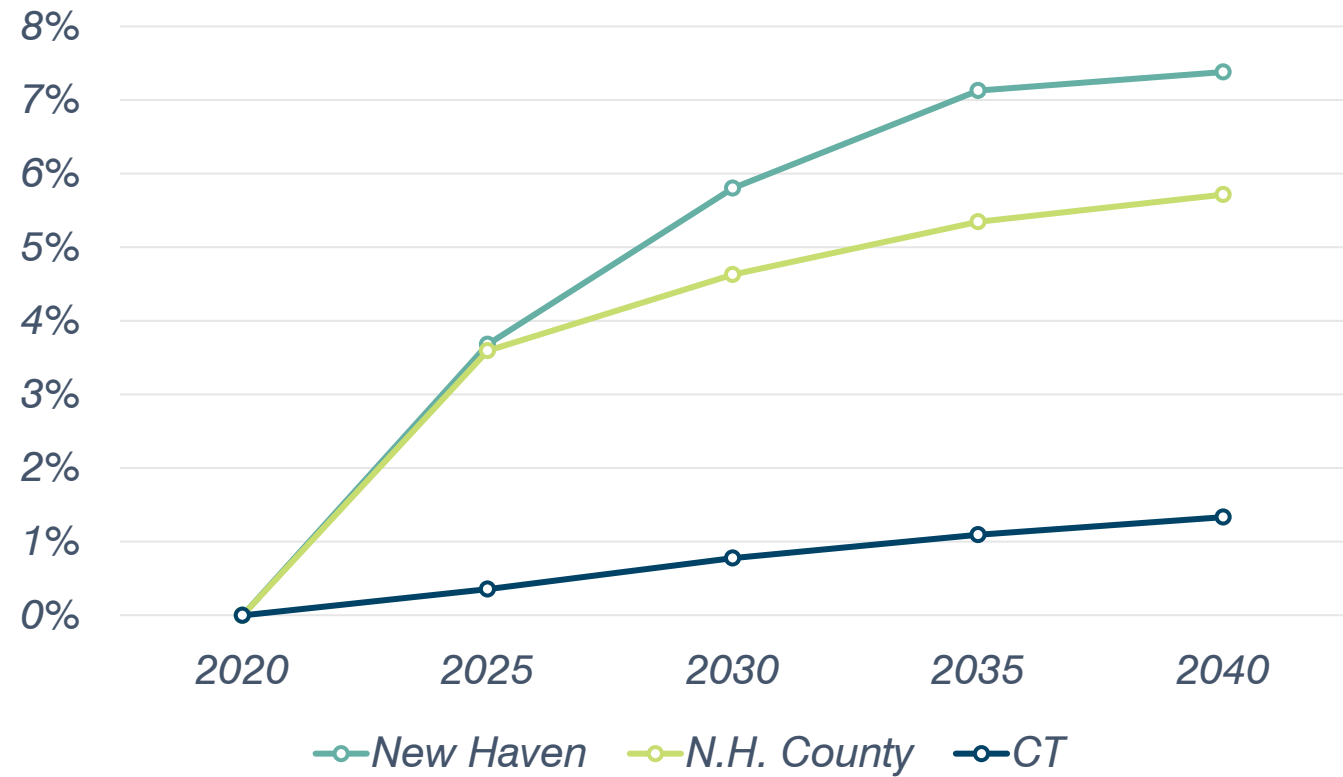


Data Source: CT Secretary of State

Population Change - Projections

- New Haven's population growth is expected to exceed the rate of population growth in both New Haven County and the State.
- The State projects that New Haven could achieve a population size of close to 144,000 residents by 2040.

**Projected Population Change
(2020-2040)**

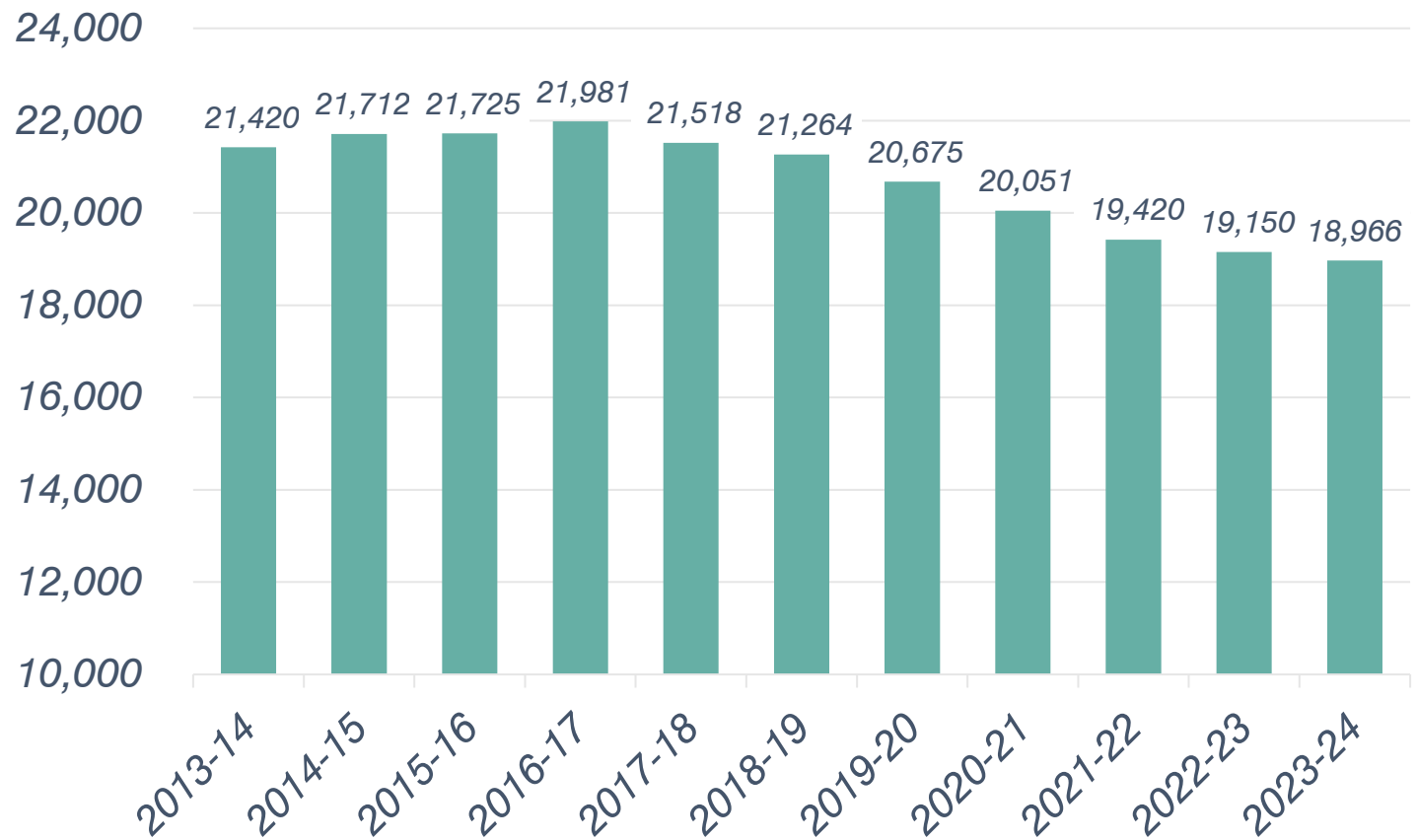


Data Source: CT DECD

Population Change

- However, New Haven's public school enrollment has declined since the 2016-2017 school year.
- The City experienced a contraction in school-aged (5-19) population between 2000 and 2020.
- Average household size has also dropped since 2000.
- The drop in enrollment may also be associated with school-aged children attending out of district schools.

