

Bloomfield Business and Community Guide

Everything you need to start, grow, and connect in Bloomfield.

Whether you're a business owner, an entrepreneur just getting started, a longtime Chamber member, or a Bloomfield resident exploring what our community has to offer, this guide was built with you in mind.

The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce has been a cornerstone of our local business community for decades, connecting people, supporting growth, and championing the businesses that make Bloomfield a great place to live, work, and invest. This resource guide is an extension of that mission, a curated collection of tools, programs, and connections designed to help you navigate resources available at the local, regional, and state levels.

We believe that when businesses thrive, communities thrive. We hope this guide serves as your starting point, and that the Bloomfield Chamber is always your first call.

Celebrating **60+** Years of Supporting Bloomfield Businesses



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What's your starting point?



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"I just joined the Chamber"

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Welcome to the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce! Whether you're launching a new business, growing an established one, or looking to expand your network, we're excited to have you here. Since 1965, the Chamber has been dedicated to supporting local businesses through advocacy, collaboration, and community engagement. Today, we're proud to bring together entrepreneurs, business leaders, and community partners who believe that when local businesses succeed, Bloomfield succeeds.

Membership Benefits 🧑‍🤝‍🧑

Bloomfield and Beyond

Gain access to the Tobacco Valley Chamber Alliance, expanding your reach across the region (including Bloomfield, Bradley Regional, East Windsor & Windsor Chambers).

Learn more at tobaccovalleychamber.org

Promote

Increase your visibility by advertising, sponsoring or hosting events, celebrating milestones with ribbon cuttings, and sharing your business news with the community.

Grow

Access valuable resources including business newsletters, professional development opportunities, Certificates of Origin verification, and advocacy on issues impacting Connecticut businesses.

Get Involved

Make a lasting impact by joining Chamber committees, supporting community initiatives, and volunteering at events that strengthen Bloomfield's business community.

Explore Membership Benefits →

bloomfieldchamber.org/membership



Our Events

From networking events and educational programs to signature celebrations like the annual Bloomfield Food Truck Festival, the Chamber offers opportunities year-round to connect, collaborate, and grow. However you choose to get involved, there's always a place for you.

- Morning Meet-Ups
- Monthly Mixers
- Food Truck Festival
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Bloomfield Small Business Networking
- Bloomfield Economic Development Forecast Breakfast
- Business Development
- Holiday Pop-Up market



Andrew Moran, CPP, [Merchant Solutions, LLC](#)

President, Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce

"When I joined the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, I quickly learned that membership is what you make it. The Chamber doesn't bring business to your door. **It opens doors. It gives you credibility, visibility, and a community of fellow business owners who understand what you're going through.**

As a small business owner, I know firsthand that showing up matters. Attending events, making connections, and being an active part of this community is what turns membership into real business value. The relationships I've built through the Chamber have been invaluable. Not just for referrals, but for advice, support, and partnership.

If you're considering joining or you're a new member wondering where to start, show up. Engage. Invest in the community the way the community will invest in you."

Every successful business is shaped by the community around it. Whether you're opening your first storefront or expanding an established business, the Town of Bloomfield offers services, leadership, and resources to help you navigate each step with confidence.

Nestled in the heart of Connecticut's Capitol Region, Bloomfield is a thriving community where business, innovation, and quality of life come together. Home to approximately 20,000 residents, the town offers convenient access to Hartford, Bradley International Airport, and major highways — making it an ideal place to live, work, and grow a business.



Starting a Business in Bloomfield?

Select any resource below to visit its website and learn more.

[Economic Development](#)

Supports business growth, expansion, and relocation by connecting businesses with local resources, incentives, and development opportunities.

[Town Leadership](#)

Meet the elected officials and Town leadership who guide Bloomfield's policies, economic initiatives, and community development.

[Permits & Business Registration](#)

Find the information and requirements needed to register your business, obtain permits, and navigate the local approval process.

[Building & Land Use](#)

Access zoning, planning, permitting, and development resources to help bring your business or project to life.

[Health & Safety Resources](#)

Access public health services, and emergency preparedness resources to help keep your business safe, and resilient.



"Bloomfield's diversity, strategic location, and strong sense of community make our town an undeniable first option for businesses looking for a place to grow and thrive. The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce helps turn that potential into action by connecting business owners with the people, partnerships, and resources they need to succeed. When our local government, business community, and residents work together, all of Bloomfield moves forward. One Team, One Fight!"

