HOMETOWN TRIVIA · PRESTON, CT

How well do you know Preston?

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

1. In what year did Preston become a town?

A. 1687
B. 1761
C. 1626

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

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

3. About how many people lived in Preston in 1900?

A. 2,800
B. 7,300
C. 980

4. Which county is Preston in?

A. New London County
B. Fairfield County
C. Litchfield County

How well do you know Preston?

5. About how many people lived in Preston in 2020?

A. 1,700
B. 12,000
C. 4,800

REMEMBER WHEN · PRESTON

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 Preston. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Preston go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Preston 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 · PRESTON

Around Preston

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

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

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Answers and sources

1. 1687 Preston was incorporated as a town in 1687.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sots/register-manual-_-bluebook/sectionviii/dates-of-establishment-of-towns.pdf · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2446061

2. 1,800 The 1950 census counted 1,775 people in Preston.

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

3. 2,800 The 1900 census counted 2,807 people in Preston.

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

4. New London County Preston is in New London County, Connecticut.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2446061

5. 4,800 The 2020 census counted 4,788 people in Preston.

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

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

F	C	I	M	D	O	F	A	N	H	I	W	E	C	F
I	S	U	E	S	E	A	P	O	B	I	H	M	T	N
R	P	A	R	A	D	E	O	L	I	B	R	A	R	Y
E	S	I	E	L	V	C	S	O	I	O	T	I	P	N
H	C	U	L	N	A	H	T	N	R	N	O	N	N	B
O	I	S	S	C	H	O	O	L	H	O	U	S	E	A
U	A	A	R	E	N	T	F	B	H	O	T	T	C	N
S	U	T	S	A	S	G	F	Y	R	I	G	R	V	D
E	U	S	T	E	A	A	I	V	R	A	S	E	M	S
D	B	I	R	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	E	L	T
I	K	P	O	N	D	L	E	Y	I	E	E	T	I	A
N	H	P	I	C	N	I	C	U	G	I	E	I	T	N
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Answers and sources (continued)

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