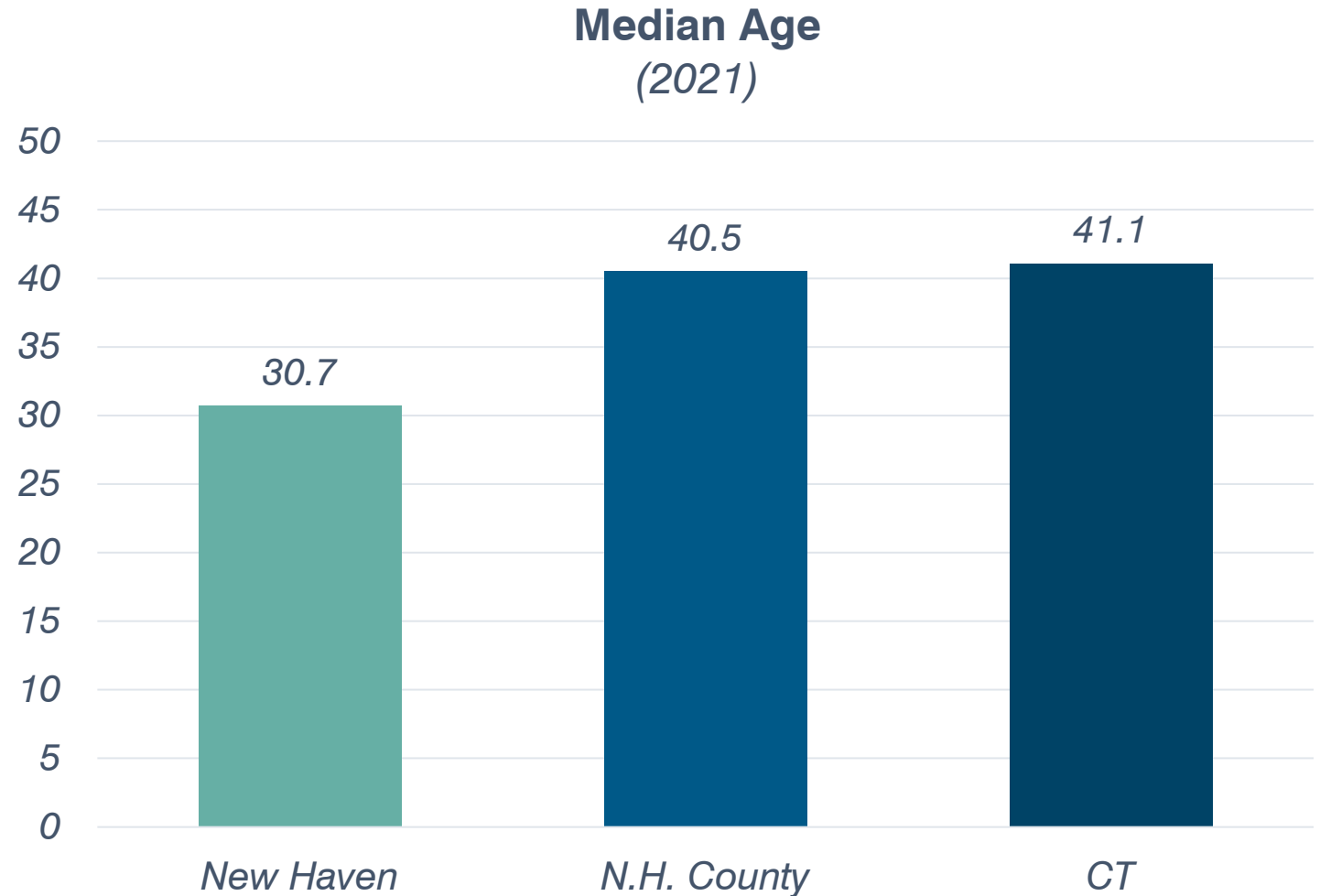
New Haven Public Schools K-12 Enrollment (2013-2024)



Data Source: CT Department of Education

Population Demographics

- The median age of New Haven's residents is a decade younger than residents of the county or state.

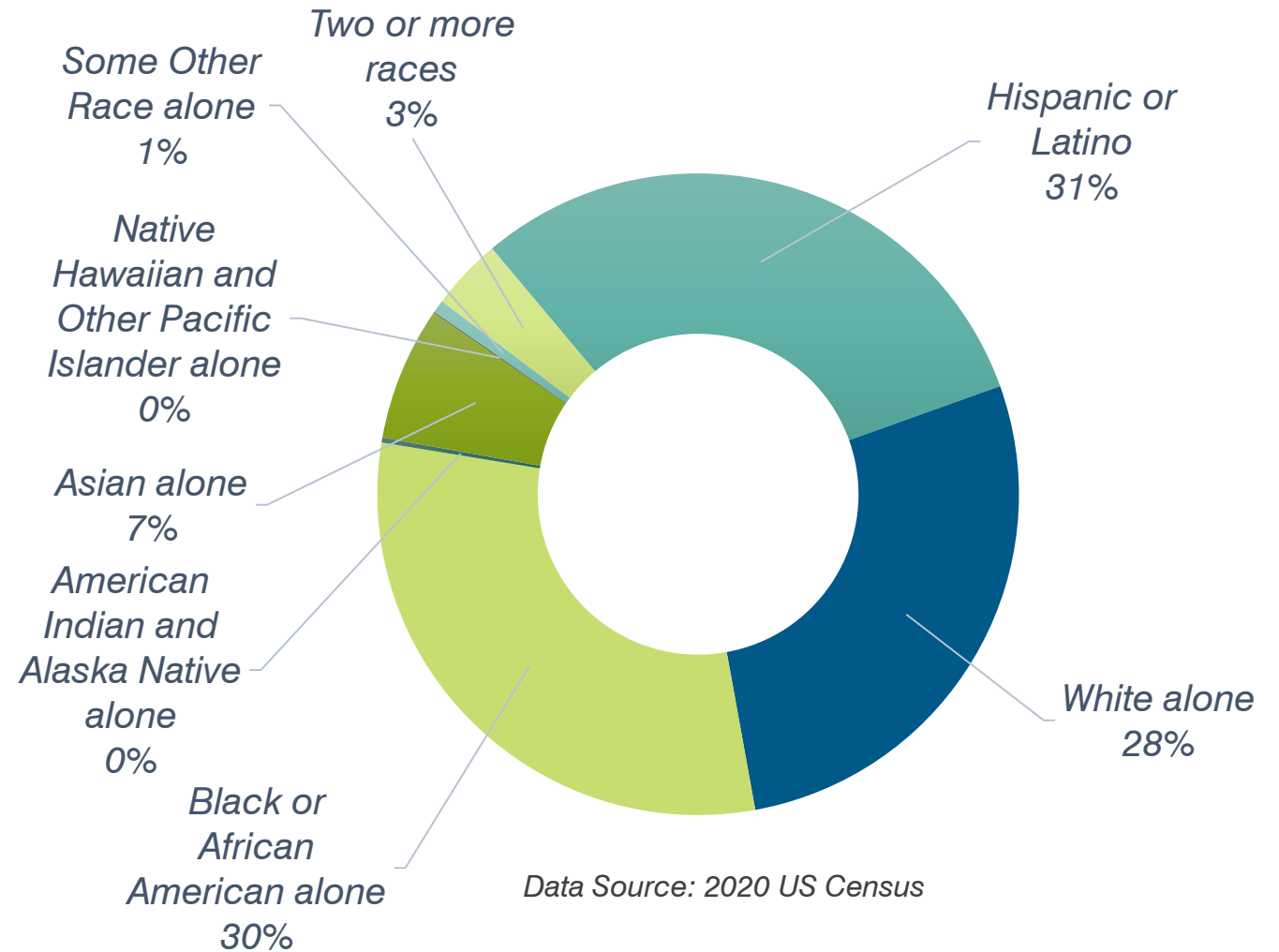


Data Source: ACS 2021 5-Year

Population Demographics

- New Haven is increasingly a racially diverse City.
- The City is far more racially diverse than surrounding towns or the State's population as a whole.

