

Town Trumbull Plan of Conservation & Development



Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
November 15, 2023

Agenda

- 1 Project Status**
- 2 Update on Stakeholder Meetings**
- 3 Discussion of 2014 POCD Goals**
- 4 Prep for Upcoming Community Engagement**
 - Online Engagement
 - November 29th Public Workshop
- 5 Initial Findings on Demographics**

Project Status: Current Actions

Stakeholder meetings with Town Officials complete

- Waiting on official list of Town Committees

Completed analysis of Previous Town Studies

Conducting initial mapping of Town overall

Data analysis on Townwide demographics largely complete

Prep for November 29th public workshop and launch of online engagement

- Survey Design completed (English and Spanish)

Project Status: Next Steps



Visioning stage of project:

Social pinpoint online engagement
11/29 Public Meeting: Discussing
POCD Vision and Goals



Outreach design for Trumbull High School students



Begin work on draft POCD chapters



Continue working on Land Use & Zoning maps

Update on Stakeholder Meetings

Town Staff Meetings

Governance – October 16, 2023

Education – October 24, 2023

Public Safety – October 24, 2023

Parks, Recreation, and Public Works – October 25, 2023

Zoning, Housing and Development – October 26, 2023

Community and Economic Development – October 16, 2023

Boards and Commissions Meetings

**** WAITING ON LIST OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AND CONTACT INFORMATION.**

Aquatics Facilities Building Committee – TBD

Arts Commission – TBD

Commission on Aging – TBD

Conservation Commission – TBD

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force – TBD

Etc.

Stakeholder Meetings: Key Takeaways

Infrastructure and Facilities Maintenance

- There is a need for upgrades to various municipal facilities to reflect current space needs and modern standards. Public safety facilities, the health department, and other municipal building have substantial need for renovations. There is a general need for more storage and meeting space in the Town.
- Aging infrastructure, such as bridges, culverts, and water/sewer systems were noted by stakeholders as a priority to ensure safety and functionality within the Town.
- There were concerns about aging dams on residential properties, with at least eight such dams in the town. The maintenance and potential replacement of these dams are significant issues. Sediment buildup is also a problem in some of these areas.
- Paving roads was noted as one of the most constant and persistent concerns of the community.
- Utility work needs to be coordinated with town infrastructure plans.
- There needs to be a focused effort to implement an urban tree management program to combat the impact on invasive species and manage aging trees.

Stakeholder Meetings: Key Takeaways

Community Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency preparedness measures must include developing pre-plans for each building or residence and addressing hiring challenges and staffing shortages in emergency services due to increasing demands.
- An effort needs to be made to control town growth to avoid exacerbating stormwater flooding or hindering traffic flow.
- There should be town-wide campaigns aimed at combating distracted driving and reducing motor vehicle accidents.
- Files need to be digitized for safeguarding records against potential damage or loss.
- Increase office space for the Town Health Department.

Stakeholder Meetings: Key Takeaways

Zoning Regulations and Development Challenges

- Stakeholders mentioned conducting feasibility studies and land assessments to support mixed-use developments and updating zoning regulations to align with the town's current needs and future development projects.
- Incentivizing affordable housing projects is a priority to address workforce challenges, enhance population diversity, and offer more affordable housing options.
- Create a more user-friendly permit application process, along with the implementation of centralized commercial development zones.

Stakeholder Meetings: Key Takeaways

Community Engagement and Program Enhancements

- Community spaces can be enhanced by implementing specific plans for sidewalk improvements, focusing on connectivity near schools, parks, and residential areas.
- There were many stakeholders that stressed the importance of creating a year-round community center for various programs and town use, fostering community engagement.
- The Town should take advantage of potential collaborations, such as shared resource utilization between different community entities, like schools and libraries.

Stakeholder Meetings: Key Takeaways

Traffic Management and Environmental Concerns

- Many stakeholders noted the need to implement a regular road maintenance schedule.
- Enhancing pedestrian infrastructure was also a key point, especially near schools and parks, aiming to improve safety and accessibility.
- Make municipal and school buildings as environmentally friendly as possible, focusing on zero emissions and energy efficiency.
- Stakeholders stressed challenges in enforcing wetland regulations, particularly in terms of educating residents about these regulations. Many residents claim not to know or don't want to deal with them.
- Additionally, there is a need for projects to increase storage townwide to address flooding issues, particularly in light of more frequent severe weather events due to climate change.

Discussion of 2014 POCD Goals: What's changed? What's missing?

- Retain Trumbull's residential nature, tree-lined landscapes and historic assets.
- Provide greater design guidance and a design review process
- Encourage owners of historic structures to preserve and restore them.
- Encourage village style, walkable development patterns at the Town Hall area, Town Center and Long Hill Green.
- Continue to avoid strip development patterns.
- Update commercial zones to distinguish between regional destinations (e.g., mall) and neighborhood and community commercial areas
- Create new zones to guide future growth where desirable.
- Promote campus-style development in the office parks.
- Consider allowing taller buildings in appropriate areas.
- Continue to provide housing opportunities and address changing housing needs.
- Continue to protect Trumbull's residential character
- Protect natural resources when development occurs
- Implement "green infrastructure" approaches (such as "low impact development" and other drainage practices) and promote "green" building practices.
- Promote greenway trails (such as the Pequonnock River Trail) to interconnect parks and open spaces.
- Develop criteria for identifying key parcels of land to preserve as open space.
- Manage existing open space.
- Create community facilities plan to address changing needs and demographics.
- Ensure there is adequate wastewater capacity to meet future development needs.
- Ensure a more reliable and resilient electrical system.
- Make it easier to bike and walk in Trumbull.
- Adopt a "complete streets" approach so that roads also accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and transit.
- Address access management.
- Improve transit.



