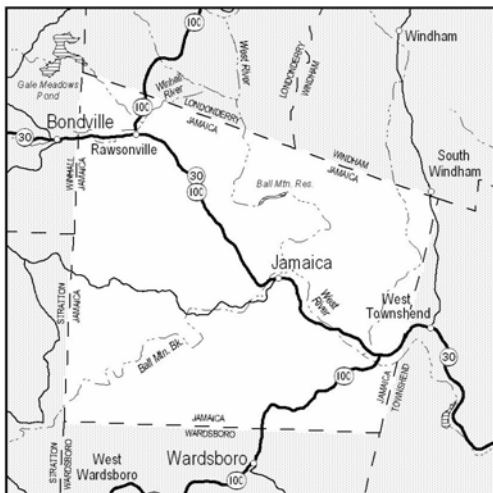


# TOWN OF JAMAICA

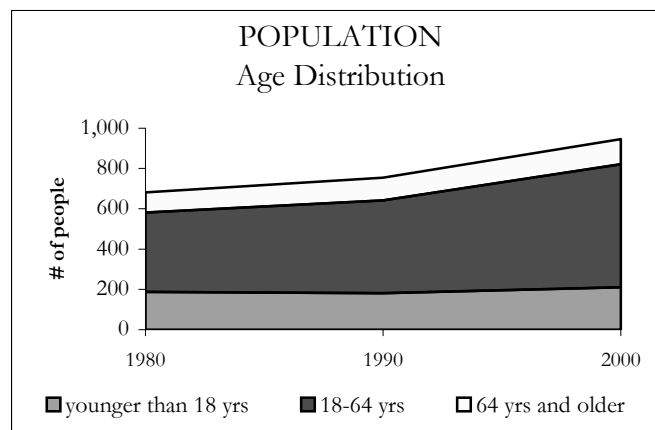
## Town Profile 2005

(2000 U.S. Census)



### POPULATION

- In 2000, the median age of the town's population was 38, which was up from 36 in 1990. The median age in the region also increased from 36 in 1990 to 40 in 2000.
- Jamaica's population accounted for 2% of the region's 46,449 people in 2000.
- Jamaica ranked as the fifteenth largest town in the Windham Region in 2000. In 1990, the Town ranked sixteenth with a population of 754.

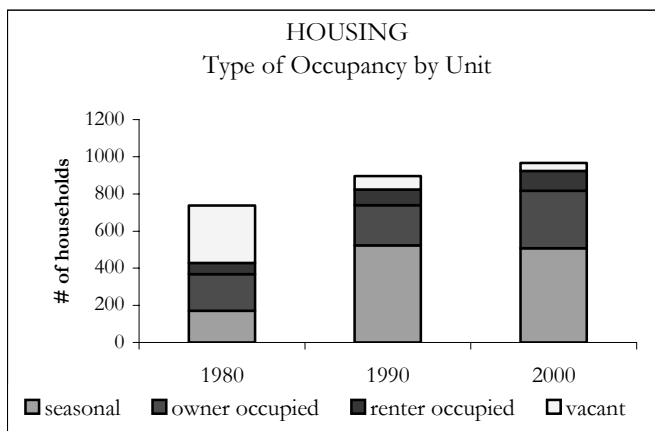


- The population of Jamaica increased 39% between 1980-2000, from 681 to 946 people.
- Population density in 2000 was 19.2 persons per square mile, a 24% increase from 15.5 persons per square mile in 1990.
- 13% of the population in 2000 was 64 years or older while 7% of the population was 5 years or younger.
- Between 1990 and 2000, the town's population increased 25%. The region experienced a 5% growth during those same years.