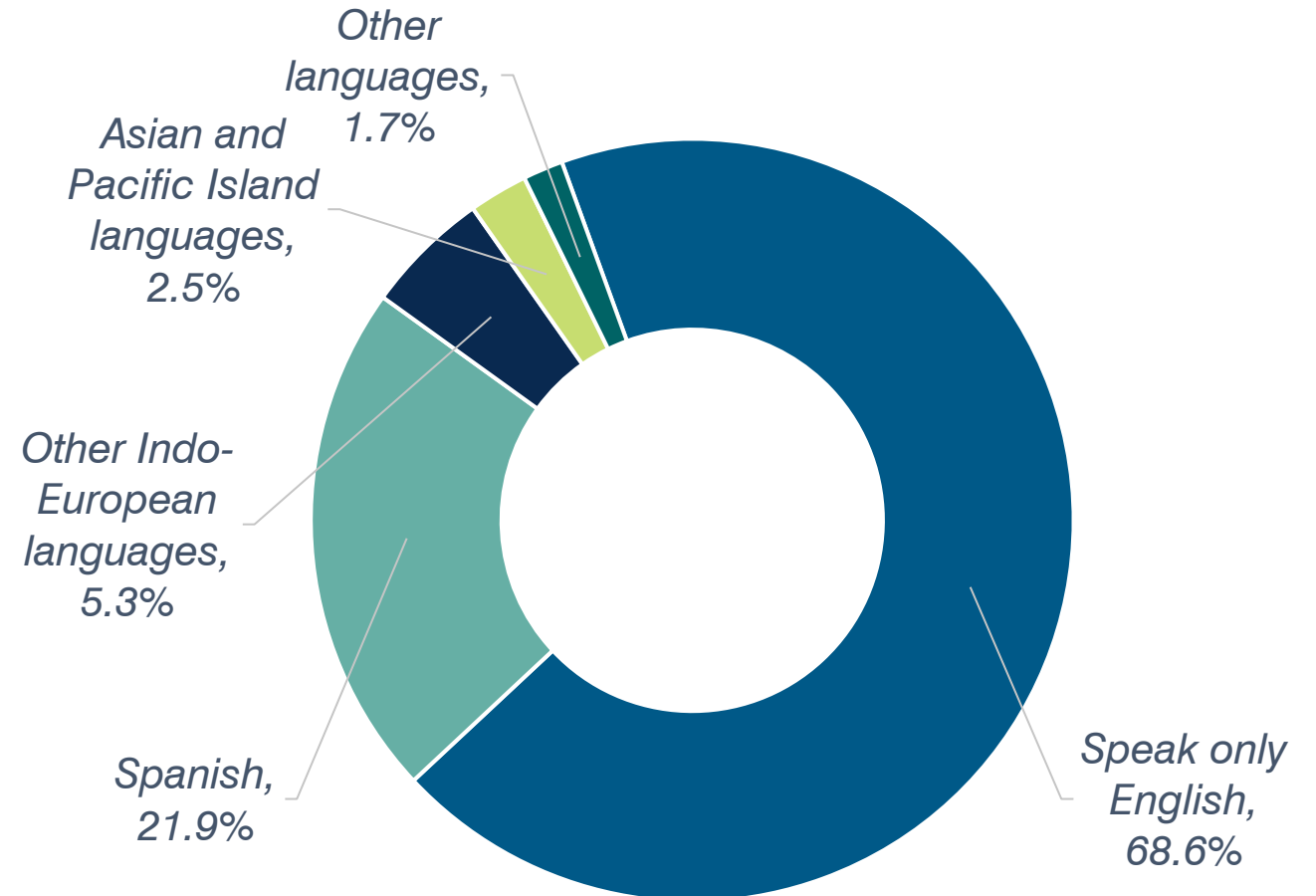
**New Haven Population by Race and Ethnicity
(2020)**



Population Demographics

- New Haven is culturally diverse with respect to languages spoken.
- Nearly one-third (31.4%) of households speak a language other than English in the home.

Languages Spoken at Home in New Haven (2021)

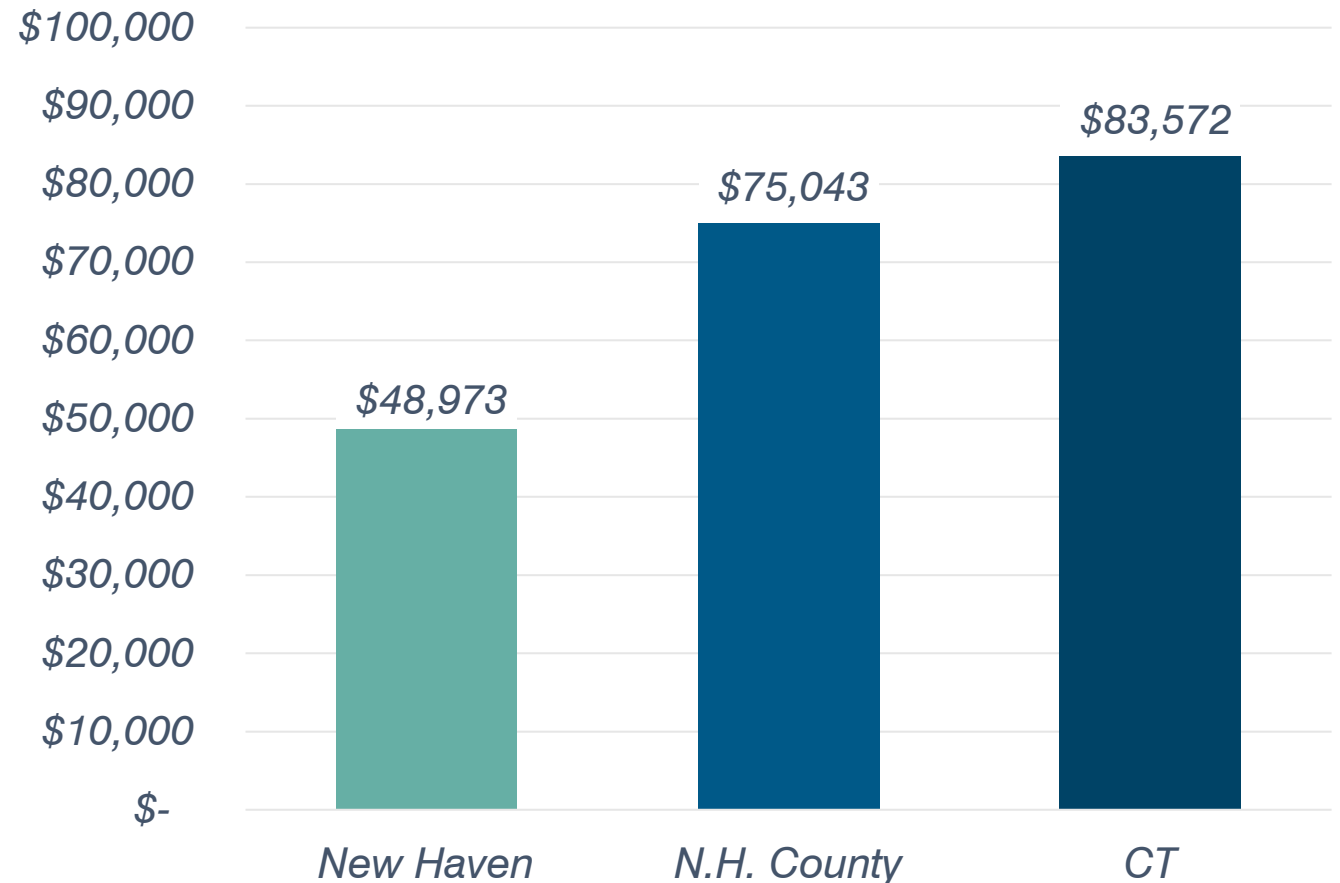


Data Source: ACS 2021 5-Year

Income and Equity

- Household incomes are significantly lower in New Haven than in towns in the county or the state.

