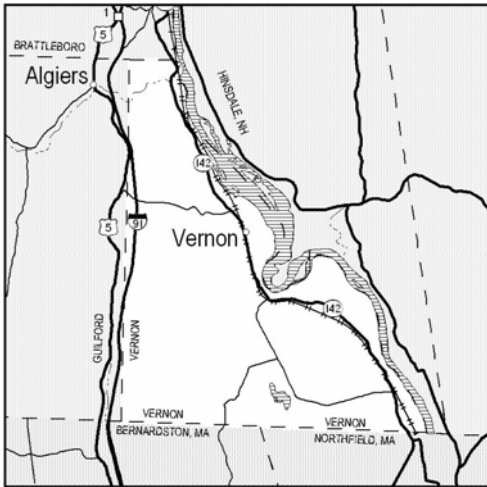


# TOWN OF VERNON

## Town Profile 2005

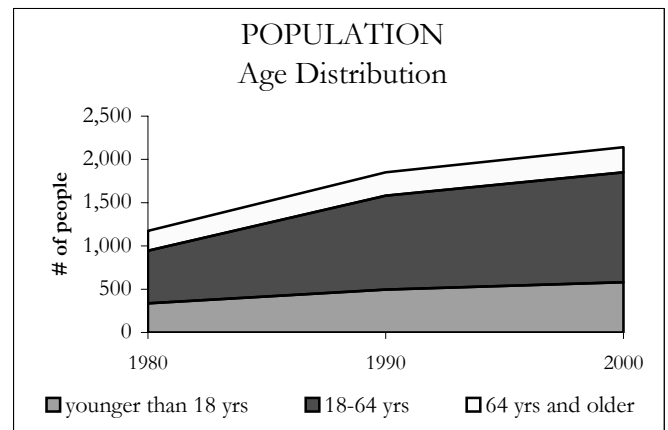
(2000 U.S. Census)



### POPULATION ¶¶

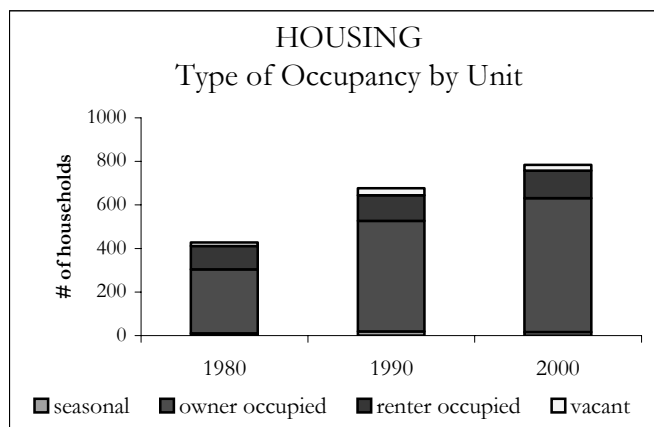
- ¶ In 2000, the median age of the town's population was 39, which was up from 35 in 1990. The median age in the region also increased from 36 in 1990 to 40 in 2000.
- ¶ Vernon's population made up 5% of the region's 46,449 people in 2000.
- ¶ Vernon ranked as the sixth largest town in the Windham Region in 2000. In 1990, the Town ranked eighth with a population of 1,850.

- ¶ The population of Vernon increased 82% between 1980-2000, from 1,175 to 2,141 people.
- ¶ Population density in 2000 was 110.5 persons per square mile, a 15% increase from 95.9 persons per square mile in 1990.
- ¶ 13% 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 16%. The region experienced a 5% growth during those same years.