Alvin D. Schwapp Jr.

Town Manager, Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut

Bloomfield's local businesses are the heart of our community. From family-owned shops to neighborhood restaurants and service providers, each business contributes to the character and success of our town. Discover ways to support local, connect with Chamber members, and celebrate the businesses that make Bloomfield unique.

More Than a Purchase

Bloomfield's local businesses are more than places to spend money — they are where neighbors become friends, where ideas turn into livelihoods, and where community gets built one transaction at a time.

When you choose to shop local, you're investing in the people and places that make Bloomfield feel like home.



How to Support Local

Shop first, search second — Before going online, check if a local business offers what you need

Leave a review — A positive Google or Yelp review goes a long way for a small business

Follow and share — Support local businesses on social media and share their posts

Attend Chamber events — Mixers, ribbon cuttings, and community events are great ways to connect with local business owners

Refer a friend — Word of mouth is still the most powerful marketing tool a small business has

Find our Member Directory here.
bloomfieldchamber.org



Donna Hubbs

Co-Owner, [D&D Travel Services](#)

"As a 30+ year member of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and presently a Board Member, I greatly believe in the value of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

My husband, Dennis, and I have owned D & D Travel Services, LLC in Bloomfield for over 30 years. In the beginning, we were just a small mom and pop, working out of our home, trying to build a business. **Joining the Chamber of Commerce gave us a credibility and substance we could not have attained otherwise.** Back then, in the early 1990's, travel agents worked in storefronts. There were not many of us working from home. This membership lent a credibility and worth that made people more confident to book with us.

Today, we have proven ourselves and built a business to be proud of. We credit the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, with their networking opportunities and branding to have helped us do that."



Starting a Business In Connecticut

Starting a business is more than opening your doors. It's about bringing an idea to life and creating something that serves your community. While the journey may come with questions and challenges, you don't have to navigate it alone. Bloomfield and Connecticut are home to organizations that are committed to helping entrepreneurs gain the knowledge, confidence, and support they need to succeed.

Getting Started: Step by Step

Step 1 – Define your idea

Clarify your business concept, target audience, and what problem you're solving.

Step 2 – Choose your structure

LLC, corporation, or sole proprietorship – each has different tax and liability implications.

business.ct.gov

Step 3 – Register your business

File with the state through Connecticut's official business portal.

[CT.gov Business Services](https://CT.gov/BusinessServices)

Step 4 – Check local zoning and permits

Verify zoning rules and obtain required local permits through the Town of Bloomfield.

bloomfieldct.gov/Planning-Zoning

Step 5 – Get licensed

Certain industries require state or local licenses. Check CT.gov for requirements specific to your business type.

business.ct.gov

Step 6 – Get free support

Connect with SCORE, the Chamber, or SBA for mentoring, funding guidance, and local networking.

[SCORE Greater Hartford](https://SCOREGreaterHartford.org) | [SBA CT Office](https://SBACTOffice.org) | bloomfieldchamber.org



Statewide Business Support

[CT Department of Economic & Community Development \(DECD\)](#)

State agency for economic development – business incentives, funding programs, and investment support for CT businesses.

[Economic Digest \(DECD\)](#)

CT DECD's research publication covering economic trends and business data across Connecticut.

[AdvanceCT](#)

A statewide economic development organization connecting businesses with growth opportunities and resources across Connecticut.

[Connecticut Business & Industry Association \(CBIA\)](#)

Connecticut's leading business advocacy organization, offering policy resources, HR tools, and business education for employers statewide.



John Raj

Founder & CEO,

[Manifold Manufacturing LLC](https://ManifoldManufacturingLLC.com)

"One of the keys to growing my business has been building a strong support network through the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Whether it's **guidance, referrals, or valuable connections**, having a trusted network reminds you that you're not navigating the challenges of business alone."

Access to capital can be one of the most important investments in your business's future. Whether you're purchasing equipment, expanding operations, or preparing for your next phase of growth, the right financial support can help turn your vision into reality. With a variety of funding opportunities and financial programs available, businesses of every size can find resources to help them move forward with confidence.

Discover Your Support System

Loans & Financing

[HEDCO](#)

Provides financing, business advising, and educational programs to help entrepreneurs start, and sustain their businesses.