**Median Household Income
(2021)**

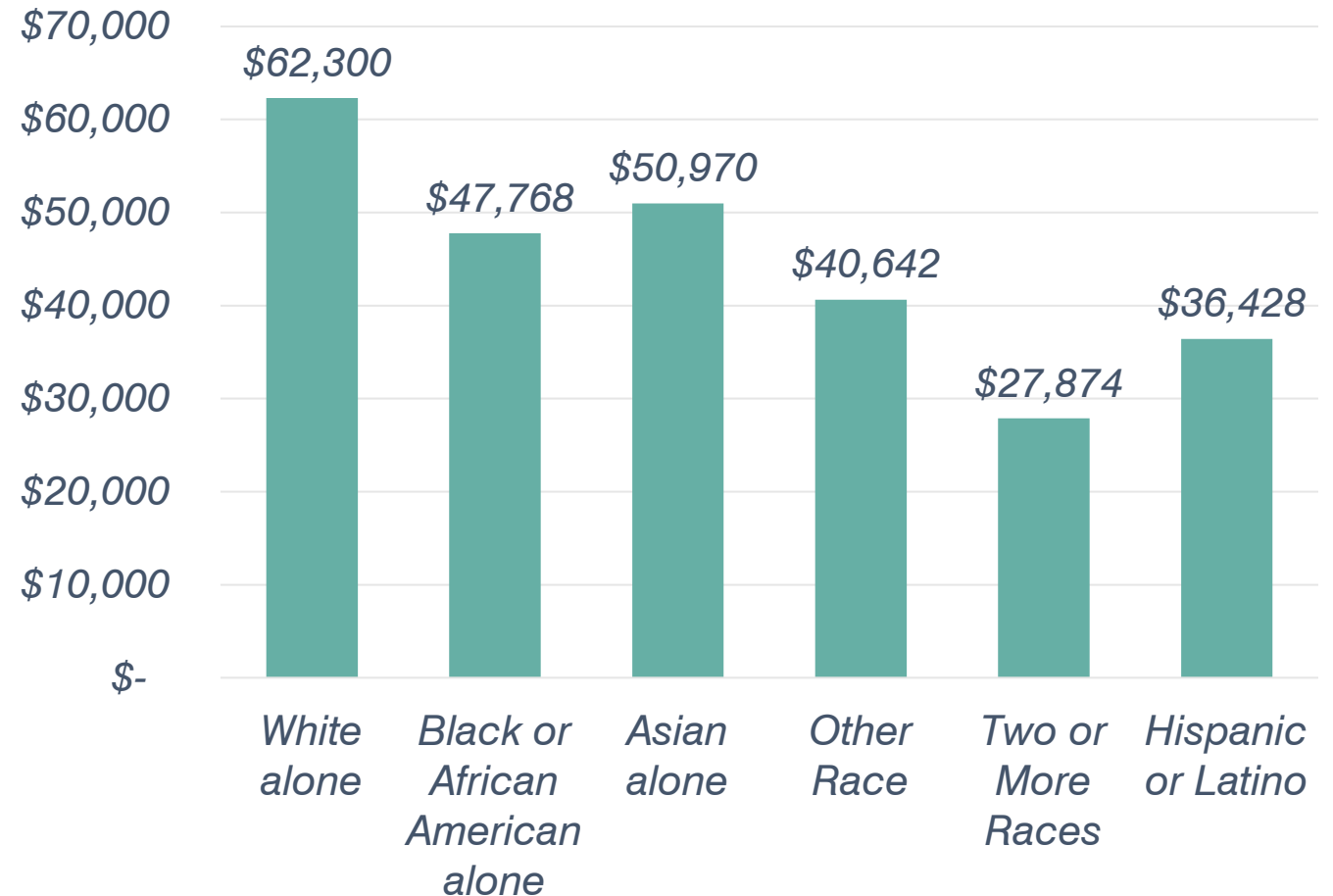


Data Source: ACS 2021 5-Year

Income and Equity

- Household income is distributed inequitably in New Haven with respect to race and ethnicity.

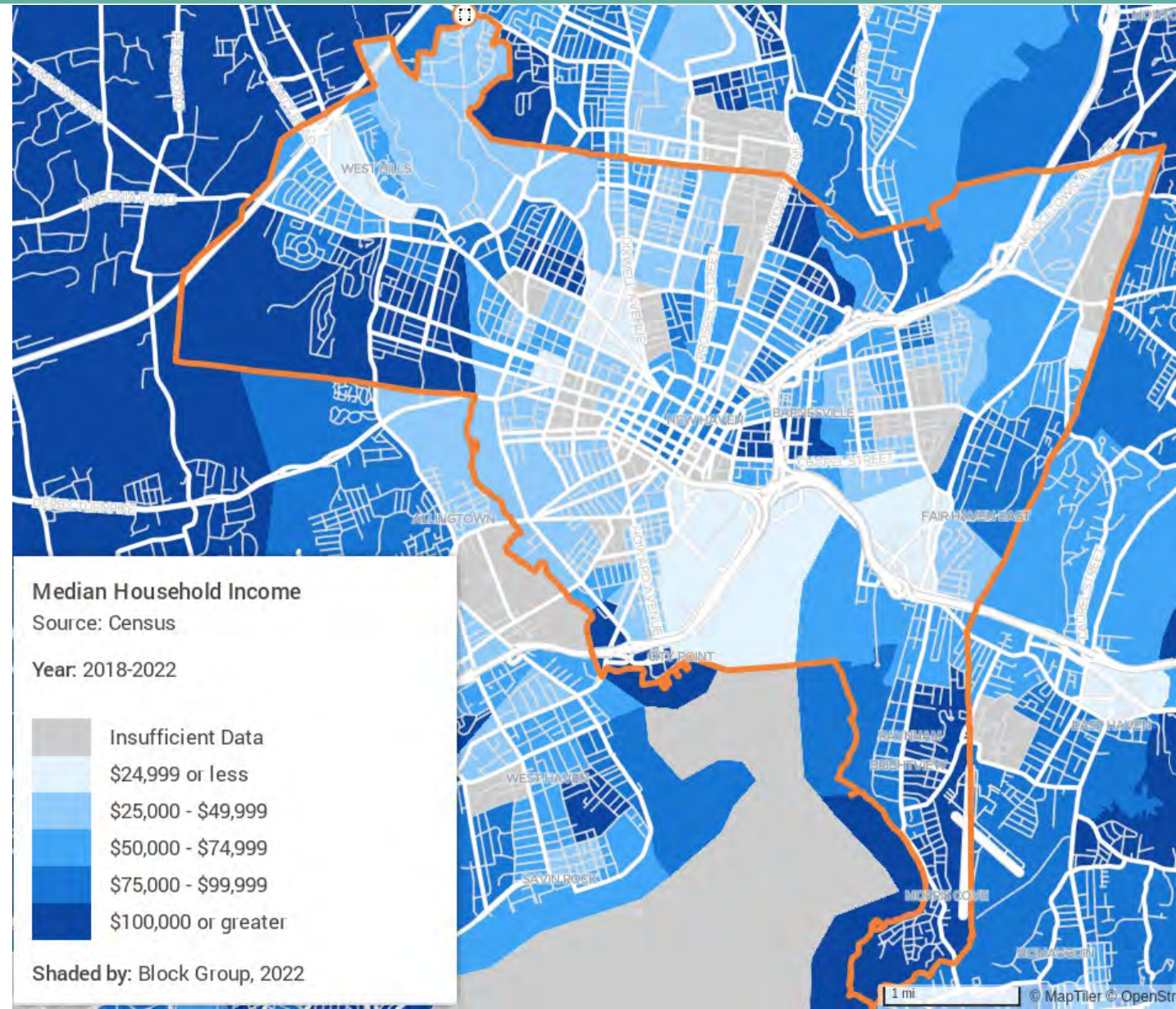
**New Haven Median Household Income
by Race and Ethnicity
(2021)**



Data Source: ACS 2021 5-Year

Income and Equity

- Household income is also distributed inequitably in New Haven with respect to geography.



Additional Research to be Conducted

The Vision 2034 Team is actively collecting information, data, and identifying trends related to multiple other issues and topics that will be addressed by the plan. This includes:

- Housing
- Economics
- Climate and Environment
- Transportation
- Infrastructure and Facilities
- Cultural Resources
- Other





