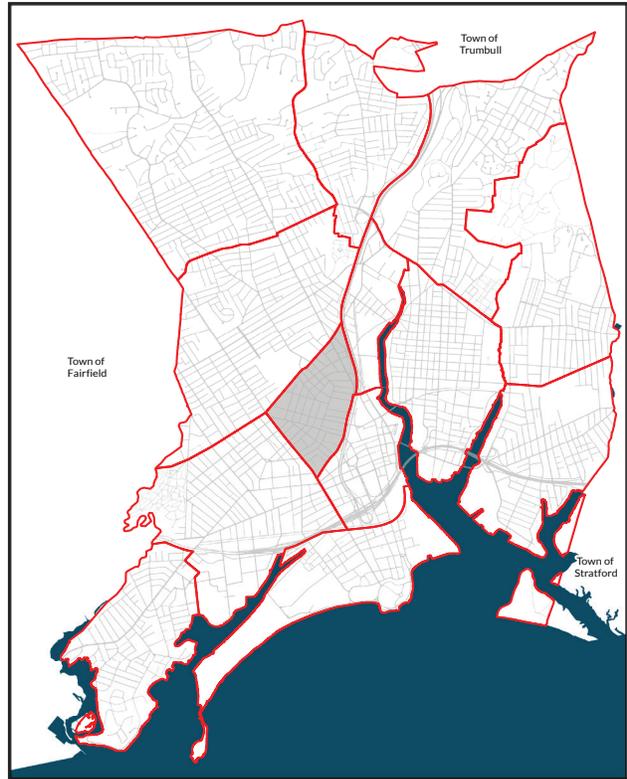


4.8 Hollow Neighborhood Profile

This neighborhood is located in the central area of Bridgeport. It is surrounded by the Brooklawn/St Vincent's, West Side/West End, Downtown and Enterprise neighborhoods. Main Street, North Avenue (Route 1) and Park Avenue are boundaries for the neighborhood, and serve in large part as the commercial corridors for the neighborhood. Pequonnock Street is also a commercial corridor.

The Hollow neighborhood falls within census tracts 713, 714 and 716, along with Bridgeport City Council Districts 131 and 136, Connecticut Senatorial District 23, and Connecticut Assembly District 130. As with all of Bridgeport, this neighborhood falls within the 4th United States Congressional District.

This neighborhood has a mixture of single-family homes, small and large multi-family homes and several apartment complexes. The Charles Greene Homes public housing complex is also located within this neighborhood.



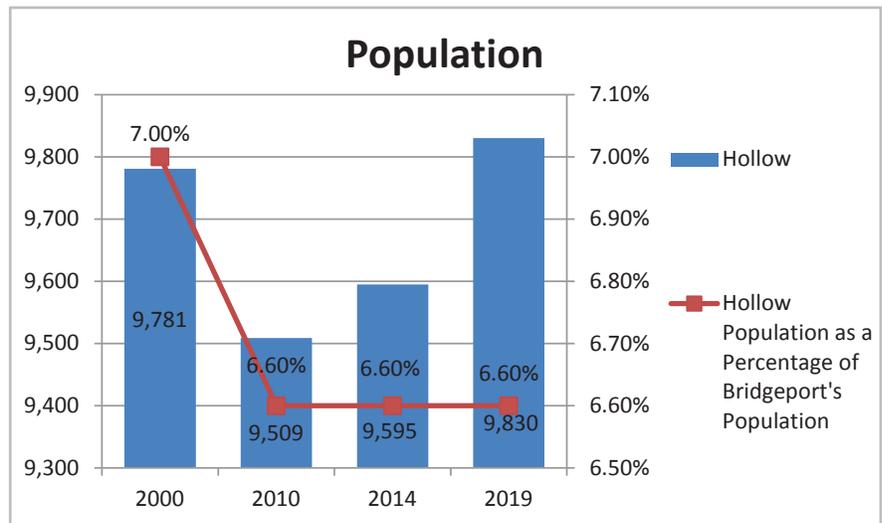
Map 38- Hollow

Source: Office of Planning and Economic Development

4.8.A Demographics

The Hollow population dropped slightly between 2000 and 2010, but is expected to climb above the 2000 levels by 2019. Young persons aged 24 and under comprise 42% of the Hollow population, and only 37% of Bridgeport's population. This is likely a factor of the large number of children residing in the public housing complex. This Bridgeport neighborhood is the most dense at 21,043 persons per square mile. This is 50% more than the next densest neighborhood, and 2.3 times that of Bridgeport's population density of 9,014.

