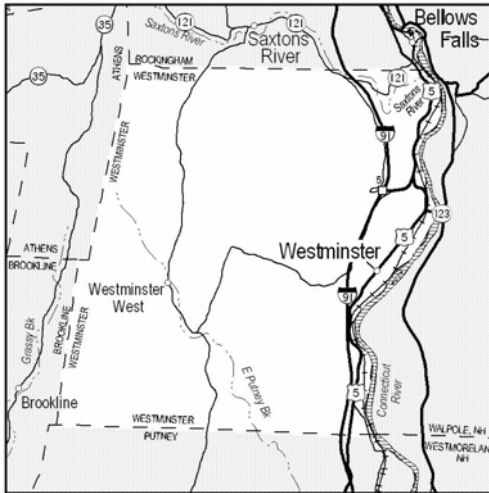


# TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

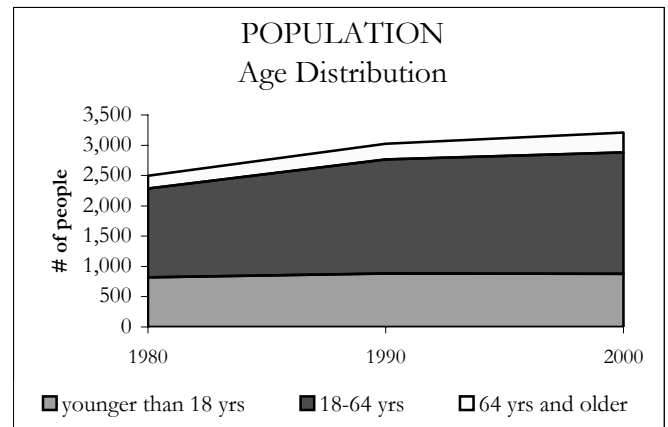
## Town Profile 2005

(2000 U.S. Census)



### POPULATION ¶¶

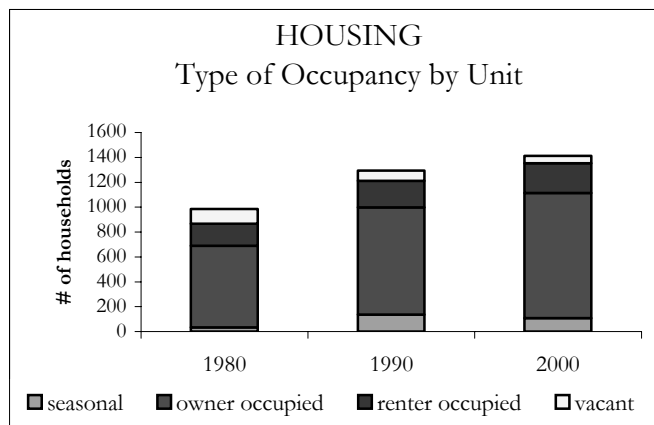
- ¶ In 2000, the median age of the town's population was 39, from 34 in 1990. The median age in the region also increased from 36 in 1990 to 40 in 2000.
- ¶ Westminster's population accounted for 7% of the region's 46,449 people in 2000.
- ¶ Westminster ranked as the third largest town in the Windham Region in 2000. In 1990, the Town also ranked third with a population of 3,026.



- ¶ The population of Westminster increased 29% between 1980-2000, from 2,493 to 3,210 people.
- ¶ Population density in 2000 was 69.7 persons per square mile, a 2% increase from 68.5 persons per square mile in 1990.
- ¶ 10% 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 6%. The region experienced a 5% growth during those same years.

### HOUSING 🏠

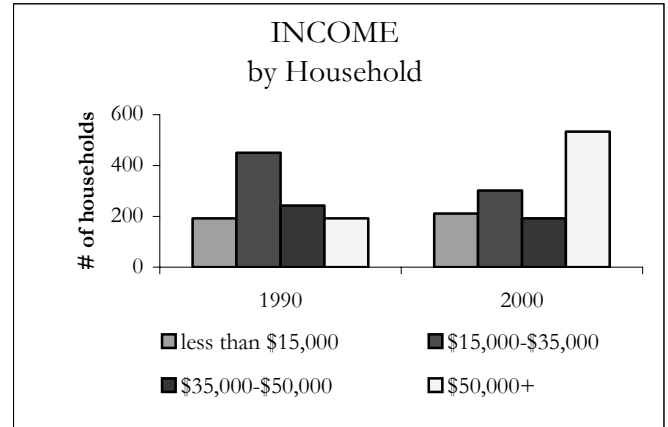
- 🏠 Westminster had 1,246 households in 2000, up from 1,078 in 1990.
- 🏠 There was a 51% decrease in vacant housing units between 1980 and 2000.