Interactive Exercise

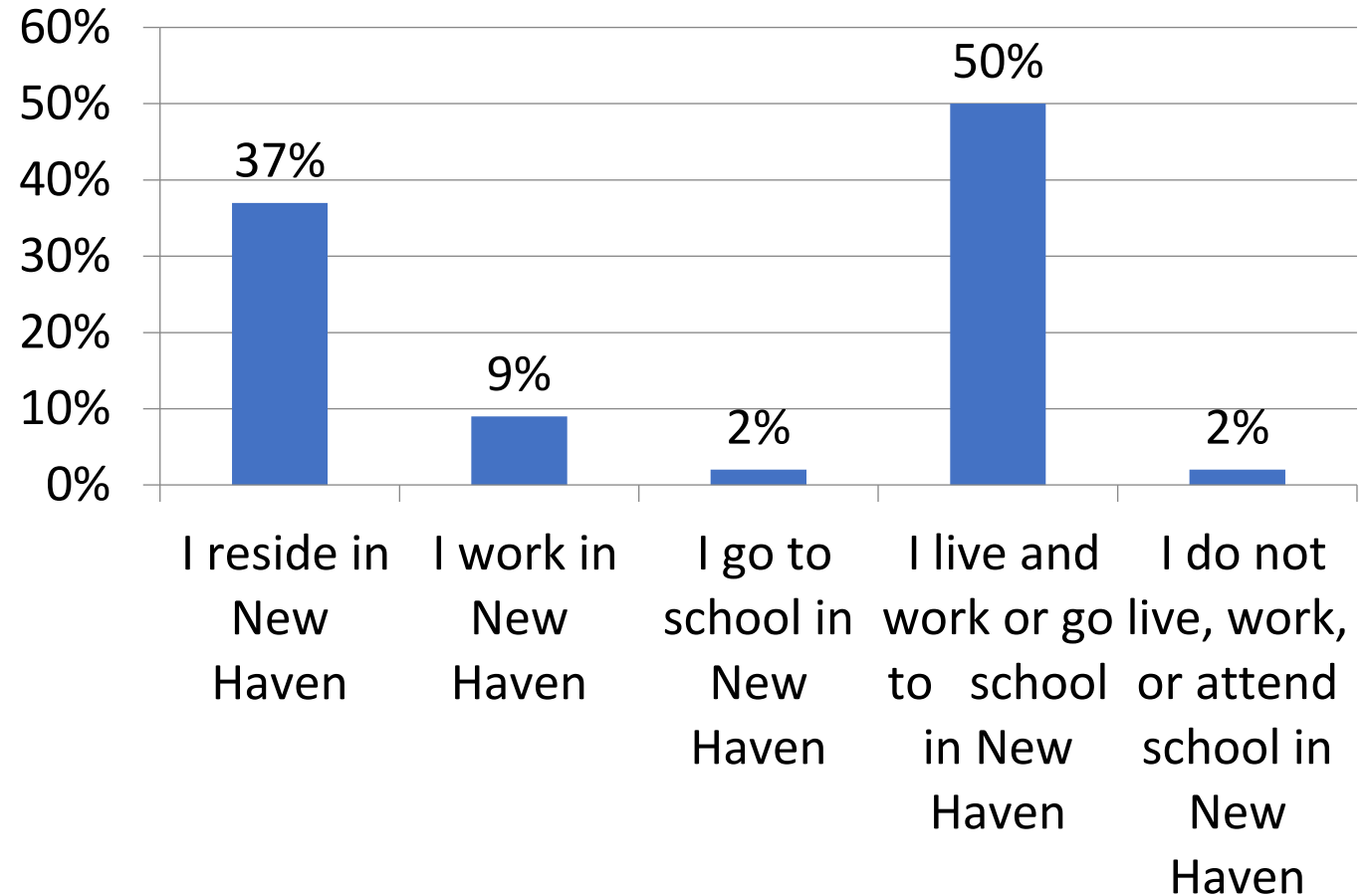
Interactive Polling



- Use numbered keys only
- Select the number that corresponds with your selection on the slide
- To change your selection, select another number

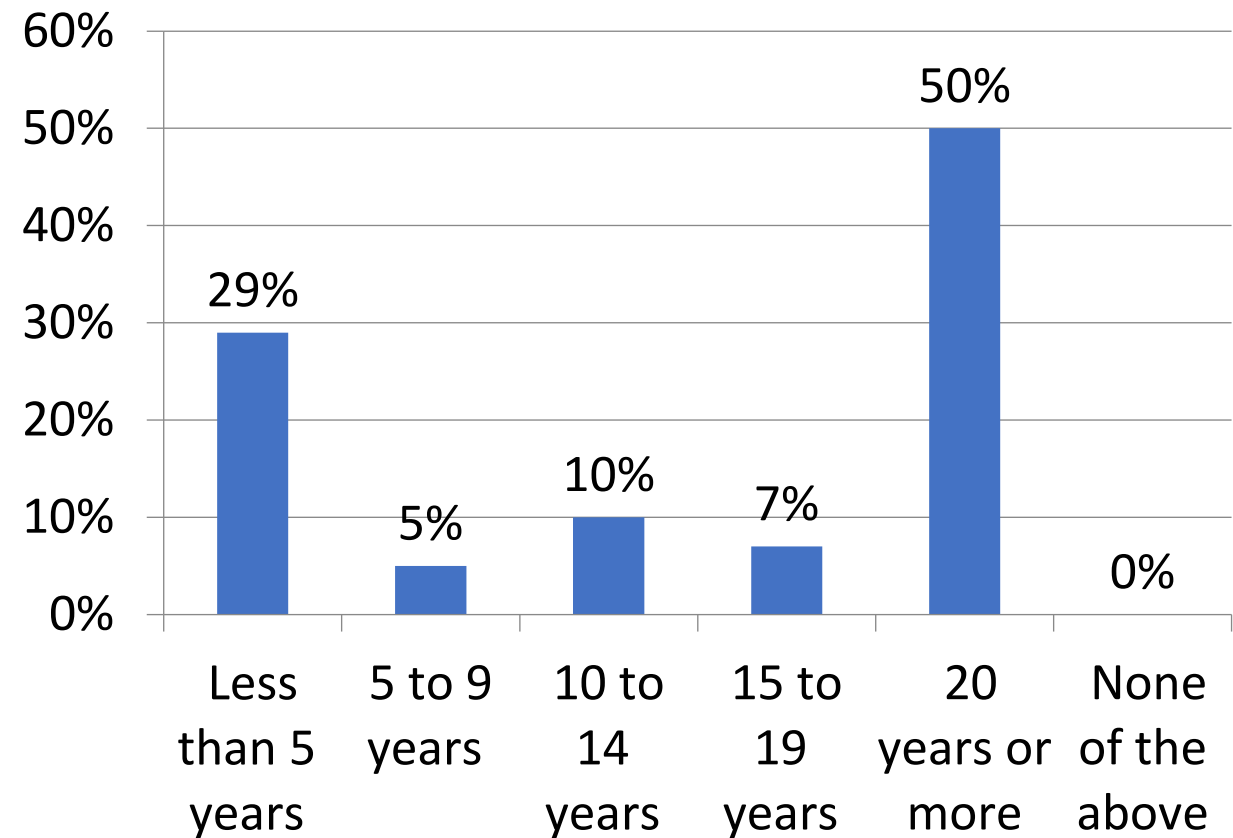
Please select the statement that best represents your connection to New Haven

1. I reside in New Haven
2. I work in New Haven
3. I go to school in New Haven
4. I live and work or go to school in New Haven
5. I do not live, work, or attend school in New Haven



How long have you lived, worked, or attended school in New Haven? Select the longest date range that applies to you.