Prep for Upcoming Community Engagement: Online Engagement

- Social Pinpoint

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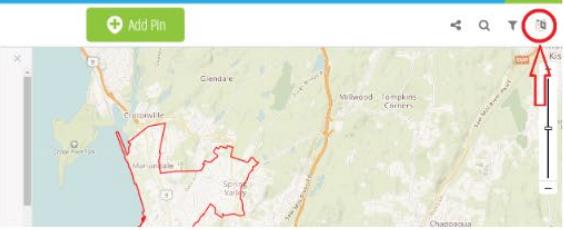


Example of Comment Mapping

How to use the Interactive Map

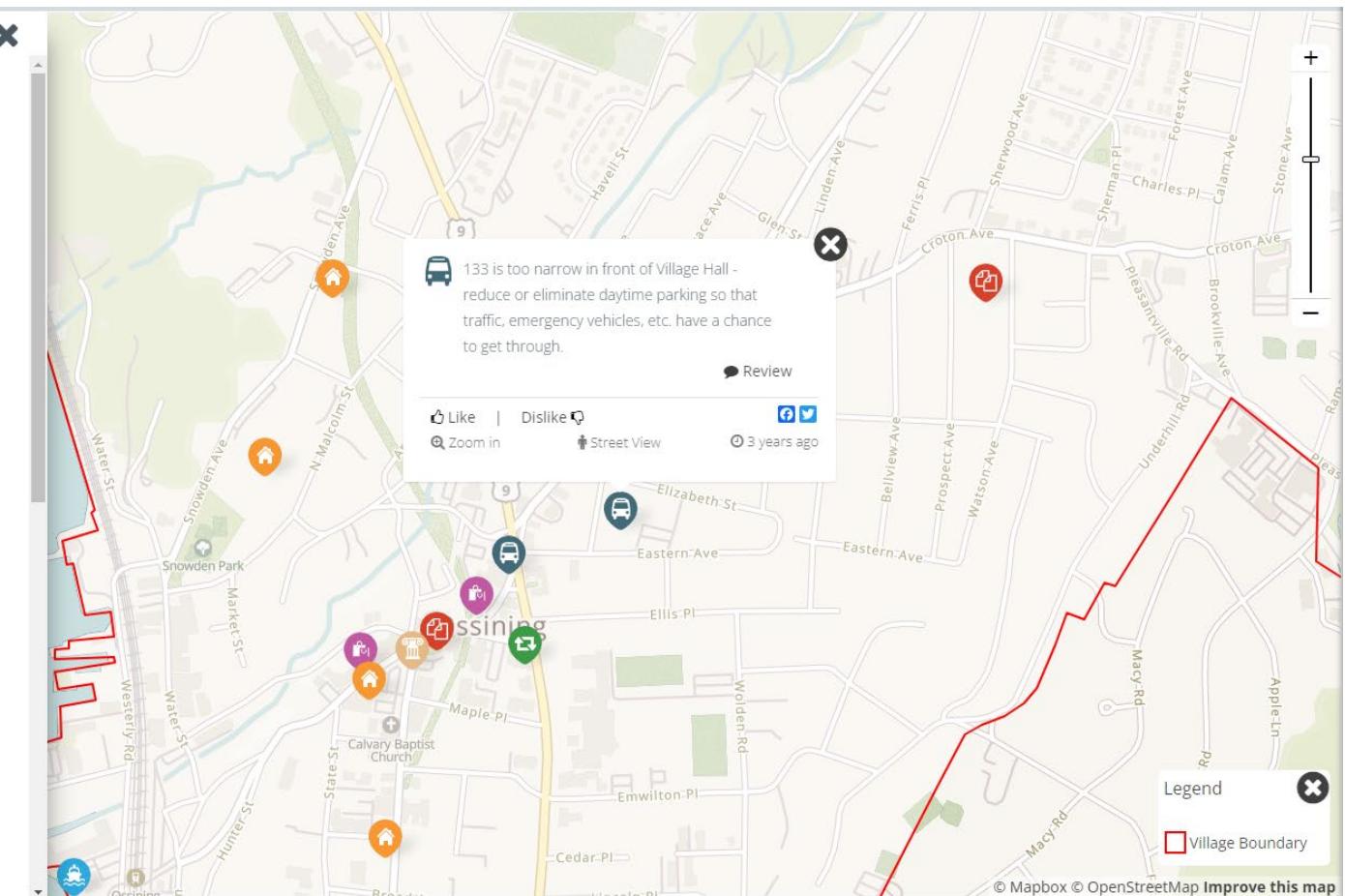
Provide your input on the Village of Ossining **Comprehensive Plan** by placing your comments onto the **Interactive Map**. What are the **issues and opportunities** that you think should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan? What is your **feedback** on some of the **preliminary ideas and strategies**? Read the instructions below and get started!

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How to use the Interactive Map:

1. **Click on the sidebar tabs** on the left-hand side of the screen. **Pick the topic/area** you want to comment on (for example, "The Waterfront"). Make sure to scroll down to see all the menu options. Once you clicked on a tab, you will find information and specific questions and/or ideas that the Village is considering for the topic/location.



133 is too narrow in front of Village Hall - reduce or eliminate daytime parking so that traffic, emergency vehicles, etc. have a chance to get through.

Review

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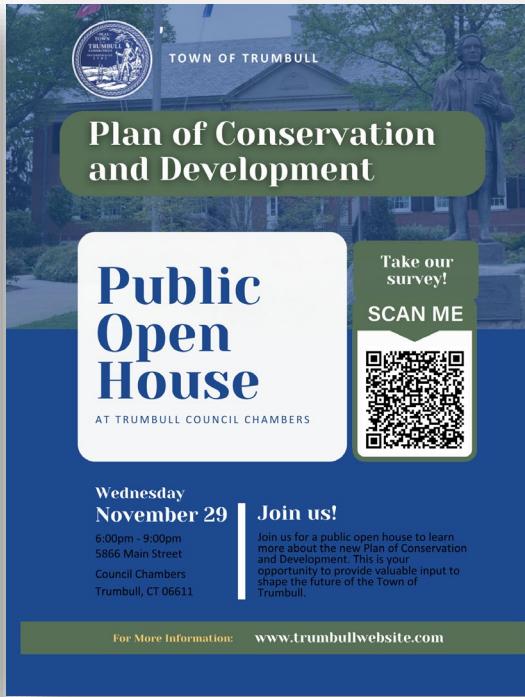
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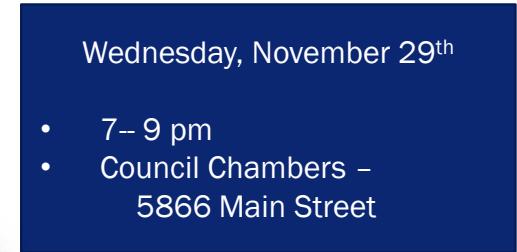
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Village Boundary

Prep for Upcoming Community Engagement: Public Workshop



Spanish Translation Versions



Prep for Upcoming Community Engagement: Public Workshop

1. Public Workshop 1: Introduction & Vision Setting

- This workshop aims to introduce the project, share initial findings from existing conditions work, and engage the community in discussions to create guiding principles and goals for the planning process, focusing on topics like land use trends, transportation, municipal facilities, the local economy, and environmental issues.

