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Manchester Today



5,467 Residents

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1,243 under 18 years

23.2%

2,212 \$197,875 Households Median

Median Household Income 84% BA or higher

of Population

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Population Growth Rates by Decade





Age Demographics

	Manchester	US	Massachusetts	Essex County
Median Age	48.2	38.7	40.0	41.1
Percent of Population Under 18 yrs	23.2%	21.7%	19.2%	18.5%
Percent of Population 65 Yrs & Older	25.5%	17.7%	18.5%	19.1%







Drive Alone Car Pool Transit Walk to Work Other Means Work from Home



All Businesses

Business Establishments & Jobs 2010 to 2024



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J	2010	2014	2019	2020	2024
-Establishments	218	219	209	217	222
-Employees	1584	1682	1587	1546	1506



Retail Trade Businesses

Retail Trade Businesses & Jobs 2010 to 2024





Restaurants: Businesses & Jobs 2010 to 2024

Food Services & Restaurants





Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation Businesses & Jobs 2010 to 2024

Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation



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U	2010	2014	2019	2020	2024
-Establishments	8	12	10	10	11
Employees	241	235	301	264	217

Downtown Manchester Market Overview

5-Minute Drive Time



Primary Trade Area

10-Minute Drive Time



Secondary Trade Area

15-Minute Drive Time



Reach Trade Area



Manchester could support more retail

	Primary Trade Area		Secondary Trade Area		Reach Trade Area	
	5-Minute	Drive Time	10-Minute	e Drive Time	15-Minute	Drive Time
Demand	\$	169.1 Million	\$	407.1 Million	\$ 1	.317 Billion
Supply	\$	34.8 Million	\$	66.4 Million	\$	661.9 Million
Opportunity	\$	134.3 Million	\$	340.7 Million	\$	655.3 Million



Four Point Main Street Approach for Creating & Sustaining Vibrant Downtowns

- 1. Promotion
- 2. Organization
- 3. Design
- 4. Economic Vitality



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