1. Less than 5 years
2. 5 to 9 years
3. 10 to 14 years
4. 15 to 19 years
5. 20 years or more
6. None of the above



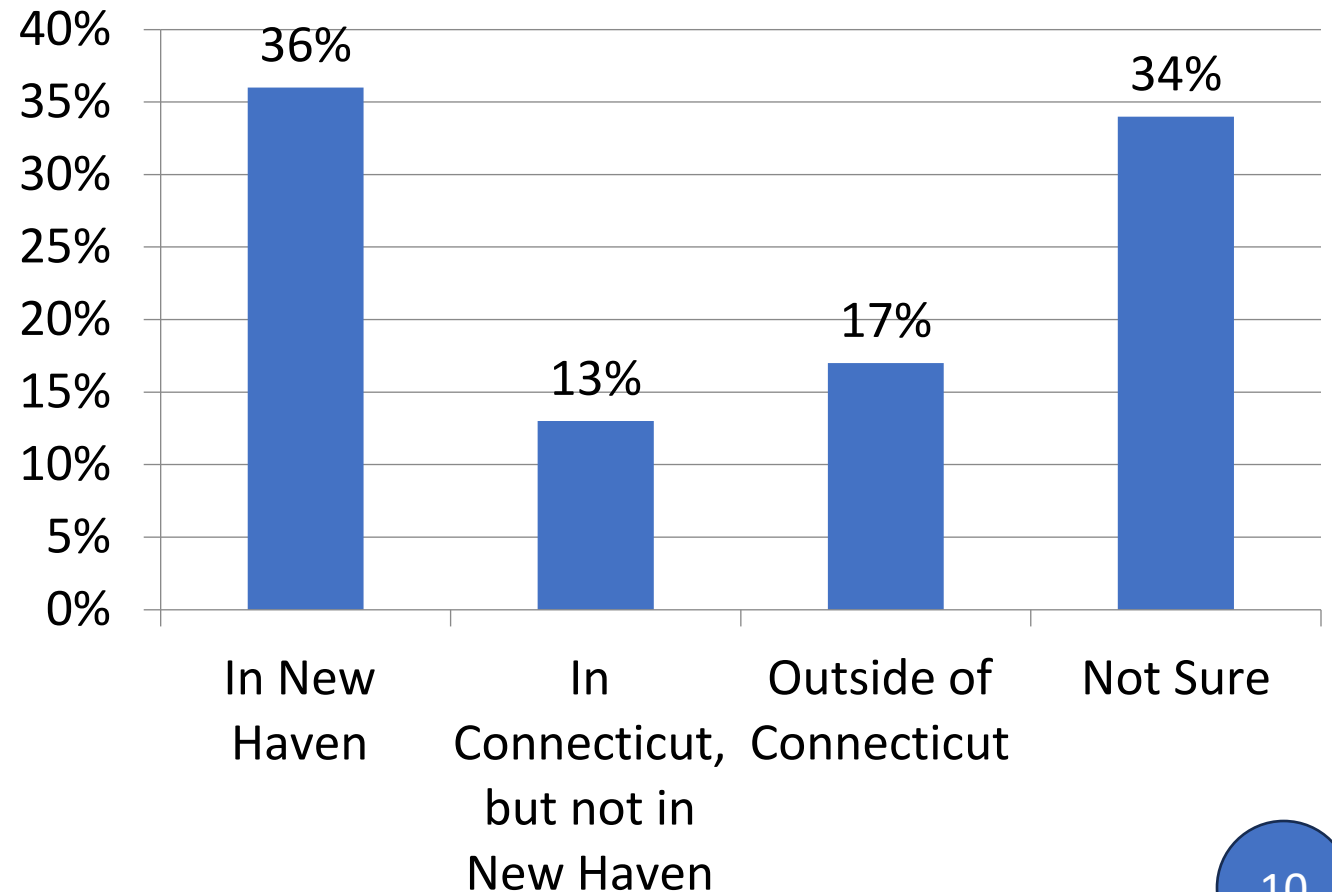
Where do you see yourself living ten years from now?

1. In New Haven

2. In Connecticut, but not in New Haven

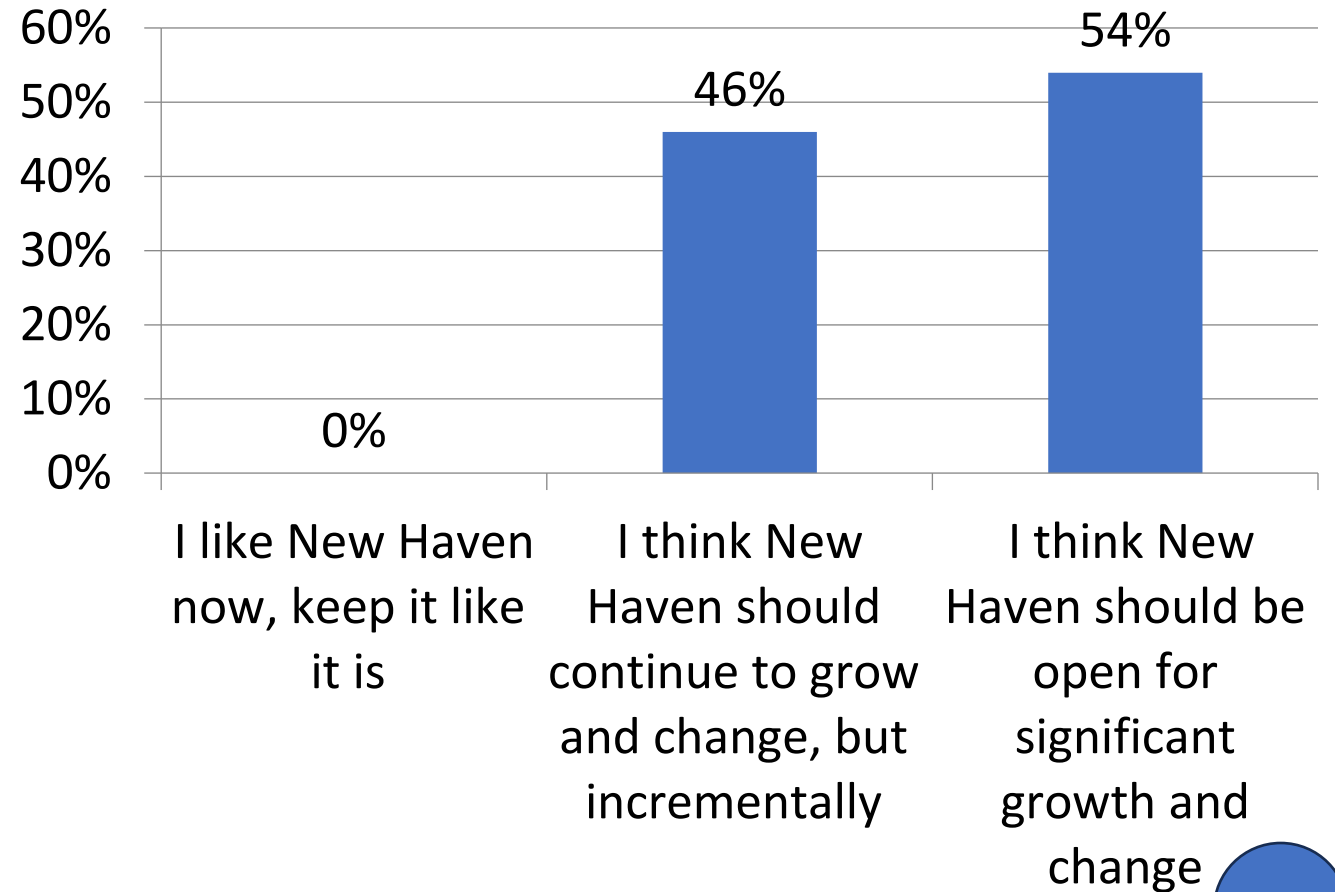
3. Outside of Connecticut

4. Not Sure



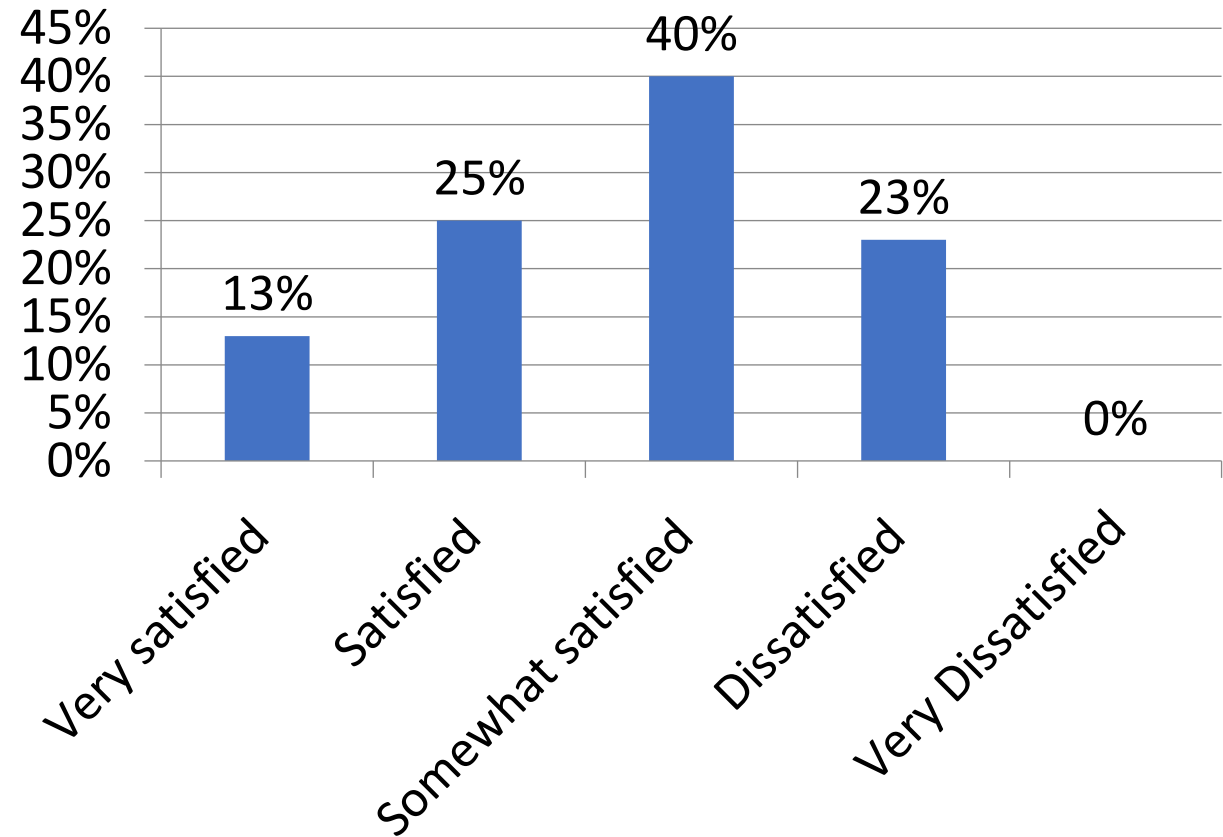
Please select the statement that best represents your thoughts about New Haven