2. Public Workshop 2: Economic Corridors, Transportation, and Housing

- The second workshop will concentrate on economic corridors, transportation, and housing, with the BFJ Team presenting their assessment and analysis while seeking input from the community on the vision for specific areas. It will involve small group discussions covering aspects like [XXXXXX], transportation, design, and aesthetics, supported by visual aids.

3. Public Workshop 3: Strategies & Preliminary Recommendations

- In this session, draft strategies and recommendations will be presented to the public for feedback through an interactive open house format with various thematic stations staffed by planning team members and others. Participants can provide feedback directly on recommendations, facilitating information sharing and immediate reactions.

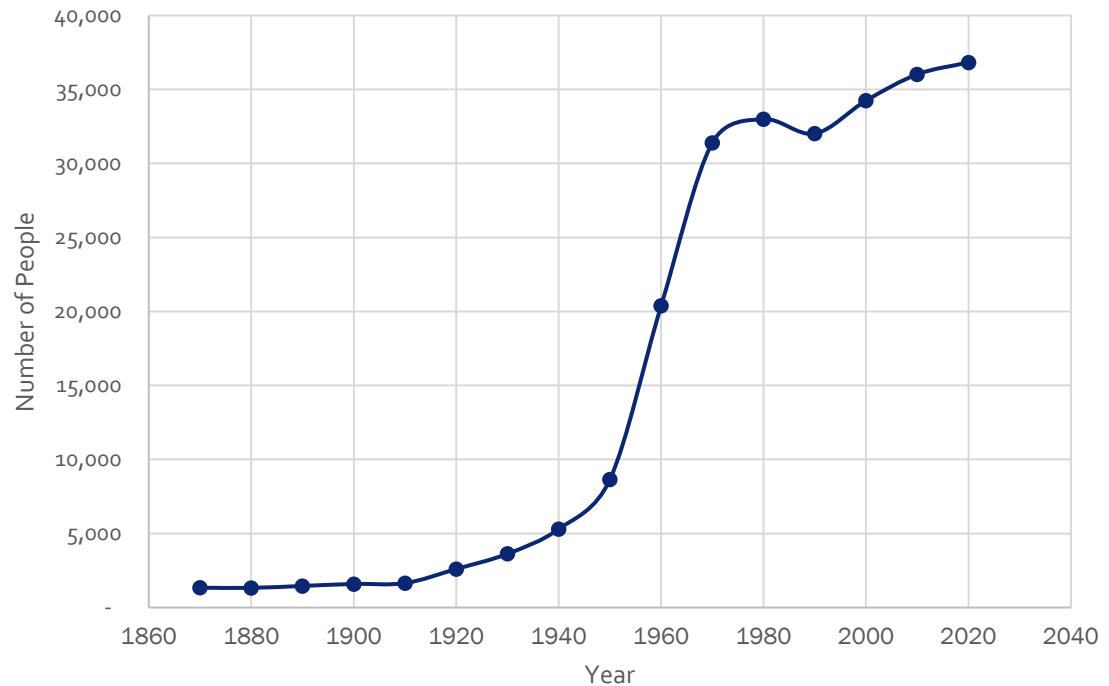


Demographics: Population Change

Key Trends

- The tremendous 136 percent increase in Trumbull's population from 1950 to 1960 illustrates the impact that the Baby Boom had on suburban growth.
- The population declined by 3 percent between 1980 and 1990 and then increased at a steadily declining rate from 1990 (32,016) to a 2020 population of 36,827.
- The Town population increased by 809 residents (2%) between 2010 and 2020.
- The Town's population as of 2020 was 36,827.

Population Change, 1870-2020



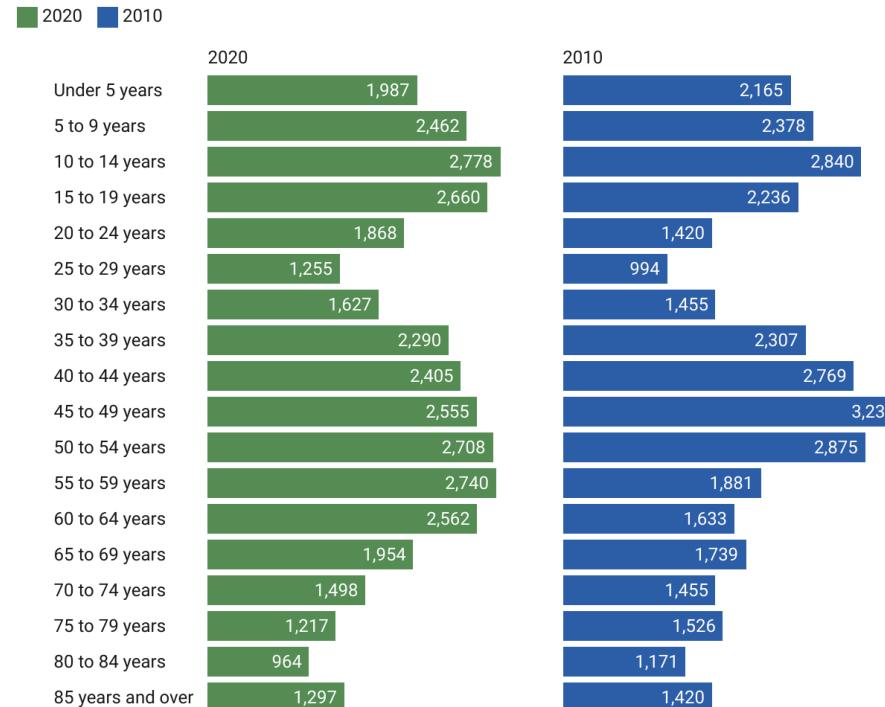
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Demographics: Age Distribution

Key Trends

- The age group proportions that declined most significantly were under 5 years and 40 to 54 years. The decline in the under 5 group is most likely due to people having fewer children.
- Given the relatively small proportionate changes in the age groups between 2010 and 2020 the median age remained 43 years, which is considered older than the Fairfield County median age of 40.8 years and 39.6 years in 2020 and 2010, respectively.
- The fact that 25 percent of the 2010 and 2020 population is 55 years and over indicates that many Trumbull residents have decided to stay in the community or age in place.

