




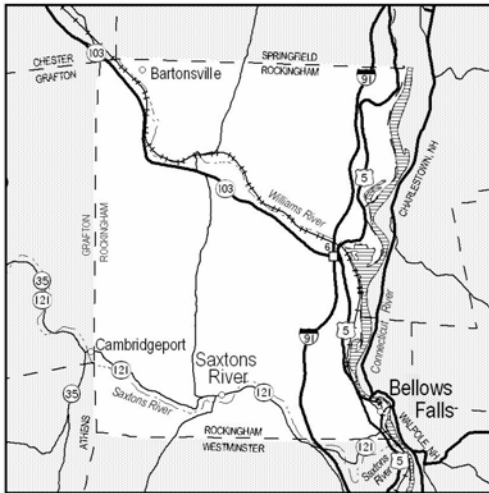
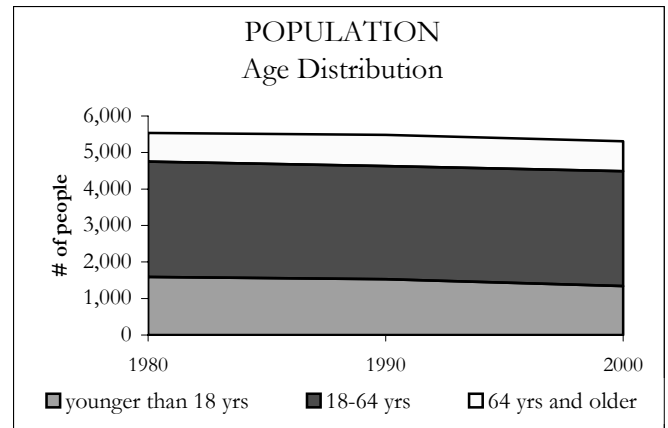
# TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM





## Town Profile 2005

(2000 U.S. Census)



### POPULATION





-  In 2000, the median age of the town's population was 39, up from 34 in 1990. The median age in the region also increased from 36 in 1990 to 40 in 2000.
-  Rockingham's population accounted for 12% of the region's 46,449 people in 2000.
-  Rockingham ranked as the second largest town in both 2000 and in 1990. It has also experienced the greatest loss of population out off all the towns in the Windham Region.

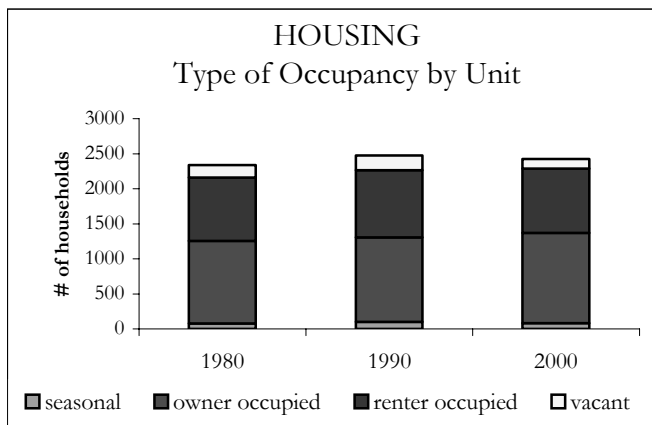


-  The population of Rockingham decreased 4% between 1980-2000, from 5,538 to 5,309 people.
-  Population density in 2000 was 126.7 persons per square mile, a 4% decrease from 132.5 persons per square mile in 1990.
-  15% of the population in 2000 was 64 years or older while 6% of the population was 5 years or younger.
-  Between 1990 and 2000, the town's population decreased 3%. The region experienced a 5% growth during those same years.

### HOUSING

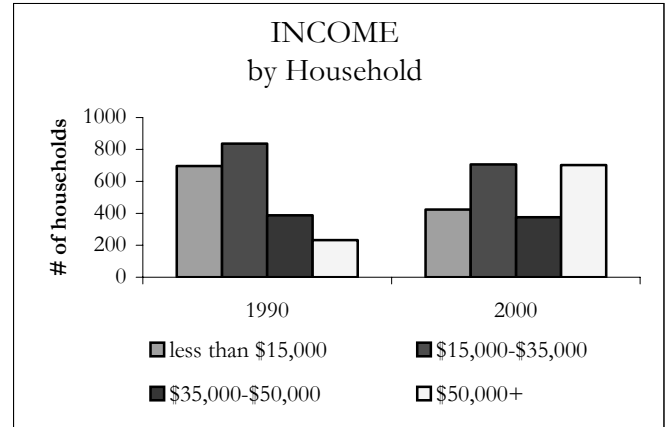
-  Rockingham had 2,202 households in 2000, up from 2,155 in 1990.
-  There was a 21% decrease in vacant housing units between 1980 and 2000.

-  Between 1990-2000, the total number of housing units decreased by 2%. There was a 17% decrease in seasonal units and a 7% increase in owner occupied units.
-  The average household size in Rockingham decreased from 2.54 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.
-  Rockingham's share of the region's seasonal housing supply remained at about 1% in 1990 (101 units) and in 2000 (84 units).
-  The median gross rent in 2000 was \$447, down from \$558 (adjusted to 2000 dollars) in 1990. The region's median gross rent in 2000 was \$552.



