HOMETOWN TRIVIA · CANAAN, CT

# How well do you know Canaan?

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

**1.** In what year did Canaan become a town?

**A.** 1656
**B.** 1739
**C.** 1791

**2.** About how many people lived in Canaan in 1950?

**A.** 1,600
**B.** 710
**C.** 280

**3.** Did Canaan have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

**A.** More in 2020
**B.** More in 1960

**4.** About how many people lived in Canaan in 1900?

**A.** 2,100
**B.** 290
**C.** 820

# How well do you know Canaan?

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

**A.** It shrank

**B.** It grew

REMEMBER WHEN · CANAAN

# Let's talk about home

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

- In 1950 about 710 people lived in Canaan. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Canaan go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Canaan 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 · CANAAN

# Around Canaan

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- [ ] PARADE
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- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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# Answers and sources

**1. 1739** Canaan was incorporated as a town in 1739.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sots/register-manual-_-bluebook/sectionviii/dates-of-establishment-of-towns.pdf · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q753937

**2. 710** The 1950 census counted 708 people in Canaan.

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

**3. More in 2020** Canaan counted 790 people in 1960 and 1,080 in 2020.

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

**4. 820** The 1900 census counted 820 people in Canaan.

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

**5. It shrank** Canaan counted 1,234 people in 2010 and 1,080 in 2020.

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

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

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# Answers and sources (continued)

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