Population Share by Age, 2020 & 2010



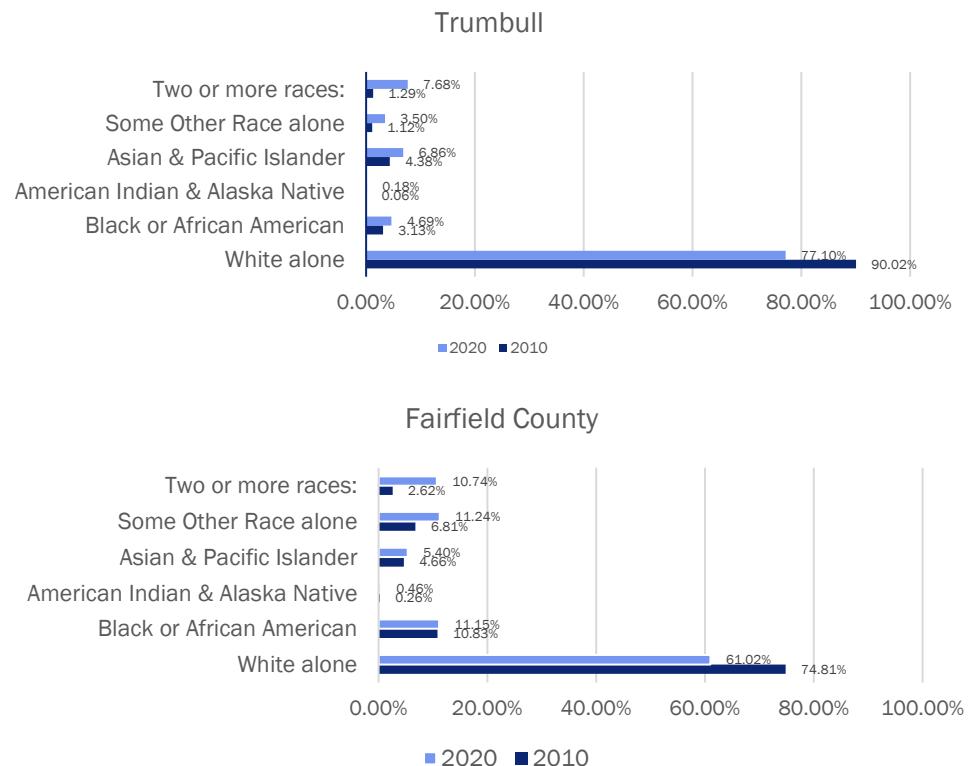
Source: U.S. Census Bureau • Created with Datawrapper

Demographics: Race & Ethnicity

Key Trends

- Trumbull's White population declined from 34,424 (90%) in 2010 to 28,394 (77 %) in 2020.
- Fairfield County's White population dropped from 685,900 (74%) in 2010 to 584,184 (61 %) in 2020.
- Trumbull's most significant increase was Asian people from 1,576 in 2010 to 2,525 in 2020.
- Fairfield County's most significant increase was 72% from 2010 to 2020 in Some other Race.

Boards and Commissions Meetings



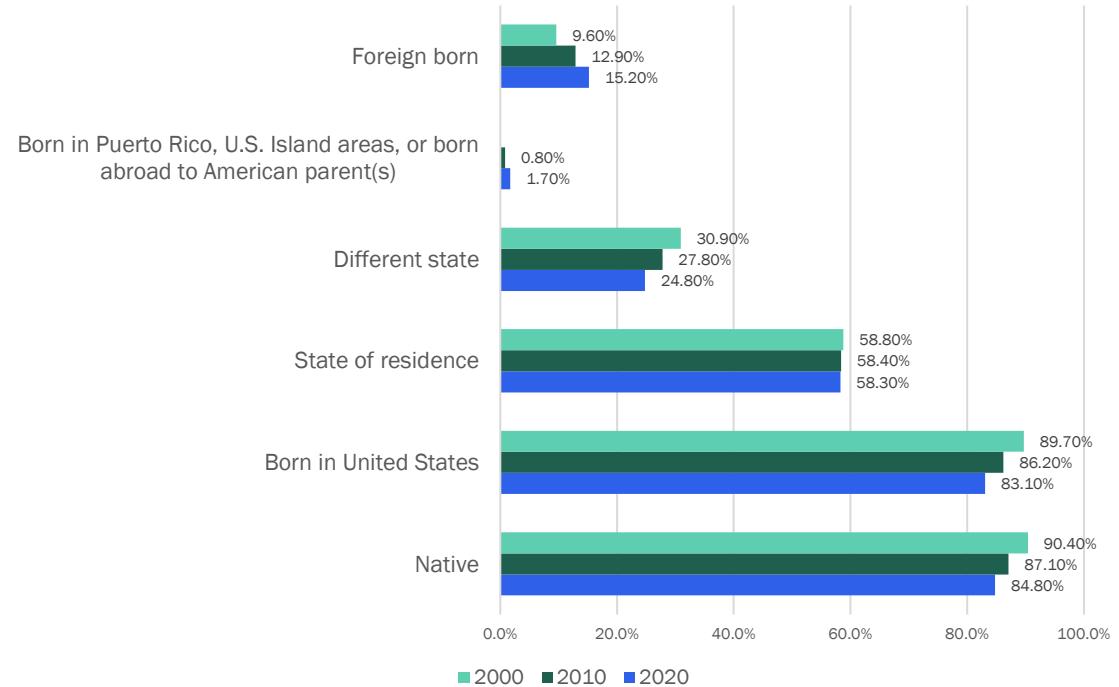
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010-2020

Demographics: Nativity

Key Trends

- In 2000, 90.4% of Trumbull's population was Native born. By 2020 the proportion decreased to 84.8%.
- Those Native born from outside the U.S. (e.g. Puerto Rico) nearly tripled from 240 in 2000 to 602 in 2020.
- Foreign born residents increased by 66% from 3,281 in 2000 to 5,454 in 2020.
- In both 2000 and 2020 approximately 65% of the foreign-born population were naturalized citizens.
- The increase to 1,929 (35.4%) in 2020 from 425 (13%) in 2000 illustrates the influx of Latin Americans since 2000.
- The Asian Foreign-born population also increased tremendously from 875 (26.7%) in 2000 to 1,935 (35.5%) in 2020.
- European born residents decreased from 1,771 (54%) in 2000 to 1,349 (24.7%) in 2020.