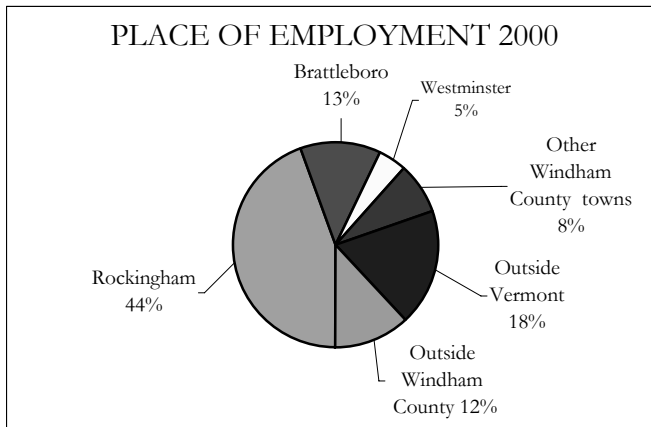
## INCOME

- § The median household income in 2000 was \$33,423, up from the 1990 median household income of \$31,565 (adjusted to 2000 dollars).
- § In 2000, 19% of all households earned less than \$15,000 per year while in 1990, 32% earned less than \$15,000 per year.
- § In 2000, 49% of all households earned more than \$35,000 per year while in 1990, 29% earned more than \$35,000 per year.
- § 6% of households received public assistance in 2000.
- § 34% of households received social security income in 2000.



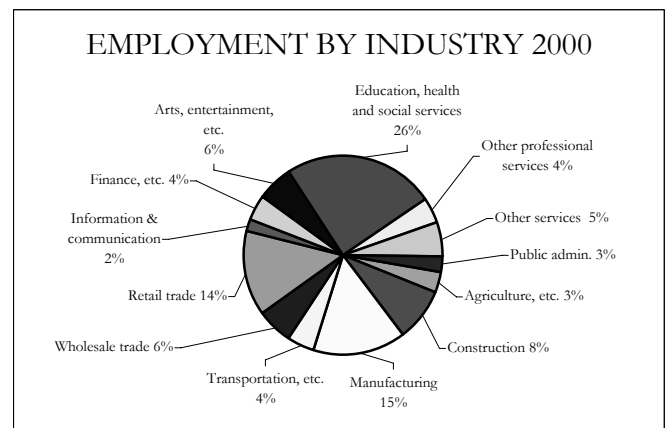
- § 10% of the population fell below the poverty level in 2000. 9% of the population of the Windham Region and 9% of the population of the State fell below the poverty level in 2000.

## EMPLOYMENT



- § Rockingham residents traveled an average of 18.2 minutes to work in 2000, a slight decrease from 18.4 minutes in 1990. The regional average travel time increased 22% from 1990 (18.9 minutes) to 2000 (22 minutes).
- § In 2000, 16% of employed workers residing in Rockingham worked at home or walked to work, an increase from 12% in 1990.
- § 73% of Rockingham 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 fields employed the largest percentage of employed workers residing in Rockingham (26%).
- § The number of employed workers residing in Rockingham who were age 16 and older increased 3% between 1990 and 2000.
- § Manufacturing experienced the largest decrease of Rockingham residents employed in that industry between 1990 and 2000 with a 27% decrease.



POPULATION						
Age	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
younger than 18	1,590	1,533	1,334	-4%	-13%	-16%
18-64 yrs	3,160	3,091	3,155	-2%	2%	0%
64 yrs and older	788	860	820	9%	-5%	4%
total population	5,538	5,484	5,309	-1%	-3%	-4%
<b>Median age (years)</b>	31	34	39			

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Income (actual)	1990	2000	% of Households 1990	% of Households 2000
less than \$15,000	696	425	32%	19%
\$15,000-\$35,000	837	707	39%	32%
\$35,000-\$50,000	389	376	18%	17%
\$50,000+	233	703	11%	32%
total number of households	2,155	2,211	100%	100%
Median household income (adjusted to 2000 dollars <sup>1</sup> )	\$31,565	\$33,423		
Median household income (adjusted)	\$23,958	\$33,423		

<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	76	101	84	33%	-17%	11%
owner occupied	1,181	1,203	1,286	2%	7%	9%
renter occupied	904	959	916	6%	-4%	1%
vacant	175	213	139	22%	-35%	-21%
total units	2,336	2,476	2,425	6%	-2%	4%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.66	2.54	2.39	-5%	-6%	-10%
<b>Number of households</b>	2,105	2,155	2,202	2%	2%	5%

TRAVEL TO WORK		
How people get to work	1990	2000
Drive Alone	71%	73%
Carpool	15%	11%
Public Transportation	0%	0%
Work at Home or Walk	12%	16%
Other Means	2%	0%
Average travel time (minutes)	18.4	18.2

PLACE OF WORK 2000	
Town	Percent
Rockingham	44%
Brattleboro	13%
Westminster	5%
Other Windham County Towns	8%
Outside of State	18%
Outside Windham County	12%

EMPLOYMENT		
Workplace	1990	2000
out of town	52%	56%
in town	48%	44%

NEED INDICATORS		
Indicator	1990	2000
social security recipients	36%	34%
public assistance recipients	10%	6%
persons below poverty level	12%	10%
families with children under the age of 18, headed by a female with no husband present	21%	26%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF ROCKINGHAM RESIDENTS, AGE 16 AND OLDER					
Industry	1990	2000	% Employed	% Employed	% Change
			1990	2000	1990-2000
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	57	90	2%	3%	58%
Construction	172	219	7%	8%	27%
Manufacturing	535	390	21%	15%	-27%
Transportation, warehousing, & other public utilities	147	116	6%	4%	-21%
Wholesale trade	86	153	3%	6%	78%
Retail trade	474	357	19%	14%	-25%
Information and communication	34	52	1%	2%	53%
Finance, insurance and real estate, rental and leasing	127	108	5%	4%	-15%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food	120	151	5%	6%	26%
Educational, health and social services	440	643	18%	26%	46%
Other professional services	128	109	5%	4%	-15%
Other services	128	142	5%	5%	11%
Public administration	68	68	3%	3%	0%
total employed	2516	2598	100%	100%	3%

**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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