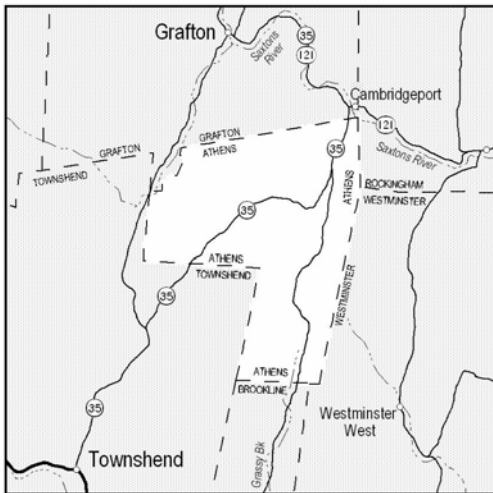


TOWN OF ATHENS

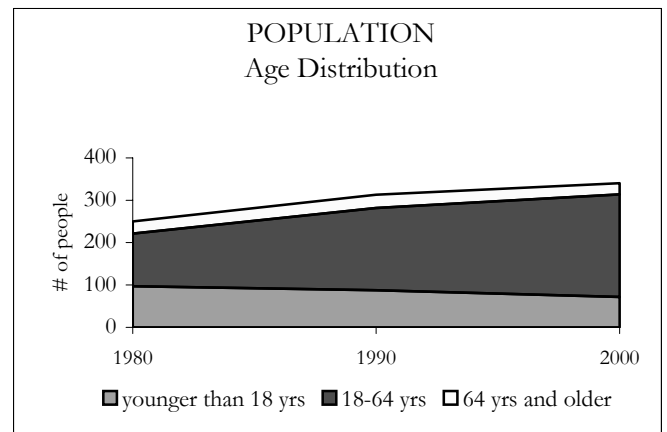
Town Profile 2005

(2000 U.S. Census)



POPULATION ¶¶

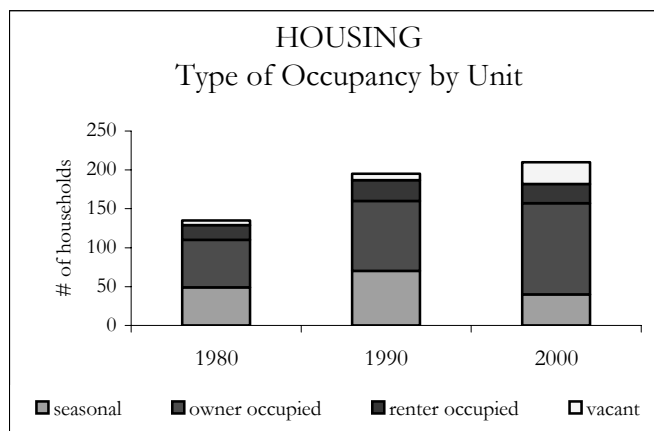
- ¶ In 2000, the median age of the town's population was 41, up from 35 in 1990. The median age in the region also increased from 36 in 1990 to 40 in 2000.
- ¶ Athens' population made up 1% of the region's 46,449 people in 2000.
- ¶ Athens ranked as the 5th smallest town in the Windham Region in 2000. In 1990, the Town also ranked 5th smallest with a population of 313.



- ¶ The population of Athens increased 36% between 1980-2000, from 250 to 340 people.
- ¶ Population density in 2000 was 26.1 persons per square mile, a 6% increase from 24.6 persons per square mile in 1990.
- ¶ 8% of the population in 2000 was 64 years or older while 6% of the population was 5 years or younger.
- ¶ Between 1990 and 2000, the town's population increased 9%. The region experienced a 5% growth during those same years.

