KEY FINDINGS

Housing
8% of housing is subsidized
15% of households rent their home
11% of housing units are in multifamily buildings

Affordability
14% of households spend between 30% and 50% of their income on housing
12% of households spend more than half of their income on housing
$21.52 the hourly wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment

Population
45 the median age of residents
12% of residents are people of color (BIPOC)
-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 Wolcott 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.
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 Wolcott, 89% of occupied homes are single-family, and 11% are multifamily. Owners live in 84% of Wolcott’s 5,578 single-family homes, and renters live in 47% of its 677 multifamily homes.

Growth is slow in the state, which has seen a 42% decrease in building permits between 1990 and 2017. In Wolcott, there were 50 building permits issued in 1990, compared to 19 issued in 2017, representing a 62% decrease.
UNITs BUILT BEFORE 1970

55%

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

3.3%

Households that use electricity spend 3.6% of their income on energy (3.3% for fuel oil/coal and 2.9% 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 6,276 total units in Wolcott, 496 are considered to be affordable.
People Burdened by Cost of Housing

26%

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

64%

Owners Burdened by Cost of Housing

22%

Renters’ Housing Costs as Percent of Income

29%

Owners’ Housing Costs as Percent of Income

17%
**HOUSING WAGE**

**$21.52**

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.

Wolcott is included in the Waterbury HMFA. Wolcott’s housing wage is lower than the state housing wage of $26.42.

**HOUSING PRESERVATION UNITS**

**0%**

Wolcott has 152 federally assisted housing units, of which 0% are at risk of loss within the next 5 years.
TOTAL POPULATION

16,652

PEOPLE OF COLOR

12%

Connecticut population is becoming increasingly diverse, but the BIPOC population is concentrated in certain municipalities, especially Connecticut’s cities. In Wolcott, 12% of residents are BIPOC, while 88% are white.

MEDIAN AGE

45

POPULATION CHANGE, 2020 TO 2040

-2%

In the next twenty years, Wolcott’s population is projected to shrink from 16,921 to 16,511.

Wolcott is less diverse than Connecticut

The largest race/ethnicity group in Wolcott is White at 88% of the population

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

Source: Connecticut Data Center
The average household size in Wolcott 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, Wolcott has more households with someone older than 60 and fewer households with school-age children.