1. I like New Haven now, keep it like it is
2. I think New Haven should continue to grow and change, but incrementally
3. I think New Haven should be open for significant growth and change



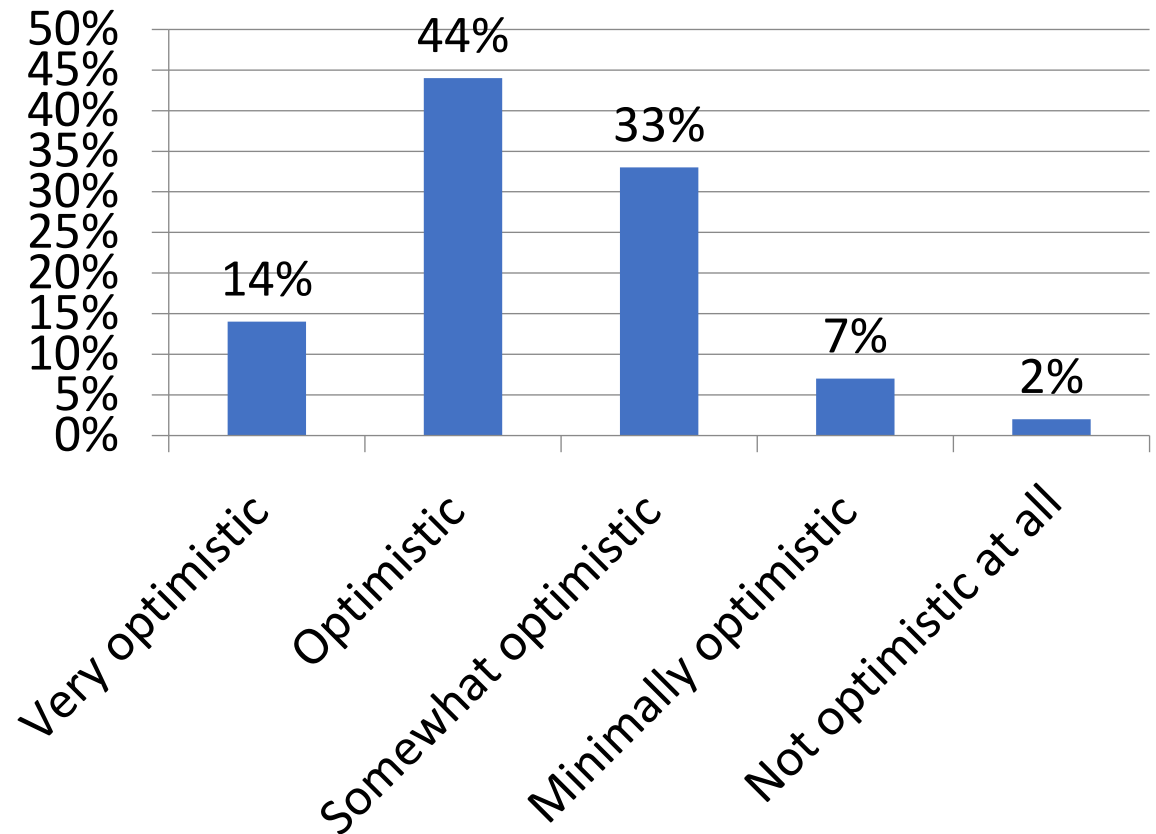
How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in New Haven?

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Somewhat satisfied
4. Dissatisfied
5. Very Dissatisfied



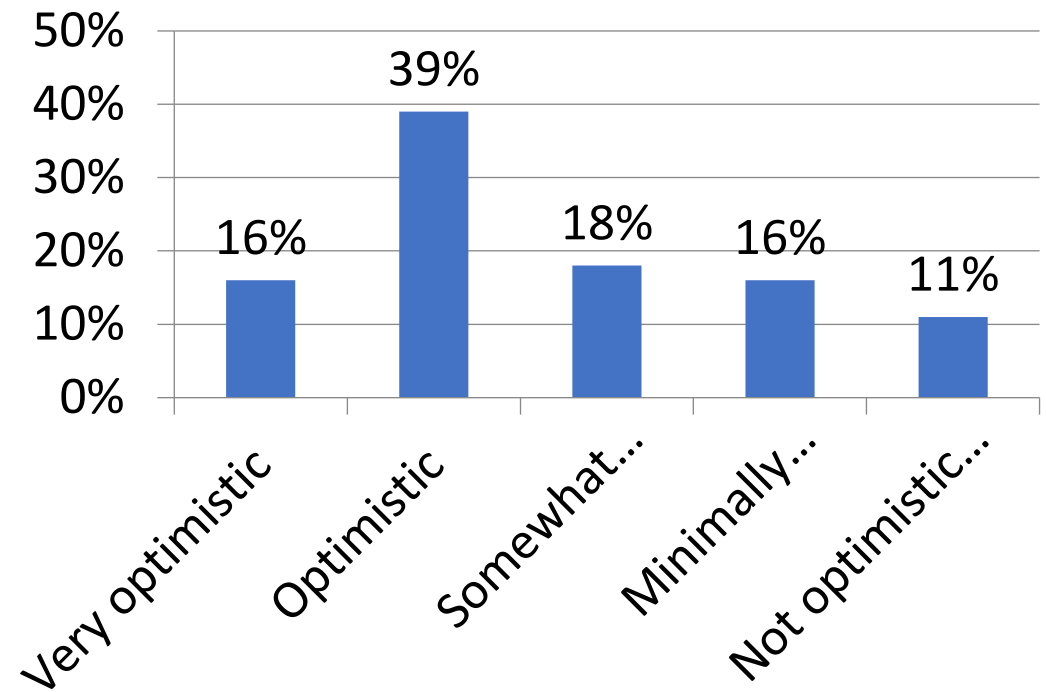
How optimistic are you about New Haven's future?