Figure 18a



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

The Hollow, along with the Enterprise neighborhood, is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city, with nearly 40% of the population claiming a race other than white alone or black alone. Those also reporting Hispanic Origin make up 52% of the population. It is important to note the distinction between Hispanic Origin and Racial Makeup. The U.S. Census Bureau places every individual into a racial makeup category such as black alone, white alone, asian alone, other race alone, or two or more races. In addition, persons may also identify as being of Hispanic Origin. This allows for some individuals to be, for example, both white alone and Hispanic.

Population Density:

21,043
Persons per square mile in HOLLOW

9,014
Persons per square mile in BRIDGEPORT

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Hispanic Origin:

52.0%
of HOLLOW population

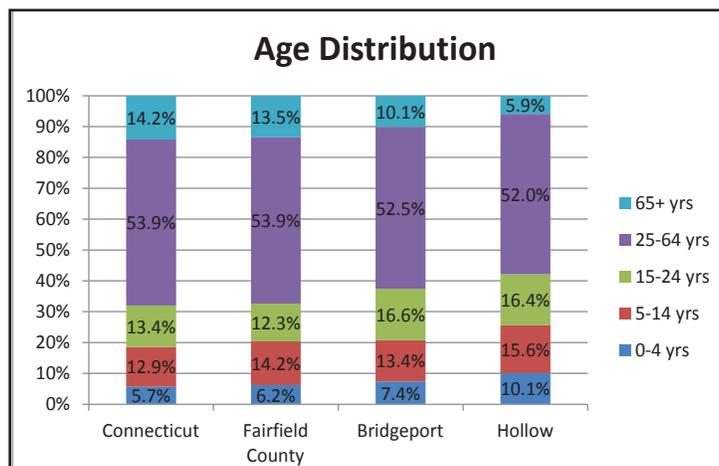
38.2%
of BRIDGEPORT population

16.9%
of FAIRFIELD COUNTY population

13.4%
of CONNECTICUT population

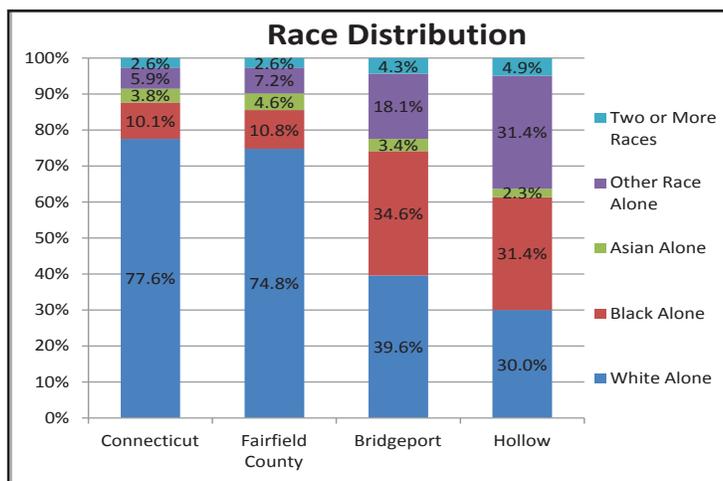
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Figure 18b



