KEY FINDINGS

Housing
15% of housing is subsidized
36% of households rent their home
44% of housing units are in multifamily buildings

Affordability
20% of households spend between 30% and 50% of their income on housing
22% of households spend more than half of their income on housing
$26.46 the hourly wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment

Population
37 the median age of residents
39% of residents are people of color (BIPOC)
+6.2% 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 Ansonia 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 county in the state. To learn more, please visit pschousing.org or housingprofiles.pschousing.org to view the interactive 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.
SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AS PERCENT OF ALL HOMES

56%

PERCENT OF ALL HOMES OCCUPIED BY OWNERS

53%

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 Ansonia, 56% of occupied homes are single-family, and 44% are multifamily. Owners live in 73% of Ansonia's 4,669 single-family homes, and renters live in 60% of its 3,674 multifamily homes.

CHANGE IN BUILDING PERMITS, 1990-2017

-60%

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

In Ansonia, there were 15 building permits issued in 1990, compared to 6 issued in 2017, representing a 60% decrease.

Note: y axis varies between locations

Source: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
UNITS BUILT BEFORE 1970

73%

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.

SPENDING ON ENERGY AS PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME

4.5%

Households that use electricity spend 6.2% of their income on energy (4.5% for fuel oil/coal and 4.4% for gas).

AFFORDABLE HOMES AS A SHARE OF ALL HOUSING UNITS

15%

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 8,148 total units in Ansonia, 1,250 are considered to be affordable.
### People Burdened by Cost of Housing

42%

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

61%

### Owners Burdened by Cost of Housing

37%

### Renters’ Housing Costs as Percent of Income

32%

### Owners’ Housing Costs as Percent of Income

21%
HOUSING WAGE

$26.46

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.

Ansonia is included in the Milford-Ansonia-Seymour HMFA. Ansonia’s housing wage is higher than the state housing wage of $26.42.

HOUSING PRESERVATION UNITS

3%

Ansonia has 240 federally assisted housing units, of which 3% are at risk of loss within the next 5 years.
**TOTAL POPULATION**

18,860

**PEOPLE OF COLOR**

39%

Connecticut population is becoming increasingly diverse, but the BIPOC population is concentrated in certain municipalities, especially Connecticut’s cities. In Ansonia, 39% of residents are BIPOC, while 61% are white.

**MEDIAN AGE**

37

**POPULATION CHANGE, 2020 TO 2040**

+6.2%

In the next twenty years, Ansonia’s population is projected to grow from 19,839 to 21,067.
The average household size in Ansonia has grown 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, Ansonia has more households with someone older than 60 and fewer households with school-age children.