[SBA Loan Programs](#)

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a variety of loan programs to help businesses start, expand, purchase equipment, or invest in commercial property.

Retirement & Employee Benefits

[MyCT Savings](#)

Connecticut's state-sponsored retirement savings program helps eligible employers provide an easy-to-manage retirement benefit for their employees.

Business Networks & Community Support

[Women's Business Development Council \(WBDC\)](#)

Supports women entrepreneurs through business advising, educational programs, networking opportunities, and access to funding resources.

[Spanish American Merchants Association \(SAMA\)](#)

Provides business development services, financing opportunities, training, and advocacy for Hispanic-owned businesses and entrepreneurs throughout Connecticut.

[Hispanic Federation](#)

Offers programs and resources that support Latino entrepreneurs through small business assistance, economic development initiatives, and community partnerships.

[Black Business Alliance \(BBA\)](#)

Connects Black entrepreneurs with business resources, mentorship, funding opportunities, and networking programs that support long-term business growth.

[US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce](#)

Supports Asian American and Pacific Islander business owners through networking, business development programs, and connections to corporate and government contracting.



Thao Nguyen & Hieu Nguyen

Owner & Co-Owner,

[Contours Salon and MedSpa](#)

"There are more resources available to small businesses than many people realize, you just have to ask and stay connected. The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce helped us **build relationships** from the very beginning by supporting our grand opening, **introducing us** to local leaders, and keeping us **informed** about opportunities and community resources. Our advice to other business owners is to get involved early, because those connections can lead you to grants, workforce programs, and other resources that can help your business grow."

Success starts with people. Whether you're hiring your next employee, exploring a new career path, or looking to develop new skills, a strong workforce creates opportunities for everyone. Bloomfield's workforce partners are committed to connecting employers with talent and helping individuals achieve their professional goals. Together, these resources help build a stronger workforce, a stronger business community, and a stronger Bloomfield.

Grow Your Team

For employers building a stronger workforce.

[Capitol Workforce Partners](#)

Connects employers with qualified talent through recruitment services, and workforce development solutions.

[American Job Centers](#)

Provides no-cost hiring support, including job postings, candidate recruitment, screening services, and workforce training resources.

[Seniors Job Bank](#)

Connects employers with experienced professionals aged 55+ who are seeking part-time, flexible, or project-based employment.

[CT Department of Labor](#)

Offers guidance on hiring, labor laws, unemployment, and workforce programs throughout Connecticut.

[CT Paid Leave Authority](#)

Provides employers with information and resources to help navigate Connecticut's Paid Family and Medical Leave program and remain compliant.

Grow Your Career

For job seekers exploring new opportunities.

[Capitol Workforce Partners](#)

Provides career coaching, job training, and employment services that connect job seekers with opportunities throughout the Greater Hartford region.

[American Job Centers](#)

Offers free career services, including résumé assistance, interview preparation, skills training, career counseling, and job placement support.

[Seniors Job Bank](#)

Helps adults aged 55+ connect with flexible, part-time, and meaningful employment opportunities with local employers.

[Job & Unemployment Resources](#)

Explore job search tools, unemployment assistance, and career resources designed to help you navigate your next professional opportunity.



Chris Davis

Senior Vice President of Public Policy, [CBIA](#)

"A successful business doesn't operate in isolation. Connecticut employers can benefit from a wide range of workforce and economic development resources available through state and regional partners and through organizations like the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and CBIA that play a critical role in connecting businesses to those opportunities while amplifying their voice on issues that impact growth and competitiveness. Taking advantage of these support systems can strengthen workforce pipelines, reduce hiring challenges, and improve a company's long-term competitiveness."



The Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) is the state's largest business organization, representing companies of all sizes and industries. Through advocacy, HR and employment resources, workforce insights, and legislative updates, CBIA helps employers stay informed, competitive, and prepared for the future. cbia.com



Business is about more than transactions. Business is about building relationships, creating opportunities, and strengthening the community around us. From local organizations and networking events to volunteer initiatives and community partnerships, Bloomfield offers countless ways to get involved. Together, these connections help businesses grow, inspire collaboration, and make Bloomfield a stronger place to live, work, and do business.

Get Connected

[Prosser Public Library](#)

Bloomfield's public library is more than a place to borrow books. It's a community hub offering free programming, digital resources, meeting spaces, and events for residents of all ages.