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Figure 18c



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

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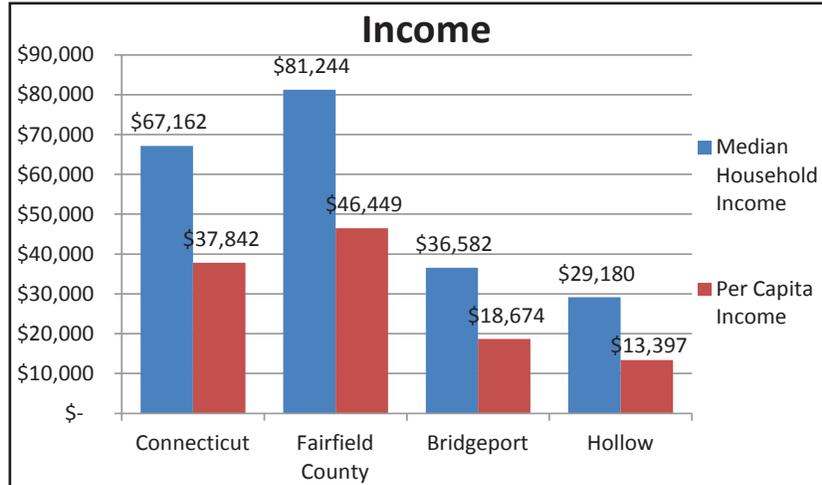
Educational Attainment (Adults over 25 years of age)						
	Bridgeport			Hollow		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Less than High School or GED	37.7%	35.0%	26.1%	54.1%	52.3%	39.4%
High School or GED	31.3%	31.3%	32.7%	28.0%	26.4%	36.0%
Some college, no degree	14.9%	16.8%	19.2%	10.5%	11.5%	13.4%
Associate's Degree	4.2%	4.7%	6.1%	2.6%	3.1%	5.3%
Bachelor's Degree	7.6%	7.7%	10.1%	2.4%	3.7%	3.3%
Master's/Professional Degree	4.0%	4.5%	5.8%	2.5%	2.9%	2.6%
Total Population	104,675	84,458	88,981	6,155	5,020	5,765

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

Educational attainment for adults 25 years and older in the Hollow improved between 1990 and 2010. The percentage of adults without a high school degree dropped by 15% to being only 39% of the population,

while the percentage of those achieving a high school degree or GED increased by 8% to become 36% of the population.

Figure 18e



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

4.8.B Housing

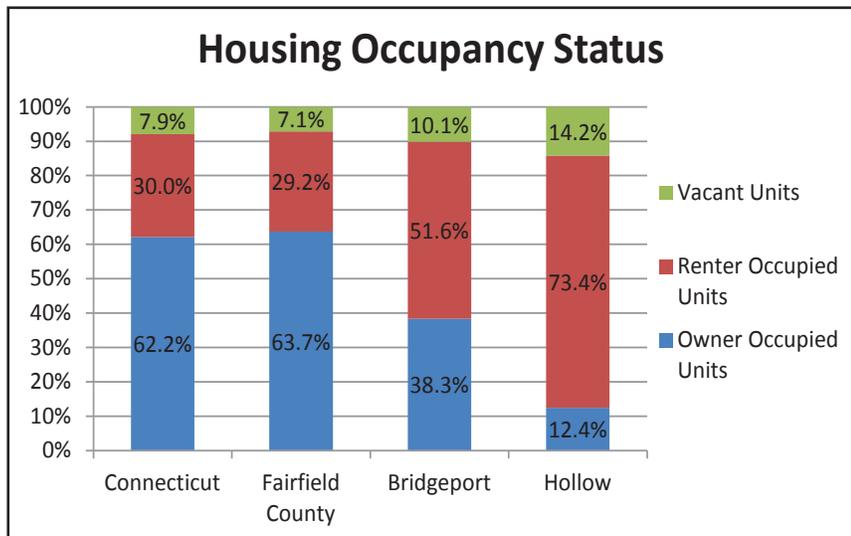
Figure 18f

	Households	Average Household Size
Hollow	3,121	2.92
Bridgeport	50,824	2.72
Fairfield County	332,968	2.68
Connecticut	1,360,184	2.52