Population by Place of Birth



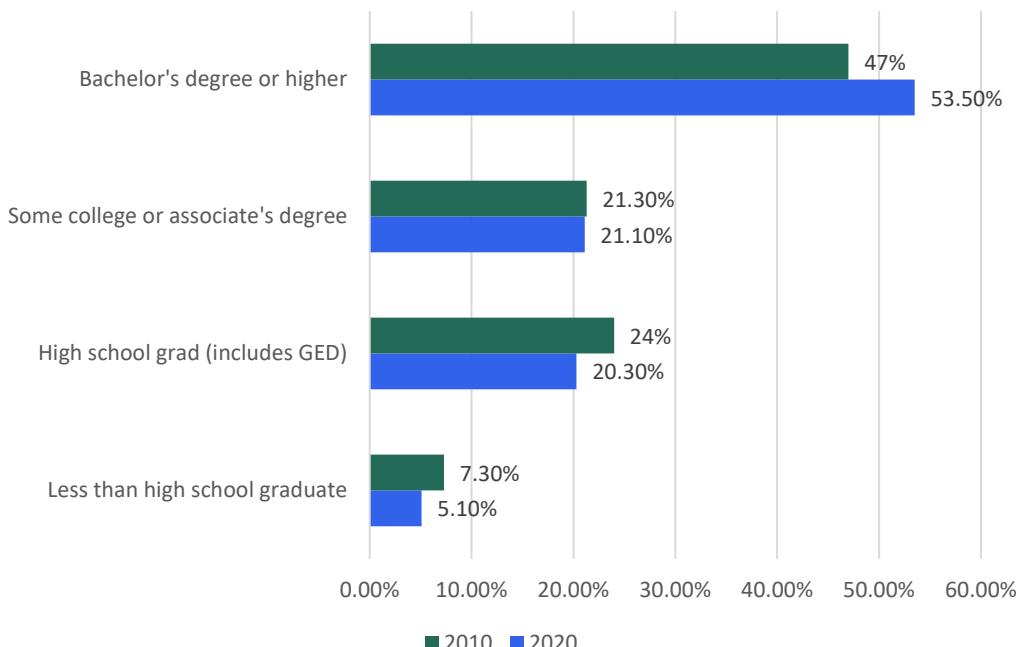
Source: American Community Survey 2010 and 2020

Demographics: Educational Attainment

Key Trends

- Trumbull's adult population is well-educated. In 2020, those over 25 years of age included 33 percent with a Bachelor's Degree and 24 percent with a Graduate Degree.
- This was an increase over 2010 when 25.8 percent of those 25 years and older had Bachelors Degrees and 22.8 had Graduate Degrees.
- In 2010 and 2020 about 10 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds had less than a high school diploma.
- At each educational attainment level in both 2010 and 2020, women earned less than the median income and less than what men earned, in some cases half of what men earned.

Overall Educational Attainment, 2020 & 2010



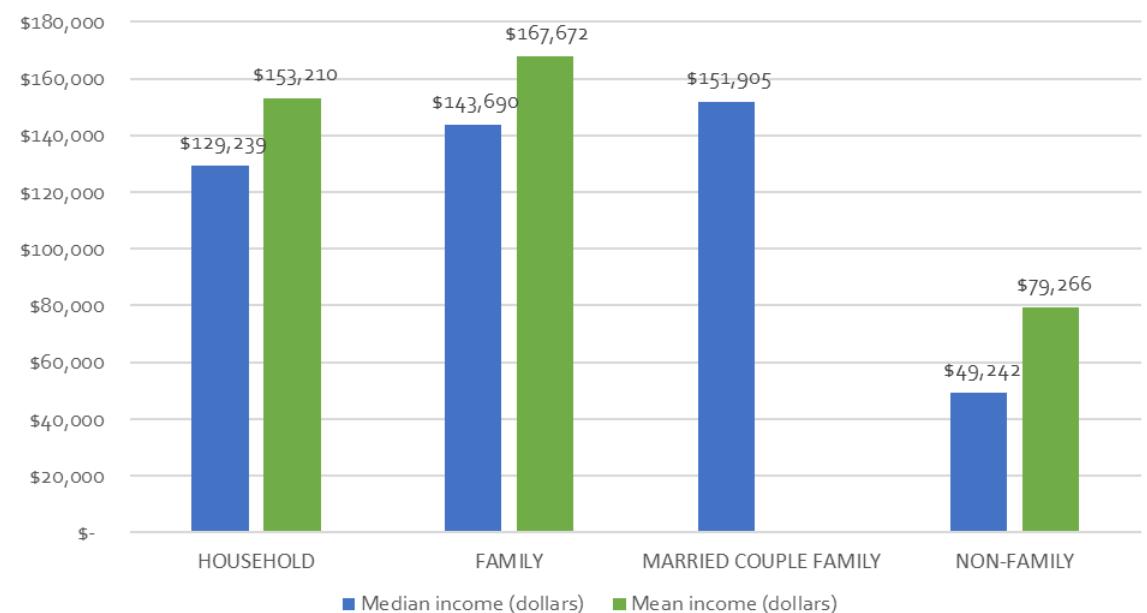
Source: American Community Survey (ACS)

Economics: Median and Mean Incomes

Key Trends

- The median household income in Trumbull, as of 2020, was \$129,239 and the mean household income was \$153,210.
- The median family income was \$143,690 and the mean family income was \$167,672.
- The median married couple family income was \$151,905.
- The non-family median income was \$49,242 and the non-family mean income was \$79,266.
- The median income increased by about \$20,000 for Households Married Couple Families and Non-Families from 2010 to 2020.
- Family income increased by \$30,000.