### HOUSING 🏠

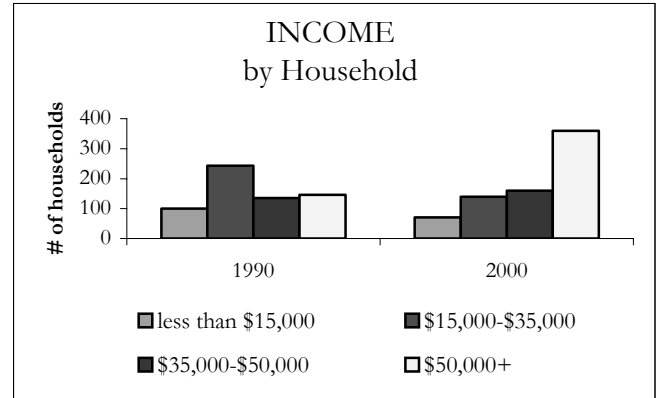
- 🏠 Vernon had 741 households in 2000, up from 625 in 1990.
- 🏠 There was a 59% increase in vacant housing units between 1980 and 2000.



- 🏠 Between 1990-2000, the total number of housing units increased by 16%. There was a 16% decrease in seasonal units and a 21% increase in owner occupied units.
- 🏠 The average household size in Vernon decreased from 2.96 persons in 1990 to 2.6 persons in 2000. The region's average household size also decreased during this period, from 2.49 in 1990 to 2.35 in 2000.
- 🏠 Vernon's share of the region's seasonal housing supply remained at less than 1% in 1990 (19 units) and in 2000 (16 units).
- 🏠 The median gross rent in 2000 was \$634, up from \$586 (adjusted to 2000 dollars) in 1990. The region's median gross rent in 2000 was \$552.

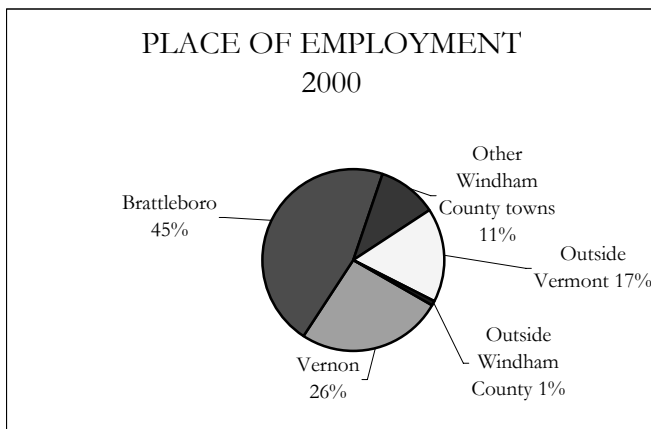
## INCOME

- ✎ The median household income in 2000 was \$49,688 up from the 1990 median household income of \$42,366 (adjusted to 2000 dollars).
- ✎ In 2000, 10% of all households earned less than \$15,000 per year while in 1990, 16% earned less than \$15,000 per year.
- ✎ In 2000, 71% of all households earned more than \$35,000 per year while in 1990, 45% earned more than \$35,000 per year.
- ✎ 4% of households received public assistance in 2000.
- ✎ 24% of households received social security income in 2000.



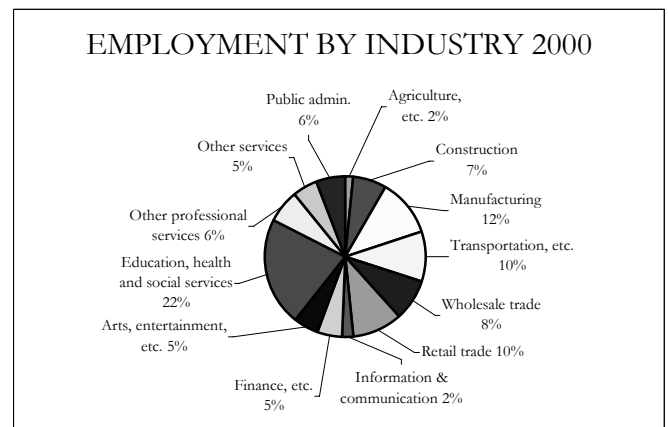
- ✎ 3% of the population fell below the poverty level in 2000. 9% of the population of the Windham Region and 9% of the population of the State fell below the poverty level in 2000.