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

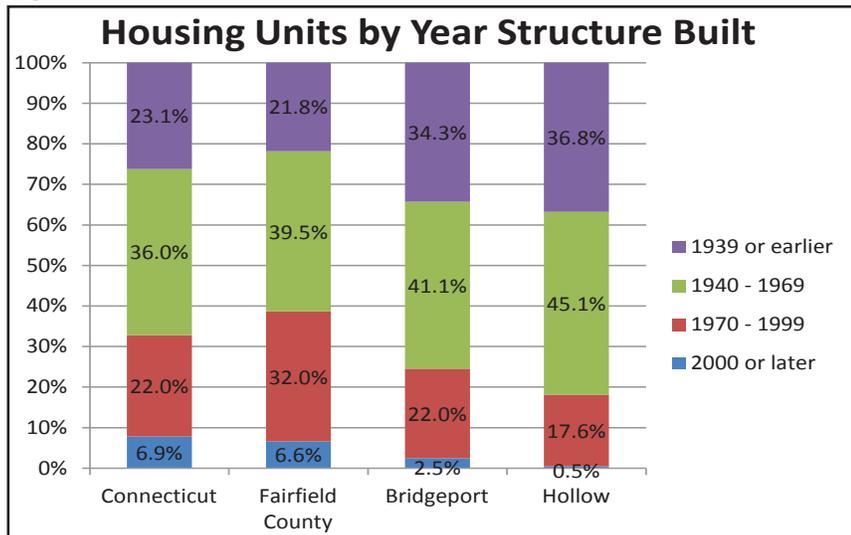
One-third of the housing units within the Hollow neighborhood are in 3-4 unit structures, while 22% of the housing units are in structures with over 20 units. Seventy-three percent of the units are renter occupied. This data points to the apartment complexes found within the neighborhood. The bulk of housing units, 45%, were built between 1940 and 1969.

Figure 18g



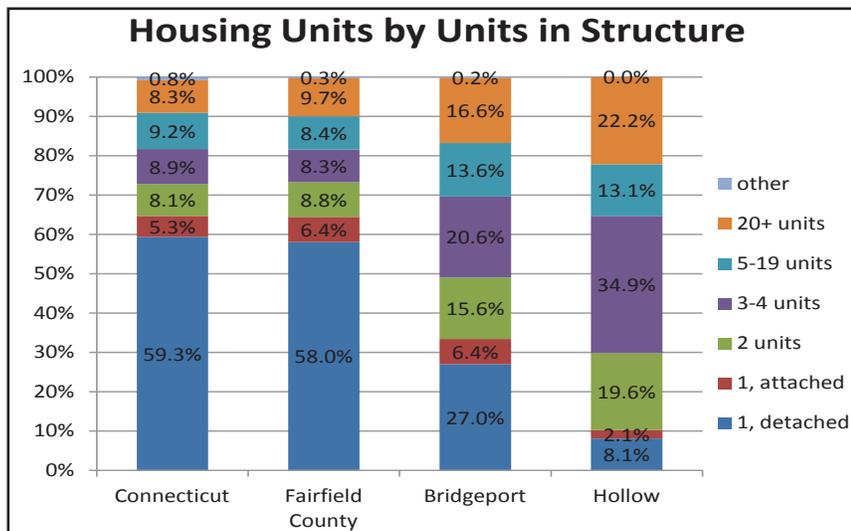
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Figure 18h



Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

Figure 18i



Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

**Median year
built: 1948**

2014 Median
Home Value:

\$184,226
for HOLLOW homes

\$184,633
for BRIDGEPORT
homes

\$398,703
for FAIRFIELD
COUNTY homes

\$247,842
for CONNECTICUT
homes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

4.8.C Employment

The majority of businesses in the Hollow are categorized as either Construction or Retail Trade. Together these categories have nearly 30% of the businesses. Jobs found within the neighborhood are dominated by Public Administration at 40%, and second by Construction with 12%. The high percentage of public administration jobs can be attributed to the three public

schools and board of education facilities maintenance garage located in the neighborhood.

The Hollow has 3,100 jobs. The largest employer in the neighborhood is Action For Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. (ABCD).

