HOMETOWN TRIVIA · BETHEL, CT

How well do you know Bethel?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. About how many people lived in Bethel in 1950?

A. 5,100
B. 12,000
C. 2,000

2. In which census did Bethel first count more than 5,000 people?

A. 1950
B. 1920
C. 2010

3. Did Bethel have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

4. About how many people lived in Bethel in 1900?

A. 3,300
B. 8,600
C. 1,200

How well do you know Bethel?

5. Between 2010 and 2020, did Bethel grow or shrink?

A. It shrank

B. It grew

REMEMBER WHEN · BETHEL

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- In 1950 about 5,100 people lived in Bethel. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Bethel go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Bethel like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · BETHEL

Around Bethel

S A P A G R N H A C T T T F E
B A N D S T A N D P I C N I C
R R T S A L R O P R U U T R U
M W E C R T T R O L L E Y E V
C A L T A I O E S N S T K H N
H B I P E C A T T U S A D O R
U A B N N L C W O K I K I U O
R K R M S A T H F H L G I S W
C E A G F T L E F O M G Y E D
H R R D G O R V I B A S N T T
B Y Y S O I C E C R E A M S B
E N S H E O Y O E E N T R N L
L K C L Y N D N C T A O H T G
L S V A A B I G P A R A D E M
O S V U T D A A I E S K L H L

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] BETHEL
- [ ] CHURCHBELL
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 5,100 The 1950 census counted 5,104 people in Bethel.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethel,_Connecticut

2. 1950 The 1950 census counted 5,104 people in Bethel, up from 4,105 in 1940.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethel,_Connecticut

3. More in 2020 Bethel counted 8,200 people in 1960 and 20,358 in 2020.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethel,_Connecticut

4. 3,300 The 1900 census counted 3,327 people in Bethel.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethel,_Connecticut

5. It grew Bethel counted 18,584 people in 2010 and 20,358 in 2020.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethel,_Connecticut

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

S	A	P	A	G	R	N	H	A	C	T	T	T	F	E
B	A	N	D	S	T	A	N	D	P	I	C	N	I	C
R	R	T	S	A	L	R	O	P	R	U	U	T	R	U
M	W	E	C	R	T	T	R	O	L	L	E	Y	E	V
C	A	L	T	A	I	O	E	S	N	S	T	K	H	N
H	B	I	P	E	C	A	T	T	U	S	A	D	O	R
U	A	B	N	N	L	C	W	O	K	I	K	I	U	O
R	K	R	M	S	A	T	H	F	H	L	G	I	S	W
C	E	A	G	F	T	L	E	F	O	M	G	Y	E	D
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O	S	V	U	T	D	A	A	I	E	S	K	L	H	L

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Answers and sources (continued)

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