Median and Mean Incomes, 2020



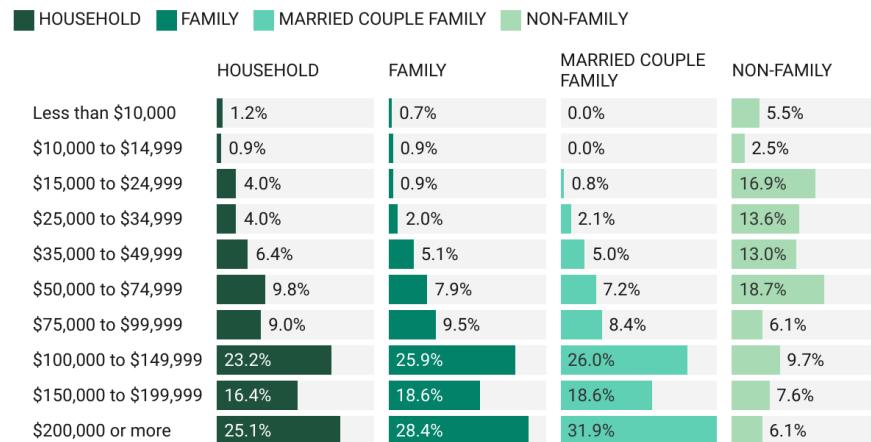
Source: S1901' American Community Survey (ACS) 2020

Economics: Income Distribution

Key Trends

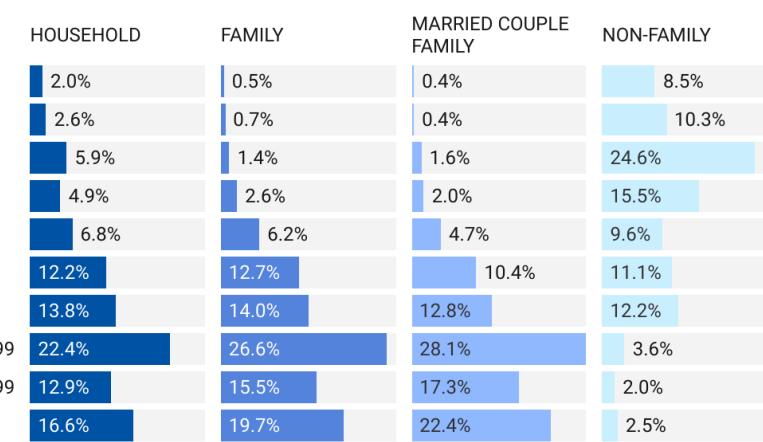
- The percentage of Households, Families and Married Couple Families earning \$200,000 or more increased by 10 percent.
- This increase resulted in at least one-quarter of these Households or Families earning \$200,000 or more.

Trumbull Income Distribution, 2020



Source: S1901' American Community Survey (ACS) 2020 • Created with Datawrapper

Trumbull Income Distribution, 2010



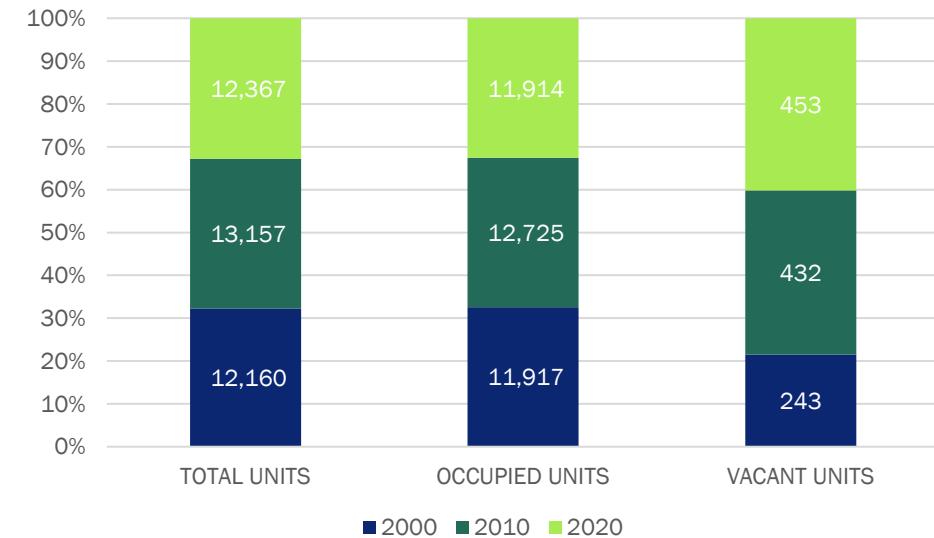
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Housing: Household Change

Key Trends

- Total housing units increased by 997 from 2000 to 2010, then decreased by 790 in 2020.
- The number of vacant units nearly doubled between 2000 and 2010 yet increased by 21 from 2010 to 2020.

Changes in Households, 2000-2020



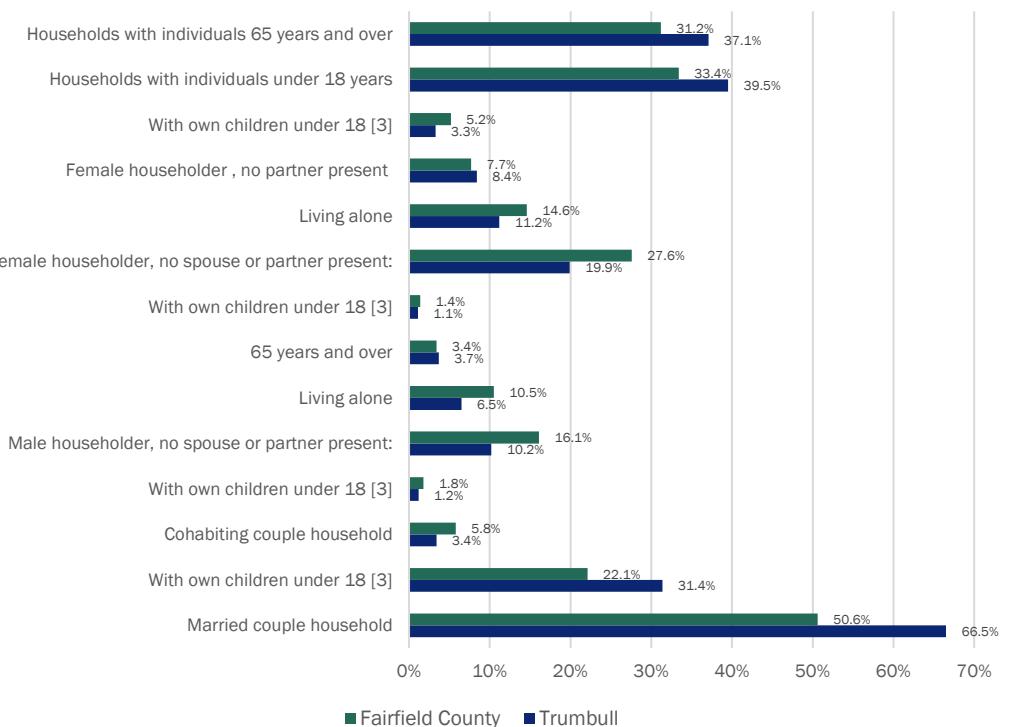
Source: CENSUS 2000 and 2010, American Community Survey, 2020

Housing: Household Composition

Key Trends

- Trumbull is a relatively traditional suburb as 66.5 percent of its households are Married couple households.
- Fairfield County has a considerably smaller proportion of Married couple households at 50.6 percent.
- While 31.4 percent of Trumbull's Married couple families had children under 18, 22.1 percent of Fairfield County's do.
- The number of Female householders with no partner present is 2,506 (19.9 %), twice as many as their Male counterparts.
- Nearly half of these households are Female householders living alone, 1,417 (11.2%).
- The number of Female single parent households is 419, or four times as many as Male single parent households.