[West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District](#)

The joint health district serving Bloomfield residents with public health programs, wellness resources, and emergency preparedness support. They're here to help keep our community healthy and prepared.

[Bloomfield Social & Youth Services](#)

A town department dedicated to supporting Bloomfield residents at every stage of life. From youth programs and after-school activities to social services and community support.

[Bloomfield Parks & Recreation](#)

The Parks and Recreation Department oversees Bloomfield's parks, recreational facilities, and year-round programs that bring the community together. From seasonal events and fitness classes to beautiful outdoor spaces, they help make Bloomfield a welcoming place to live, work, and play.



 Saturday, September 19, 2026

 3:00–7:30 PM

 Bloomfield Town Green

Join us at the Bloomfield Food Truck Festival!

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, live entertainment, local vendors, and family-friendly fun at one of the Bloomfield Chamber's signature community events. Whether you're attending, sponsoring, or showcasing your business as a vendor, there's a place for everyone to be part of the celebration.

Learn more [here](#)

Discover more ways to get involved at
bloomfieldchamber.org



Cindi A. Lloyd

Deputy Mayor, Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut

"Strong civic leadership, working hand in hand with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, can create an environment where businesses are **supported**, entrepreneurs are **encouraged**, and have access to **greater economic opportunities**. By fostering partnerships, promoting local investment, and engaging the community in shared goals, Bloomfield can continue to strengthen its economy while preserving the character and diversity that make it a remarkable place to live. The annual Food Truck Festival is a perfect example of this, thanks to the Chamber. Together, municipal leaders, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and residents can build a vibrant, welcoming Bloomfield where engagement, opportunity, and community pride allow everyone to thrive."

Why Bloomfield?

Bloomfield is more than a great place to live — it's a smart place to do business. Here's a snapshot of what makes our community a strong foundation for growth.

Our Economy

- 2,411 active businesses call Bloomfield home
- 19,646 total jobs across all industries
- Top industries include Finance & Insurance, Healthcare, and Manufacturing
- Major employers include Cigna, Kaman, HomeGoods, and World Class Distribution (Trader Joe's)

Our Community

- Population of 21,547 residents
- Median household income of \$97,436 — above the state average
- One of Connecticut's most diverse communities
- Median age of 47, with a well-educated and experienced workforce

Our Location

- Just 10 minutes west of Hartford
- 1.5 million people within a 45-minute radius
- Easy access to I-84, I-91, and Bradley International Airport
- Average commute time of just 24 minutes

Our Fiscal Health

- Moody's Credit Rating: Aa2
- S&P Credit Rating: AA+
- A financially stable town with a strong track record of investment



Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
Official State Flower of Connecticut

Ready to grow in Bloomfield?

Connect with Bloomfield's Planning and Zoning department for information on available sites, zoning requirements, and development opportunities.

bloomfieldct.gov/190/Planning-Zoning



Quick Reference Guide

Your one-stop directory for the organizations, programs, and resources featured throughout this guide.

01 — Welcome

[Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Events](#)

[Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance](#)

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[Women's Business Development Council \(WBDC\)](#)

[MyCTsavings](#)

06 — Workforce & Employment

[Capitol Workforce Partners](#)

[American Job Centers](#)

[Seniors Job Bank](#)

[CT Department of Labor — Employers](#)

[CT Paid Leave Authority](#)

[Job & Unemployment Resources](#)

[Connecticut Business & Industry Association \(CBIA\)](#)

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[West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District](#)

[Bloomfield Social & Youth Services](#)

[Bloomfield Parks & Recreation](#)

[Bloomfield Food Truck Festival](#)



Get started and join today. For more information about a membership or to discuss how the Chamber can support your business, contact vera@bloomfieldchamber.org.

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Town Profile

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Bloomfield, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2019–2023	Bloomfield	State
Current Population	21,547	3,598,348
Land Area <i>mi</i> ²	26	4,842
Population Density <i>people per mi</i> ²	826	743
Number of Households	8,992	1,420,170
Median Age	47	41
Median Household Income	\$97,436	\$93,760
Poverty Rate	7%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2023 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Finance and Insurance <i>Insurance Carriers & Related Activities</i>	3,369	51%
2 Health Care and Social Assistance <i>Ambulatory Health Care Services</i>	3,026	51%
3 Manufacturing <i>Transportation Equip Mfg</i>	2,831	94%
4 Government <i>Local Government</i>	2,002	63%
5 Transportation and Warehousing <i>Warehousing and Storage</i>	1,853	83%
Total Jobs, All Industries	19,646	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2025