1. Very optimistic
2. Optimistic
3. Somewhat optimistic
4. Minimally optimistic
5. Not optimistic at all



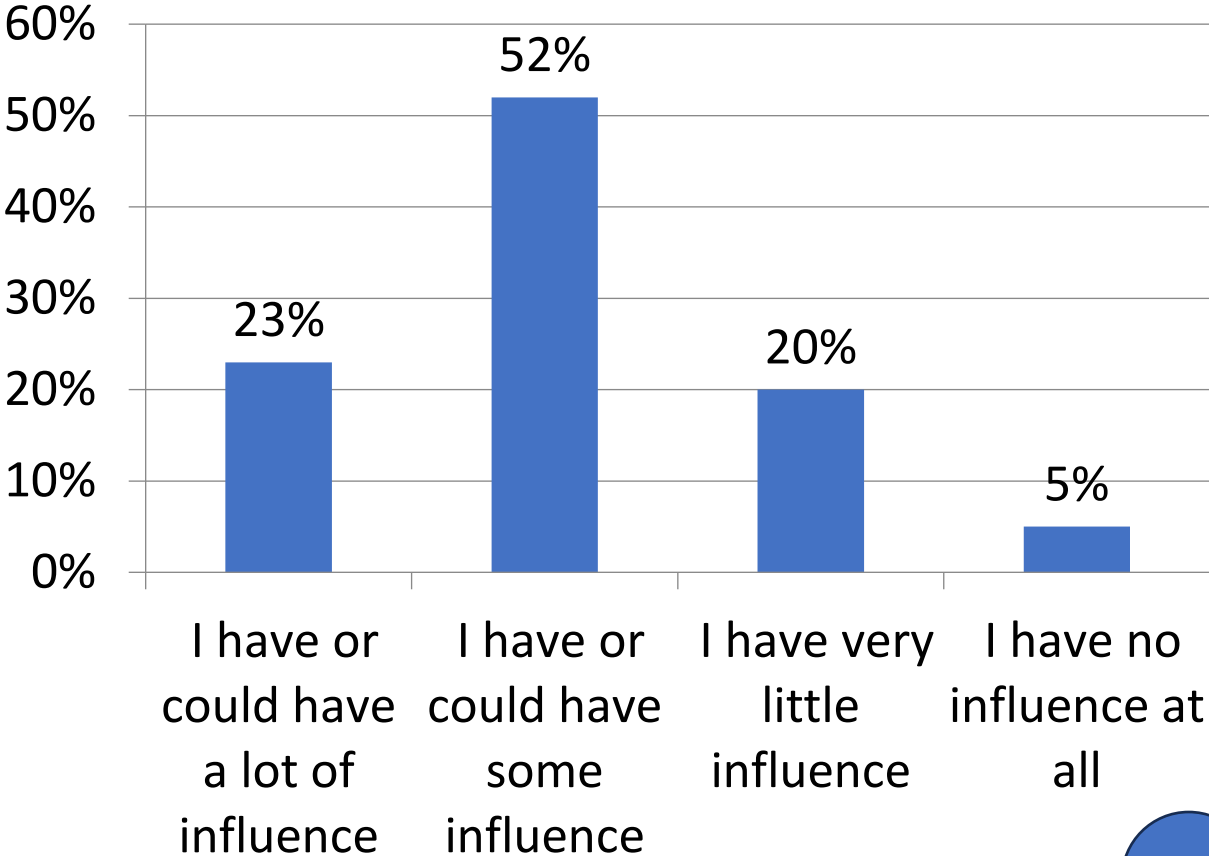
How optimistic are you about your neighborhood's future?

1. Very optimistic
2. Optimistic
3. Somewhat optimistic
4. Minimally optimistic
5. Not optimistic at all



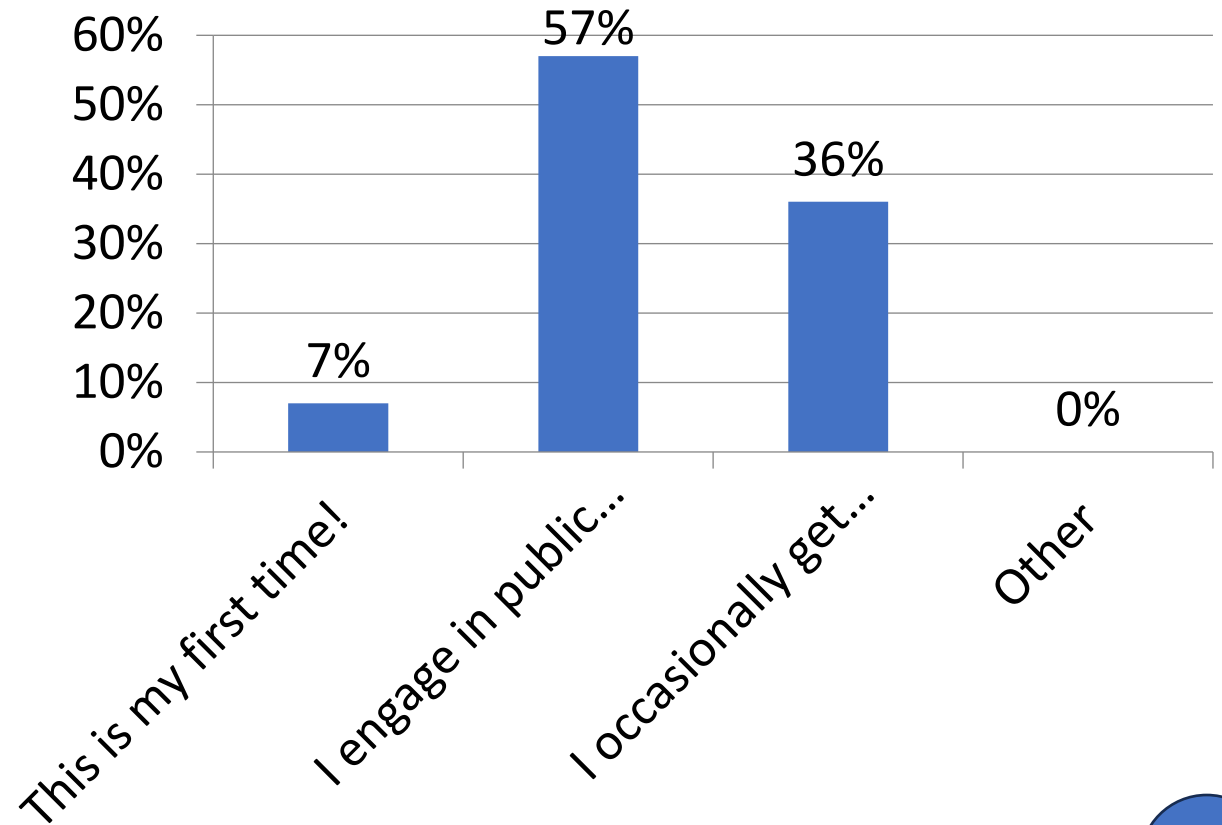
How much influence do you feel you have in shaping New Haven's future?

- 1. I have or could have a lot of influence
- 2. I have or could have some influence
- 3. I have very little influence
- 4. I have no influence at all



Have you participated in a public process before? This could include a planning process, a board, commission or committee, attending a public meeting, or other processes where residents engage with city government.

1. This is my first time!
2. I engage in public processes frequently
3. I occasionally get involved in public processes or attend public meetings
4. Other



Visioning Break-Out Sessions



Visioning Exercise



Vision 2034 Plan Development

Vision

- New Haven's values.
- What the City will strive toward.
- Desires and aspirations of the community.

Goals

- Commitments towards achieving the vision.
- End states that should be achieved.

Strategies

- Methods for achieving goals.
- Comprised of multiple actions.

Actions

- Specific steps to take.
- Policies, programs, projects, partnerships.



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Visioning Break-Out Session

- Please spread out across the room evenly at different stations.
- Each station will conduct the same exercise.
- Each station will be facilitated by a member of the team or a volunteer.
- The breakout sessions will last about one hour.
- ***Please treat others with respect and give everyone and opportunity to speak.***
- ***Only one conversation at a time, no side conversations please.***



Visioning Break-Out Session

***Your voice matters!
What we discuss here today will
influence upcoming workshops and
be incorporated into the plan!***



Visioning Break-Out Session

What do you like about New Haven?
What's working?

**10
minutes**

Visioning Break-Out Session

**What are the issues in New Haven?
What are your concerns?**

**10
minutes**

Visioning Break-Out Session

**What ideas do you have to improve
New Haven?**

**10
minutes**

Visioning Break-Out Session

**How should New Haven be different
in the future?**

**10
minutes**

Visioning Break-Out Session

What about New Haven do you want to be preserved?

**10
minutes**

Report Back



Report Back

Please select a representative from your station to report back to the room.


In two or three minutes, what were the key themes discussed at your station?

**15
minutes**

Schedule and Next Steps



Community Engagement Project Schedule: 2024

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- Winter 2024:** Launch full community engagement campaign and community navigator program. Develop promotional video. *Mapping, plan review and existing conditions analysis.*
 - Spring 2024:** Launch co-creation teams and conduct team meetings. Conduct first two workshops and pop-up events. Launch promotional video and online survey. *Continue existing conditions analysis.*
 - Summer 2024:** Conduct co-creation team meetings and two workshops. Conduct pop-up events. *Continue existing conditions analysis.*
 - Fall 2024:** Conduct co-creation team meetings and two workshops. Conduct pop-up events. *Complete existing conditions analysis and begin development of draft plan.*

Community Engagement Project Schedule: 2025

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- Winter 2025:** Conduct co-creation team meetings. *Develop sections of plan.*
 - Spring 2025:** Conduct co-creation team meetings. *Develop sections of plan and deliver draft plan to City for internal and Board of Alders review.*
 - Summer 2025:** Develop promotional video. *Review and finalization of plan.*
 - Fall 2025:** *Deliver final plan and community engagement summary. Conduct public hearing for adoption of plan.*



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Thank you!