HOUSING ¶

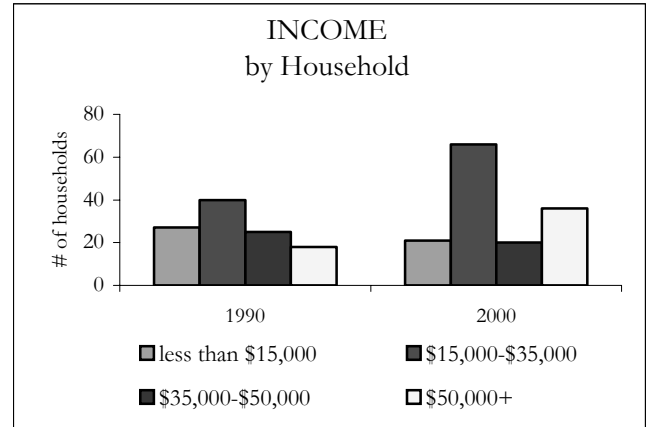
- ¶ Athens had 142 households in 2000, up from 110 in 1990.
- ¶ There was a 367% increase in vacant housing units between 1980 and 2000.



- ¶ Between 1990-2000, the total number of housing units increased by 8%. There was a 43% decrease in seasonal units and a 30% increase in owner occupied unit.
- ¶ The average household size in Athens decreased from 2.7 persons in 1990 to 2.39 persons in 2000. The region's average household size also decreased during this period, from 2.49 in 1990 to 2.35 in 2000.
- ¶ Athens' share of the region's seasonal housing supply remained steady at less than 1% in 1990 (70 units) and in 2000 (40 units).
- ¶ The median gross rent in 2000 was \$475, down from \$560 (adjusted to 2000 dollars) in 1990. The region's median gross rent in 2000 was \$552.

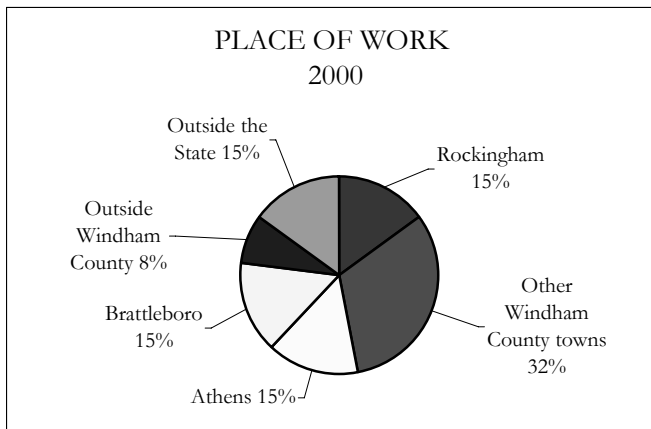
INCOME

- ❖ The median household income in 2000 was \$31,172 down from the 1990 median household income of \$36,598 (adjusted to 2000 dollars).
- ❖ In 2000, 15% of all households earned less than \$15,000 per year while in 1990, 25% earned less than \$15,000 per year.
- ❖ In 2000, 39% of all households earned more than \$35,000 per year, the same percentage as in 1990.
- ❖ 8% of households received public assistance in 2000, down from 13% in 1990.
- ❖ 18% of households received social security income in 2000, down from 28% in 2000.



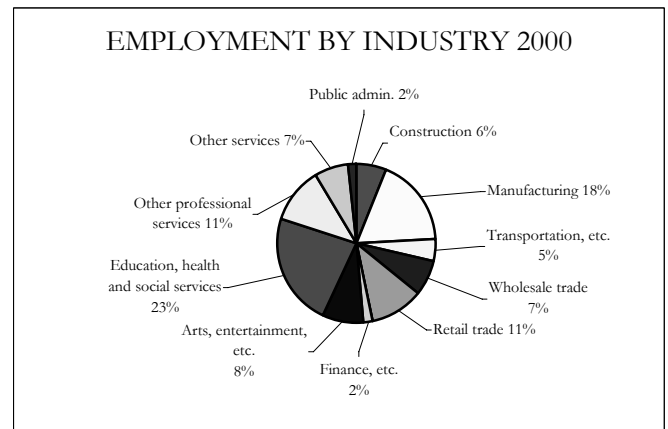
- ❖ 12% of the Town's population fell below the poverty level in 2000. 9% of the population of the Windham Region and 9% of the population of the State fell below the poverty level 2000.

