

Immigration and Eastern Connecticut: Census Data

NAME: _____ PER: _____

DATA	Griswold	Jewett City	Plainfield	Norwich	New London	New Haven
Total Population						
%Male						
%Female						
% Black or African American						
% American Indian						
% Asian						
% other race						
% Hispanic or Latino						
% High School Graduate						
% Bachelors Degree or higher						
Per capita income						
% families below poverty level						
Median household value						

Follow-up questions:

1. Look at the fact sheets for Griswold and Jewett City. What numbers/statistics surprised you and why?

2. Compare New London to Norwich. With total population being close together, why do you think the poverty levels are higher in Norwich?

3. Griswold, Jewett City, and Plainfield are smaller, rural communities, while Norwich, New London, and New Haven are considered urban centers. What are the major differences between urban and rural Connecticut based on the information from the charts?

4. How is the data from the fact sheet misleading about the impact of immigration on Griswold?

5. Plainfield is our major rival and neighbor to the north. In what ways is Plainfield similar to Griswold? What are the differences? What (do you think) accounts for the higher levels of poverty and lower incomes of Plainfield compared to Griswold?

6. Which is the most diverse (ethnically) community from your packet? Why (in your opinion) is that community more racially diverse compared to all the others?

7. 11.1% of all people in the United States are foreign born. How does that number compare to the cities/towns in your packet? Which city has the highest % of foreign born residents? Which has the lowest? In your opinion (based on your knowledge and the fact sheets), do you see the demographics (make-up) of Connecticut changing greatly in the next 10 years because of immigration? What supports your position?