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	330	378	362	345	321

Total Active Businesses 2,411

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2025

- 1 Cigna
- 2 Kaman
- 3 HomeGoods Distribution Center
- 4 World Class Distribution (Trader Joe's)
- 5 Seabury

Demographics

ACS, 2019–2023

Age Distribution

	Bloomfield	State
Under 10	1,745	10%
10 to 19	1,828	13%
20 to 29	2,347	13%
30 to 39	2,988	13%
40 to 49	2,549	12%
50 to 59	3,047	14%
60 to 69	2,936	13%
70 to 79	2,048	8%
80 and over	2,059	4%

Race and Ethnicity

	Bloomfield	State
Asian	4%	5%
Black	54%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	8%	18%
White	30%	63%
Other	5%	5%

Hispanic includes those of any race. Remaining racial groups include only non-hispanic. 'Other' includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, two or more races.

Language Spoken at Home

	Bloomfield	State
English	77	82%
Spanish	6	13%

Educational Attainment

	Bloomfield	State
High School Diploma Only	23	26%
Associate Degree	7	8%
Bachelor's Degree	20	23%
Master's Degree or Higher	19	20%

Housing

ACS, 2019–2023

	Bloomfield	State
Median Home Value	\$269,000	\$343,200
Median Rent	\$1,681	\$1,431
Housing Units	9,544	1,536,049

	Bloomfield	State
Owner-Occupied	66	70%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	71%
Vacant	6	8%

Schools

CT Department of Education, 2024-25

School Districts

	Available Grades	Total Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	4-Year Grad Rate (2022-23)
Bloomfield School District	PK-12	1,897	326	89%
Statewide	-	508,402	20,762	88%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2023-24

	Math	ELA
Bloomfield School District	23%	32%
Statewide	44%	49%

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Bloomfield, Connecticut

Labor Force

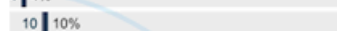
CT Department of Labor, 2024

	Bloomfield	State
Employed	11,394	1,842,285
Unemployed	441	67,181

Unemployment Rate



Self-Employment Rate*



*ACS, 2019–2023

Catchment Areas of 15mi, 30mi, and 60mi



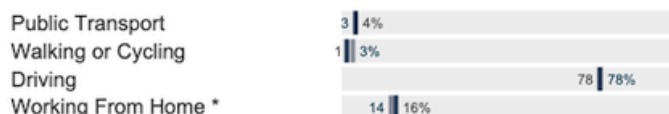
Access

ACS, 2019–2023

Mean Commute Time * 24 min 26 min



Commute Mode



Public Transit

CT transit Service	Hartford metro
Other Public Bus Operations	-
Train Service	-

* 5 year estimates include pre-pandemic data

Fiscal Indicators

CT Office of Policy and Management, State FY 2021-22

Municipal Revenue

Total Revenue	\$100,909,048
Property Tax Revenue	\$84,931,102
per capita	\$3,939
per capita, as % of state avg.	120%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$12,801,323
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	97%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	\$104,289,901
Educational	\$53,965,391
Other	\$50,324,510

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	\$3,856,242,814
per capita	\$178,861
per capita, as % of state avg.	100%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	30%
Actual Mill Rate	35.58
Equalized Mill Rate	21.89

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2024)	Aa2
S&P Rating (2024)	AA+
Total Indebtedness	\$57,470,638
per capita	\$2,666
per capita, as % of state avg.	91%
as percent of expenditures	55%
Annual Debt Service	\$7,107,110
as % of expenditures	7%

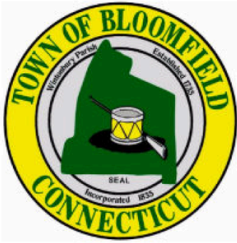
About Town Profiles

The Connecticut Town Profiles are two-page reports of demographic and economic information for each of Connecticut's 169 municipalities. Reports for data are available from profiles.ctdata.org

Feedback is welcome, and should be directed to info@ctdata.org

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Town Map



Critical Infrastructure

- ! Education
- Government
- \$ Public Safety

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Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Map

Economic Dev. Districts

- TIF Blue Hills
- TIF Town Center
- TIF Tobey Rd

