HOMETOWN TRIVIA · DURHAM, CT

How well do you know Durham?

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

1. In what year was Durham first settled?

A. 1751
B. 1638
C. 1699

2. About how many people lived in Durham in 1950?

A. 1,800
B. 4,100
C. 720

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

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

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

A. 310
B. 880
C. 2,300

How well do you know Durham?

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

A. It shrank

B. It grew

REMEMBER WHEN · DURHAM

Let's talk about home

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

- In 1950 about 1,800 people lived in Durham. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Durham go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Durham 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 · DURHAM

Around Durham

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

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

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Answers and sources

1. 1699 Durham was settled in 1699.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sots/register-manual-_-bluebook/sectionviii/dates-of-establishment-of-towns.pdf · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q753859

2. 1,800 The 1950 census counted 1,804 people in Durham.

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

3. More in 2020 Durham counted 3,096 people in 1960 and 7,152 in 2020.

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

4. 880 The 1900 census counted 884 people in Durham.

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

5. It shrank Durham counted 7,388 people in 2010 and 7,152 in 2020.

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

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

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

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Answers and sources (continued)

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