## EMPLOYMENT



- ✎ Vernon residents traveled an average of 20.4 minutes to work in 2000, an increase from 17.7 minutes in 1990. The regional average travel time increased 22% from 1990 (18.9 minutes) to 2000 (22 minutes).
- ✎ In 2000, 8% of employed workers residing in Vernon worked at home or walked to work, the same percentage as in 1990.
- ✎ 82% of Vernon residents drove alone to work in 2000 while 78% drove alone in 1990. The number of residents carpooling to work dropped from 13% in 1990 to 9% in 2000.

- ✎ In 2000, the education, health and social service fields employed the largest percentage of employed workers residing in Vernon (22%).
- ✎ The number of employed workers residing in Vernon who were age 16 and older increased 24% between 1990 and 2000.
- ✎ The information and communication fields experienced the largest decrease of Vernon residents employed in those fields between 1990 and 2000.



POPULATION						
Age	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
younger than 18	338	495	583	46%	18%	72%
18-64 yrs	605	1,087	1,270	80%	17%	110%
64 yrs and older	232	268	288	16%	7%	24%
total population	1,175	1,850	2,141	57%	16%	82%
<b>Median age (years)</b>	35	35	39			

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Income (actual)	1990	2000	% of Households 1990	% of Households 2000
less than \$15,000	100	70	16%	10%
\$15,000-\$35,000	243	140	39%	19%
\$35,000-\$50,000	136	160	22%	22%
\$50,000+	146	359	23%	49%
total number of households	625	729	100%	100%
Median household income (adjusted to 2000 dollars <sup>1</sup> )	\$42,366	\$49,688		
Median household income (unadjusted)	\$32,156	\$49,688		

<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	10	19	16	90%	-16%	60%
owner occupied	294	508	616	73%	21%	110%
renter occupied	107	118	125	10%	6%	17%
vacant	17	32	27	88%	-16%	59%
total units	428	677	784	58%	16%	83%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.93	2.96	2.6	1%	-12%	-11%
<b>Number of households</b>	402	625	741	55%	19%	84%

TRAVEL TO WORK		
How people get to work	1990	2000
Drive Alone	78%	82%
Carpool	13%	9%
Public Transportation	0%	0.5%
Work at Home or Walk	8%	8%
Other Means	1%	0.5%
Average travel time (minutes)	17.7	20.4

PLACE OF WORK 2000	
Town	Percent
Vernon	26%
Brattleboro	46%
Other Windham County Towns	11%
Outside of State	17%
Outside Windham County	1%

EMPLOYMENT		
Workplace	1990	2000
out of town	62%	74%
in town	38%	26%

NEED INDICATORS		
Indicator	1990	2000
social security recipients	28%	24%
public assistance recipients	3%	4%
persons below poverty level	4%	3%
families with children under the age of 18, headed by a female with no husband present	14%	13%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF VERNON RESIDENTS, AGE 16 AND OLDER					
Industry	1990	2000	% Employed	% Employed	% Change
			1990	2000	1990-2000
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	33	20	4%	2%	-39%
Construction	56	75	6%	7%	34%
Manufacturing	149	136	16%	12%	-9%
Transportation and warehousing, & other public utilities	27	115	3%	10%	326%
Wholesale trade	42	96	5%	8%	129%
Retail trade	126	114	14%	10%	-10%
Information and communication	78	26	8%	2%	-67%
Finance, insurance and real estate, rental and leasing	48	56	5%	5%	17%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food	42	58	5%	5%	38%
Educational, health and social services	194	254	21%	22%	31%
Other professional services	59	74	6%	6%	25%
Other services	40	58	4%	5%	45%
Public administration	32	68	3%	6%	113%
total employed	926	1150	100%	100%	24%

**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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