Household Composition by Type, Trumbull and Fairfield County, 2000-2020



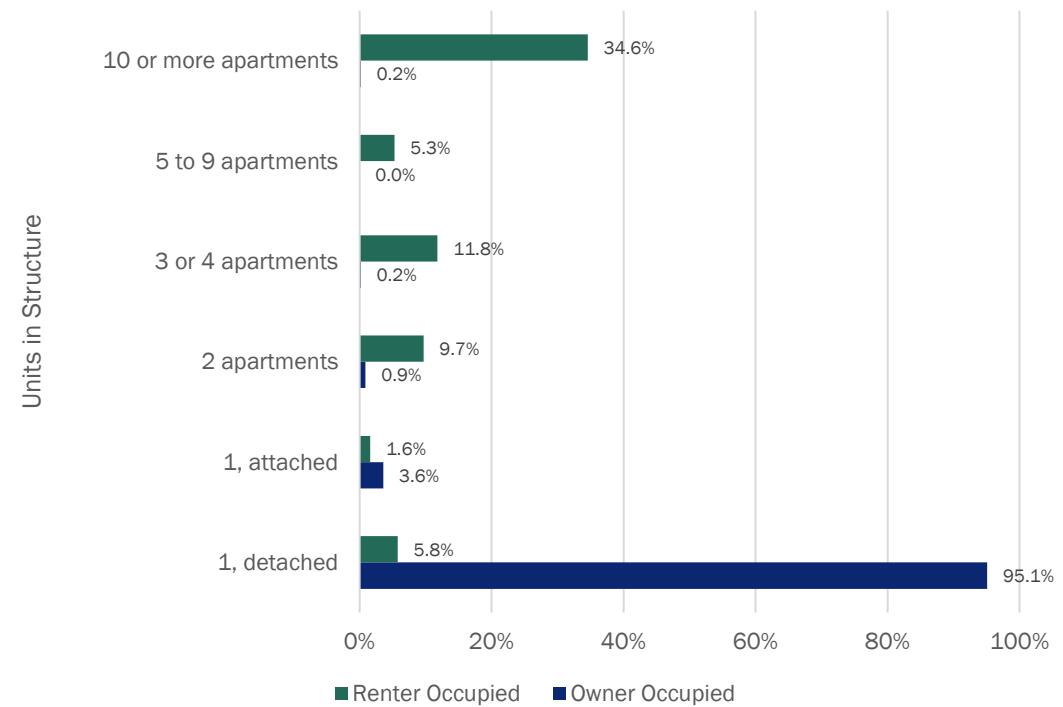
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010-2020

Housing: Housing Units by Structure Type

Key Trends

- Most of Trumbull's housing units, 10,403 of 11,914 or 87.3%, are in Single family detached structures.
- Single family detached housing units are predominantly Owner-occupied (95.1%).
- About one-third (573 or 36%) of the 1,589 Renter-occupied units are in Single family detached structures. Another one- third (550 or 34%) of Renter-occupied units are in structures with 10 or more units.
- Most of the remaining Renter-occupied units are in duplexes (154 or 9.7%) or 3- or 4-unit structures (187).
- There are 367 Owner-occupied units in Single family attached structures.
- The Owner-occupied single-family attached tend to be condominiums or cooperative townhouses.

Occupied Housing Units by Structure Type, Trumbull 2020



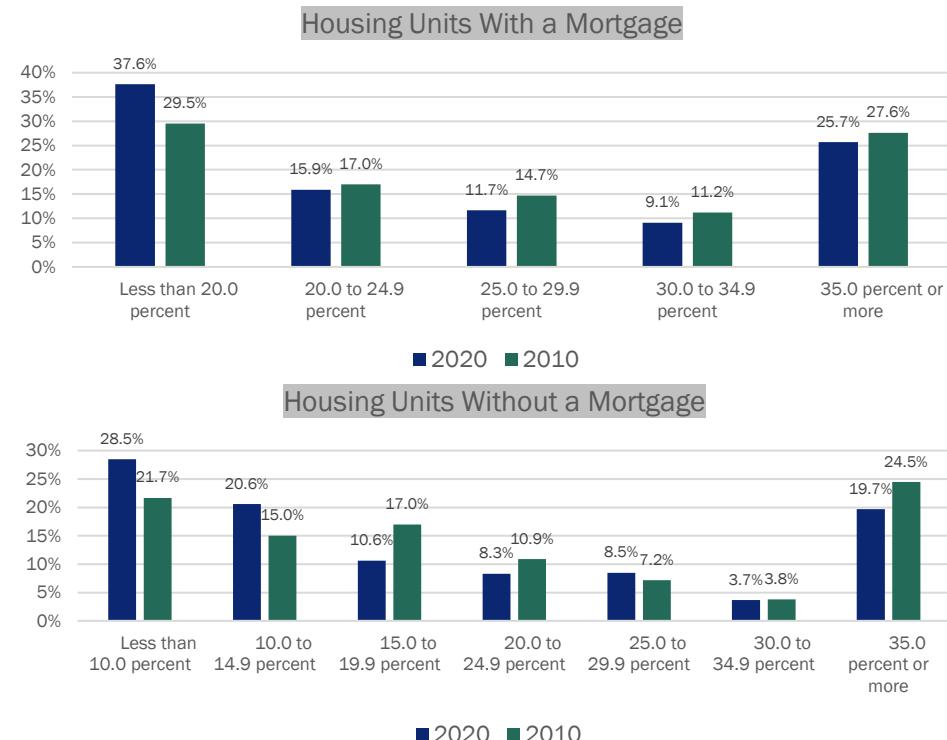
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 6-2020

Housing: Household Income Percentage Spent on Housing

Key Trends

- The proportion of Owners with a mortgage who paid 30 percent or more of their income to housing included 38.8 % in 2010 and 34.8% in 2020.
- Owners with a mortgage who paid less than 20% of income to housing increased to 37.6% in 2020 from 29.5% in 2010.
- Owners with a mortgage who paid 20 to 29 % of income to housing decreased to 27.6% in 2020 from 31.7% in 2010.
- The proportion of Owners without a mortgage who paid 30 percent or more of their income to housing included 28.3 % in 2010 and 23.4% in 2020.
- Owners without a mortgage who paid less than 20 % of income to housing increased to 59.7% in 2020 from 53.7% in 2010.
- Owners without a mortgage who paid 20 to 29 % of income to housing decreased to 16.8% in 2020 from 18.1% in 2010.

Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income (SMOCAPI)



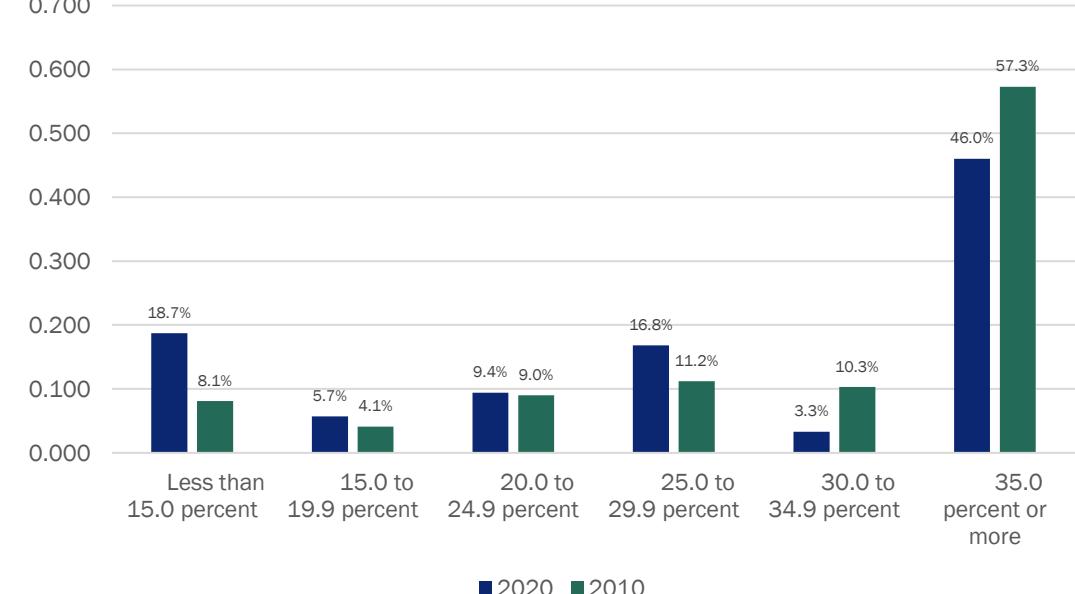
Source: DP04 American Community Survey, 2010 & 2020

Housing: Household Income Percentage Spent on Rent

Key Trends

- The proportion of Renters who paid 30 percent or more of their income to gross rent included 67.6 % in 2010 and 49.3% in 2020.
- Renters who paid less than 20 % of income to gross rent increased to 24.4% in 2020 from 13.2% in 2010.
- Renters who paid 20 to 29 % of income to gross rent increased to 26.6% in 2020 from 12.1% in 2010.

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income, Trumbull 2010-2020



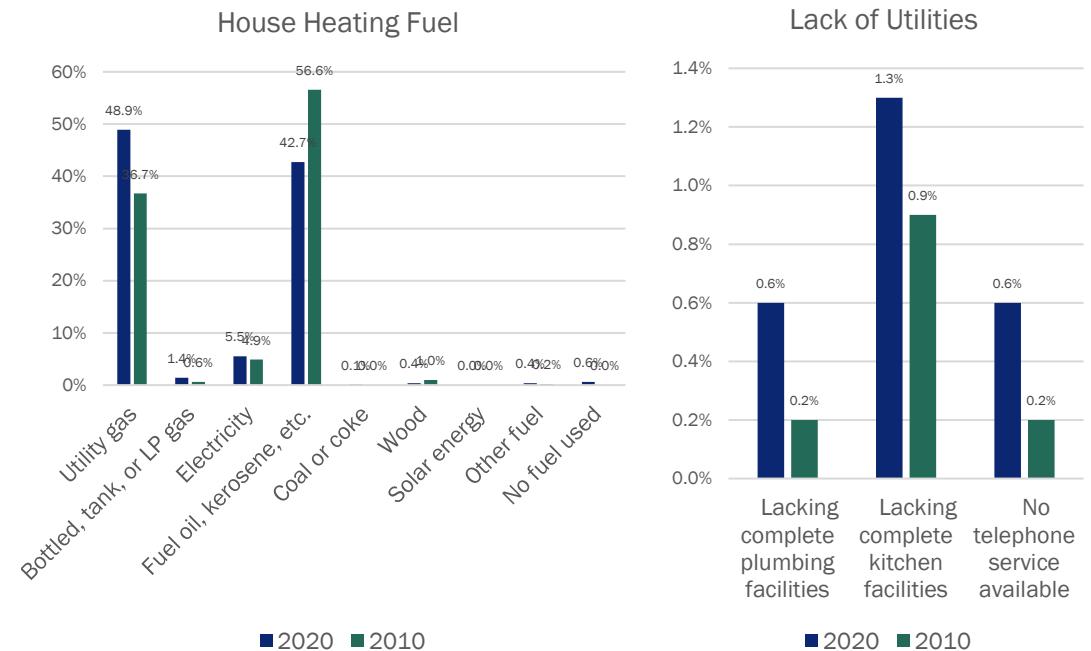
Source: DP04 American Community Survey, 2010 &2020

Housing: Housing Inventory Characteristics

Key Trends

- In Home Heating Fuel it is interesting that there are no solar-powered homes, given climate change concerns.
 - It may be worthwhile to investigate whether there is any interest in conversion to solar power.
- Less than 1% of Occupied units lacked complete plumbing or complete kitchen facilities in 2010.
- Though a small proportion, the number of units lacking complete plumbing facilities rose to 72 or 0.6% in 2020.
- The number of units lacking complete kitchen facilities rose to 154 or 1.3% in 2020.

Utilities in Trumbull, 2010-2020



Source: DP04 American Community Survey, 2010 &2020



Thank You!