### HOUSING

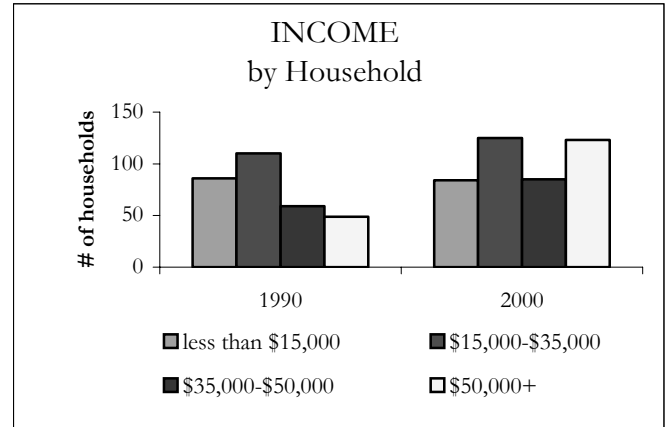
- Jamaica had 416 households in 2000, up from 304 in 1990.
- There was an 86% decrease in vacant housing units between 1980 and 2000.


- Between 1990-2000, the total number of housing units increased by 8%. There was a 3% decrease in seasonal units and a 43% increase in owner occupied units.
- The average household size in Jamaica decreased from 2.52 persons in 1990 to 2.27 persons in 2000. The region's average household size also decreased during this period, from 2.49 in 1990 to 2.35 in 2000.
- Jamaica's share of the region's seasonal housing supply remained steady at 6% in 1990 (523 units) and in 2000 (507 units).
- The median gross rent in 2000 was \$571, down from \$652 (adjusted to 2000 dollars) in 1990. The region's median gross rent in 2000 was \$552.



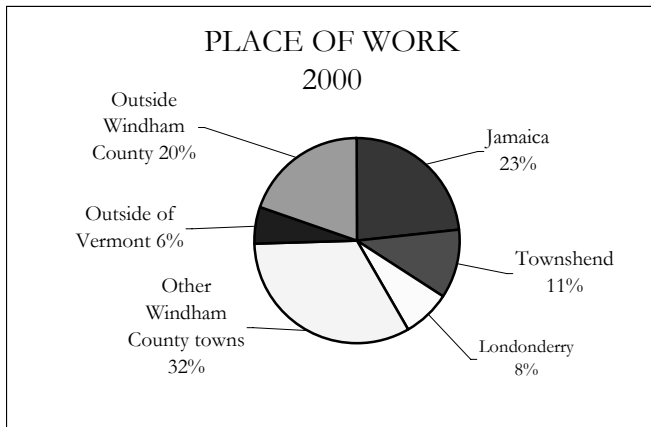
## INCOME




-  The median household income in 2000 was \$34,917, down from the 1990 median household income of \$36,598 (adjusted to 2000 dollars).
-  In 2000, 20% of all households earned less than \$15,000 per year while in 1990, 28% earned less than \$15,000 per year.
-  In 2000, 50% of all households earned more than \$35,000 per year while in 1990, 35% earned more than \$35,000 per year.
-  4% of households received public assistance in 2000.
-  26% of households received social security income in 2000.






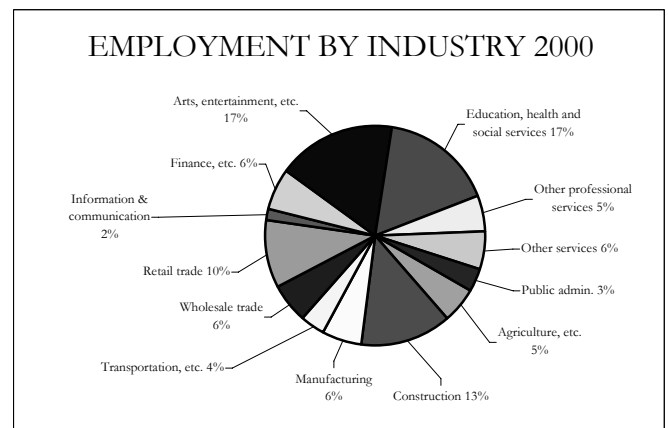
-  10% of the population fell below the poverty level in 2000. 9% of the population of the Windham Region and 9% of the population of the State fell below the poverty level in 2000.