EMPLOYMENT



- ❖ Athens residents traveled an average of 25.7 minutes to work in 2000, a slight increase from 25.5 minutes in 1990. The regional average travel time increased 22% from 1990 (18.9 minutes) to 2000 (22 minutes).
- ❖ In 2000, 12% of employed workers residing in Athens worked at home or walked to work, up from 8% in 1990.
- ❖ 74% of Athens residents drove alone to work in 2000 while 71% drove alone in 1990. The number of residents carpooling to work dropped from 15% in 1990 to 11% in 2000.

- ❖ In 2000, the Education, Health and Social Service industries employed the largest percentage of employed workers residing in Athens (23%).
- ❖ The number of employed workers residing in Athens who were age 16 and older increased 47% between 1990 and 2000.
- ❖ Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and mining had the largest decrease of Athens residents employed in those industries between 1990 and 2000.



POPULATION						
Age	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
younger than 18	97	88	72	-9%	-18%	-26%
18-64 yrs	124	194	242	56%	25%	95%
64 yrs and older	29	31	26	7%	-16%	-10%
total population	250	313	340	25%	9%	36%
Median age (years)	27	35	41			

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Income (actual)	1990	2000	% of Households 1990	% of Households 2000
less than \$15,000	27	21	25%	15%
\$15,000-\$35,000	40	66	36%	46%
\$35,000-\$50,000	25	20	23%	14%
\$50,000+	18	36	16%	25%
total number of households	110	143	100%	100%
Median household income (adjusted to 2000 dollars ¹)	\$36,598	\$31,172		
Median household income (unadjusted)	\$27,778	\$31,172		

¹Adjusted income calculated by using the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Consumer Price Index Calculator

HOUSING						
Unit type	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
seasonal	49	70	40	43%	-43%	-18%
owner occupied	61	90	117	48%	30%	92%
renter occupied	19	27	25	42%	-7%	32%
vacant	6	8	28	33%	250%	367%
total units	135	195	210	44%	8%	56%
Average household size	3.13	2.7	2.39	-14%	-11%	-24%
Number of households	78	110	142	41%	29%	82%

TRAVEL TO WORK		
How people get to work	1990	2000
Drive Alone	71%	74%
Carpool	15%	11%
Public Transportation	4%	0%
Work at Home or Walk	8%	12%
Other Means	2%	3%
Average travel time (minutes)	25.5	25.7

PLACE OF WORK 2000	
Town	Percent
Rockingham	15%
Other Windham County Towns	32%
Athens	15%
Brattleboro	15%
Outside Windham County	8%
Outside of State	15%

EMPLOYMENT		
Workplace	1990	2000
out of town	85%	15%
in town	89%	11%

NEED INDICATORS		
Indicator	1990	2000
households receiving social security income	28%	18%
household receiving public assistance	13%	8%
persons below poverty level	16%	12%
families with children under the age of 18, headed by a female with no husband present	4%	23%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF ATHENS RESIDENTS, AGE 16 AND OLDER					
Industry	1990	2000	% Employed	% Employed	% Change
			1990	2000	1990-2000
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	10	0	8%	0%	-100%
Construction	21	12	16%	6%	-43%
Manufacturing	25	35	19%	18%	40%
Transportation and warehousing, & other public utilities	12	9	9%	5%	-25%
Wholesale trade	2	14	1%	7%	600%
Retail trade	14	21	10%	11%	50%
Information and communication	0	0	0%	0%	--
Finance, insurance and real estate, rental and leasing	6	4	4%	2%	-33%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food	5	16	4%	8%	220%
Educational, health and social services	16	45	12%	23%	181%
Other professional services	5	22	4%	11%	340%
Other services	7	14	5%	7%	100%
Public administration	10	3	8%	2%	-70%
total employed	133	195	100%	100%	47%

Note: Percent change values should be viewed carefully in towns with a small population as a small change in actual numbers may result in a large percent change value.

SOURCES:

MAP: Windham Regional Commission GIS Service Center

POPULATION: U.S. Census, SF3 (2000), STF3 file (1980 and 1990)

INCOME: U.S. Census, DP-3 file (2000), STF3 file (1990);

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PLACE OF WORK: U.S. Census, Commuting Worker Flow Files (2000), Transportation Planning Package (1990)

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY: U.S. Census, DP-3 file (2000), STF3 file (1990)

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