

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY PROFILES 2023

MANSFIELD - A COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

INCORPORATED IN 1775



SQUARE MILES
20.7



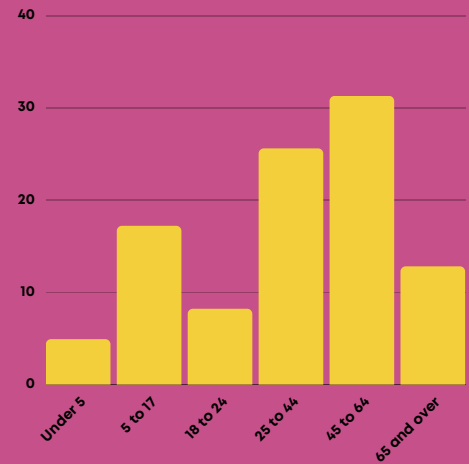
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS*
8,707
*AS OF 2021

POPULATION

AGE
DISTRIBUTION

POPULATION
23,823

HOUSEHOLDS
8,707



EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
95.4%

STATEWIDE GRADUATES
91.2%



BACHELOR'S OR HIGHER
53.2%

STATEWIDE BACHELOR'S OR HIGHER
53.2%

INCOME

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
\$122,274



STATE AVERAGE
\$89,026

HOUSING

MEDIAN SOLD HOME PRICE
\$456,300



STATEWIDE MEDIAN SOLD HOME PRICE
\$424,700

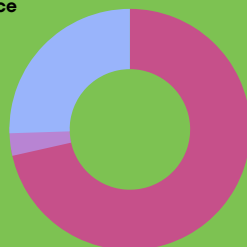
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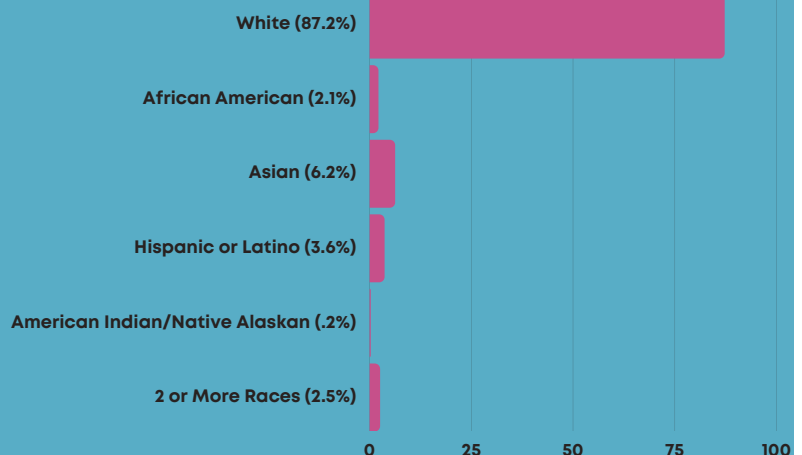
Not in Labor Force
25.5%

Unemployed
3%

Employed
71.5%



RACE & ETHNICITY



MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY PROFILE

YEAR IN REVIEW

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
FY2022



93,239

LIBRARY VISITORS



302

PROGRAMS
OFFERED



3,824

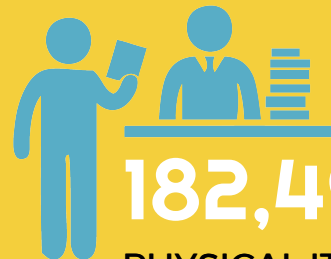
PROGRAM
ATTENDEES

10,561



WI-FI SESSIONS

50,381



182,499

PHYSICAL ITEMS
CHECKED OUT
(Books, Media, Audio)



3,640

PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS



6,606

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS



42,376

WEBSITE VISITS



57,059

DIGITAL ITEMS
DOWNLOADED OR
STREAMED

15,945

ACTIVE
BORROWERS



1,087

NEW CARDHOLDERS



Mansfield Public Library

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MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **August 2, 1884:** The Library opened in the selectmen's room of the Old Town Hall on the corner of Union and West Streets, with a collection of 1,319 books. The Old Town Hall burned down in 1970.
 - Alice W. Hallett served as the first librarian.
 - The initial borrowing rules were quite strict.
 - Readers had to be at least 16 years old.
 - Readers could only borrow one book at a time, which had to be returned within 14 days. Reserves were not permitted.
 - Delinquent borrowers were charged two cents per day for overdue books.
 - Borrowers had to select a book title from the catalog that the librarian maintained because the public wasn't permitted to access the area with the bookshelves.
- **1901:** Built at the corner of Union Street and Park Row to honor Mansfield men who fought in the Civil War, the Library moved to the Soldiers' Memorial Building. By this date, the collection included 3,470 books. The 1901 circulation was 10,845.
- **1987:** The Library joined the Automated Bristol Library Exchange (ABLE) network, which evolved into the current SAILS library network that runs and supports shared online catalog and circulation systems for many libraries in southeastern Massachusetts.
- **1989:** On May 15, the Library moved to its current location on Hope Street, into the building designed specifically for the Library and the Council on Aging. The grand opening and dedication of the new building was held on September 16.
- **1990:** The Library increased its overdue book fine for the first time in 106 years. At five cents a day, it was still a bargain!
- **1996:** Public internet access came to the Library!
- **2017:** The Teen Space was created.
- **2019:** The Library celebrated its 135th birthday and the 30th anniversary in its current location.
- **2021:** The Library introduced its Library of Things (LOT), a collection of non-traditional items for borrowing. The ever-expanding LOT collection includes a karaoke machine, ukulele, beginner's knitting kit, cake pans, and so much more!
- **2022:** The Library went fine free on most items in the collection.