## EMPLOYMENT



-  Jamaica residents traveled an average of 22.2 minutes to work in 2000, an increase from 19.4 minutes in 1990. The regional average travel time increased 22% from 1990 (18.9 minutes) to 2000 (22 minutes).
-  In 2000, 9% of employed workers residing in Jamaica worked at home or walked to work, down from 19% in 1990.
-  76% of Jamaica residents drove alone to work in 2000 while 68% drove alone in 1990. The number of residents carpooling to work dropped slightly from 14% in 1990 to 13% in 2000.

-  In 2000, the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food service industries and the education, health, and social services industries employed the largest percentage of employed workers residing in Jamaica (17% each).
-  The number of employed workers residing in Jamaica who were age 16 and older increased 58% between 1990 and 2000.
-  Retail trade experienced the largest decrease of Jamaica residents employed in that industry between 1990 and 2000.



POPULATION						
Age	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
younger than 18	187	181	211	-3%	17%	13%
18-64 yrs	394	461	610	17%	32%	55%
64 yrs and older	100	112	125	12%	12%	25%
total population	681	754	946	11%	25%	39%
<b>Median age (years)</b>	32	36	38			

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Income (actual)	1990	2000	% of Households 1990	% of Households 2000
less than \$15,000	86	84	28%	20%
\$15,000-\$35,000	110	125	36%	30%
\$35,000-\$50,000	59	85	19%	20%
\$50,000+	49	123	16%	30%
total number of households	304	417	100%	100%
Median household income (adjusted to 2000 dollars <sup>1</sup> )	\$36,598	\$34,917		
Median household income (unadjusted)	\$27,778	\$34,917		

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted income calculated by using the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Consumer Price Index

HOUSING						
Unit type	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
seasonal	171	523	507	206%	-3%	196%
owner occupied	197	216	309	10%	43%	57%
renter occupied	61	84	107	38%	27%	75%
vacant	308	73	44	-76%	-40%	-86%
total units	737	896	967	22%	8%	31%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.64	2.52	2.27	-5%	-10%	-14%
<b>Number of households</b>	276	304	416	10%	37%	51%

TRAVEL TO WORK		
How people get to work	1990	2000
Drive Alone	68%	76%
Carpool	13%	14%
Public Transportation	0%	1%
Work at Home or Walk	19%	9%
Other Means	0%	0%
Average travel time (minutes)	19.4	22.2

PLACE OF WORK 2000	
Town	Percent
Jamaica	23%
Townshend	11%
Londonderry	8%
Other Windham County Towns	32%
Outside of State	6%
Outside Windham County	20%

EMPLOYMENT		
Workplace	1990	2000
out of town	66%	77%
in town	34%	23%

NEED INDICATORS		
Indicator	1990	2000
social security recipients	25%	26%
public assistance recipients	7%	4%
persons below poverty level	15%	10%
families with children under the age of 18, headed by a female with no husband present	13%	16%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
Industry	1990	2000	% Employed 1990	% Employed 2000	% Change 1990-2000
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	19	28	6%	5%	47%
Construction	43	70	13%	13%	63%
Manufacturing	45	32	13%	6%	-29%
Transportation and warehousing, & other public utilities	8	19	3%	4%	138%
Wholesale trade	11	30	3%	6%	173%
Retail trade	85	53	25%	10%	-38%
Information and communication	0	9	0%	2%	100%
Finance, insurance and real estate, rental and leasing	19	33	6%	6%	74%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food	31	93	9%	17%	200%
Educational, health and social services	36	88	11%	17%	144%
Other professional services	21	28	6%	5%	33%
Other services	13	30	4%	6%	131%
Public administration	4	17	1%	3%	325%
total employed	335	530	100%	100%	58%

**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);

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

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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