The top five categories of types of businesses physically located within the Hollow neighborhood are the following:

Figure 18j

Business Categories	Hollow	Bridgeport
Construction	16.6%	12.4%
Retail Trade	12.9%	9.6%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	11.9%	10.2%
Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt & Remediation Services	9.9%	12.2%
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	7.3%	9.2%

Source: Dun & Bradstreet 2014

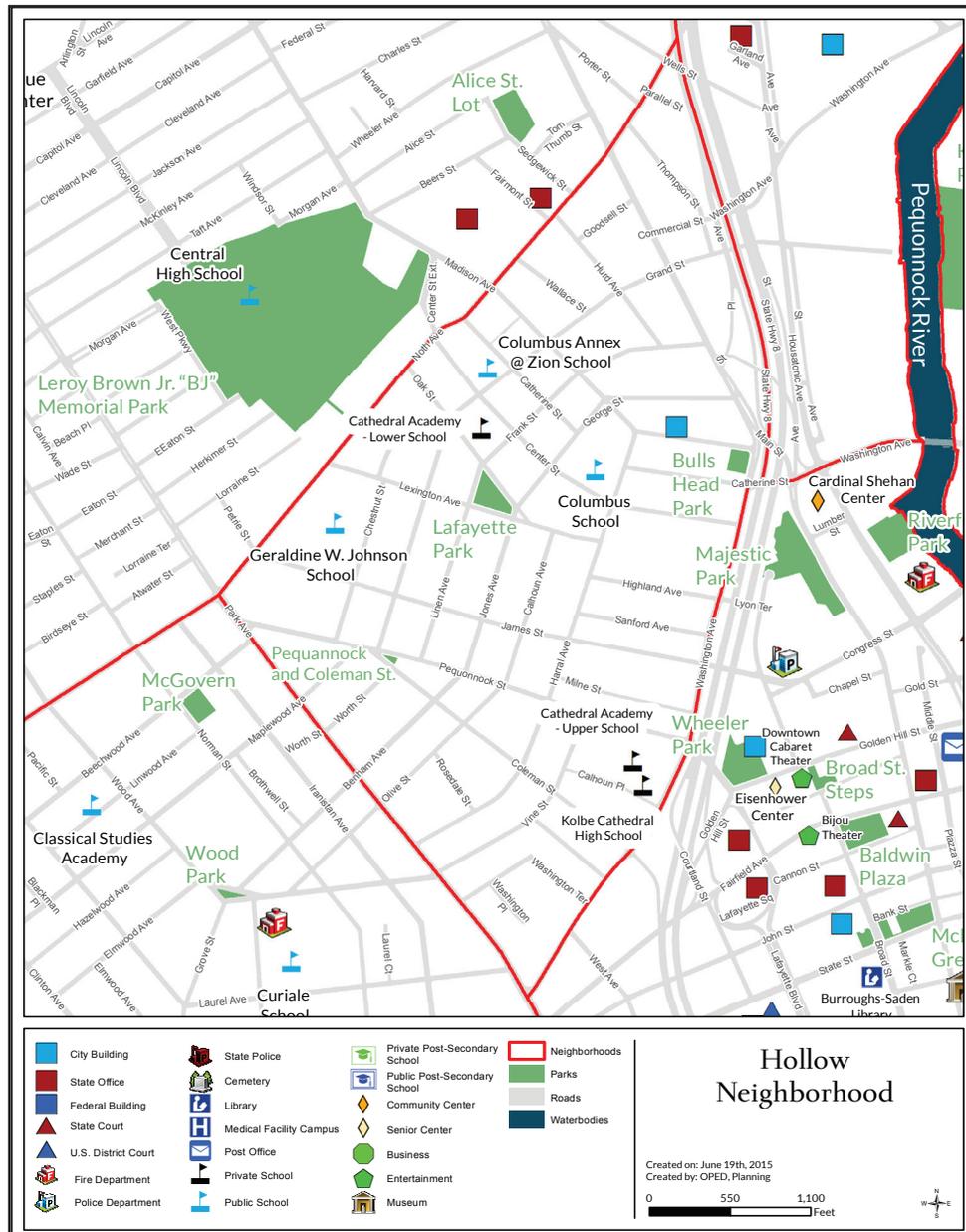
The top five categories for all jobs within the Hollow are the following:

Figure 18k

Employee Categories	Hollow	Bridgeport
Public Administration	39.9%	10.0%
Retail Trade	11.6%	4.5%
Construction	10.4%	3.5%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	7.5%	3.4%
Educational Services	5.4%	4.0%

Source: Dun & Bradstreet 2014

4.8.D Community Assets



Map 39- Hollow Community Assets

Source: City of Bridgeport, BEGIS 2014

Schools

Columbus School, 275 George Street, is a public school which enrolled 696 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade during the 2013-2014 school year. The Lighthouse Program, an after school program, is offered at this school. This school also offers a school-based health center, which provides medical,

dental, mental health counseling, outreach and parent aide services. www.bridgeportedu.com

Columbus Annex, at Zion School, 612 Grand Street, is a public school enrolling 187 students during the 2013-2014 year in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade. www.bridgeportedu.com

Geraldine Johnson School, 475 Lexington Avenue, a public school, educated 837 students in Pre-Kinderergarten through 8th grade during the 2013-2014 school year. The Lighthouse Program, an after school program, is offered at this school. www.bridgeportedu.com

Three private catholic schools are located within the Hollow neighborhood.

Kolbe Cathedral High School, 33 Calhoun Place, and the sister schools of Upper and Lower Cathedral Academy. Lower Cathedral Academy is located at 324 Frank Street and educates PreK through 3rd grade. Upper Cathedral Academy is located at 63 Pequonnock Street and educates students in grades 4-8.

Open Space/Parks

There are several parks within the Hollow neighborhood, including:

- Bulls Head, corner of Washington and Madison Avenues; passive park
- Lafayette Park, also known as Nanny Goat park, Oak Street; 1 playground, 1 hard court sport
- Pequonnock & Coleman Street park; passive green space

City/State/Federal Offices

City of Bridgeport Board of Education Maintenance Garage, 118 Madison Ave, provides maintenance services to all school facilities.

Places of Worship

Several houses of worship are located in the Hollow neighborhood, including, but not limited to, Fountain of Youth Bible Way Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Aery Baptist, Cathedral of Praise and Cathedral Parish (St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's).

4.8.E Development Activities/Plans

Redevelopment Plans

The Hollow Community Development Corporation created a strategic plan in 2005 which spoke to issues in the community such as blight removal, the need for off-street parking, increasing youth programs and

outdoor recreational areas, and landlord/tenant assistance programs.

4.8.F Zoning/Historic Districts

The Hollow neighborhood is predominantly zoned Residential-C (multi-family housing), but also has an abundance of Office-Retail (OR) and Residential-B (two-family housing). The R-C zone is found along both sides of Washington Avenue, and throughout the entire area between Pequonnock Street, North Avenue and Main Street. The R-B zone is found between Park Avenue and Pequonnock Street, while the OR zone is concentrated along the corridors of Main Street, North Avenue and Pequonnock Street, plus on several blocks in the northern portion of the neighborhood where a variety of different land uses are found.

The Sterling Hill national historic district is found on one block between Pequonnock and James Streets, Harral and Washington Avenues. Historic District Commission #1 oversees all exterior structural improvements within this district.

4.8.G Transportation

Bus Routes

- Several bus routes travel through or along the edge of the Hollow neighborhood.
- Route 3 connects the Westfield Trumbull Mall with the Bridgeport bus station via Madison and Washington Avenues in this neighborhood.
- Route 4 travels along Park Avenue to connect the Westfield Trumbull Mall with the Bridgeport bus station.
- Route 8 travels along Main Street to connect the Westfield Trumbull Mall with the bus station.
- Route 10 connects the towns of Stratford and Fairfield via Pequonnock Street in the Hollow.
- Route 17 travels Park Avenue in the Hollow, connecting Success Park with the Bridgeport bus station.