- 🏠 Between 1990-2000, the total number of housing units increased by 9%. There was a 21% decrease in seasonal units and a 17% increase in owner occupied units.
- 🏠 The average household size in Westminster decreased from 2.81 persons in 1990 to 2.58 persons in 2000. The region's average household size also decreased during this period, from 2.49 in 1990 to 2.35 in 2000.
- 🏠 Westminster's share of the region's seasonal housing supply dropped from 2% in 1990 (137 units) to 1% in 2000 (108 units).
- 🏠 The median gross rent in 2000 was \$543, down from \$665 (adjusted to 2000 dollars) in 1990. The region's median gross rent in 2000 was \$552.

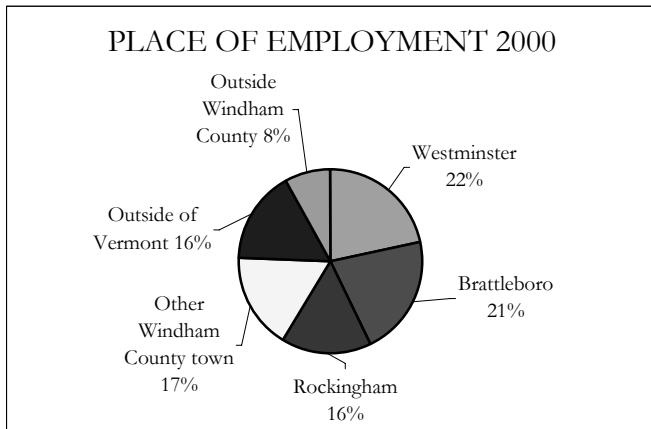
## INCOME

- § The median household income in 2000 was \$44,263, up from the 1990 median household income of \$40,578 (adjusted to 2000 dollars).
- § In 2000, 17% of all households earned less than \$15,000 per year while in 1990, 18% earned less than \$15,000 per year.
- § In 2000, 59% of all households earned more than \$35,000 per year while in 1990, 41% earned more than \$35,000 per year.
- § 4% of households received public assistance in 2000.
- § 25% of households received social security income in 2000.



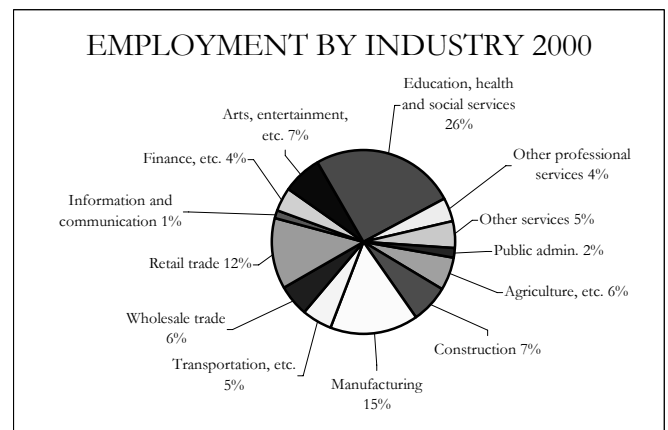
- § 10% of the population fell below the poverty level in 2000. 9% of the population of the Windham Region and 9% of the population of the State fell below the poverty level in 2000.

## EMPLOYMENT



- § Westminster residents traveled an average of 20.7 minutes to work in 2000, an increase from 19 minutes in 1990. The regional average travel time increased 22% from 1990 (18.9 minutes) to 2000 (22 minutes).
- § In 2000, 7% of employed workers residing in Westminster worked at home or walked to work, down from 13% in 1990.
- § 84% of Westminster residents drove alone to work in 2000 while 71% drove alone in 1990. The number of residents carpooling to work dropped from 14% in 1990 to 9% in 2000.

- § In 2000, the education, health and social service fields employed the largest percentage of employed workers residing in Westminster (26%).
- § The number of employed workers residing in Westminster who were age 16 and older increased 9% between 1990 and 2000.
- § Construction experienced the largest decrease of Westminster residents employed in that industry between 1990 and 2000 with a 36% decrease.



POPULATION						
Age	1980	1990	2000	% change 1980-1990	% change 1990-2000	% change 1980-2000
younger than 18	819	885	877	8%	-1%	7%
18-64 yrs	1,467	1,878	2,003	28%	7%	37%
64 yrs and older	207	263	330	27%	25%	59%
total population	2,493	3,026	3,210	21%	6%	29%
<b>Median age (years)</b>	29	34	39			

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Income (actual)	1990	2000	% of Households 1990	% of Households 2000
less than \$15,000	193	211	18%	17%
\$15,000-\$35,000	450	302	42%	24%
\$35,000-\$50,000	243	193	23%	16%
\$50,000+	192	533	18%	43%
total number of households	1,078	1,239	100%	100%
Median household income (adjusted to 2000 dollars <sup>1</sup> )	\$40,578	\$44,263		
Median household income (unadjusted)	\$30,799	\$44,263		

<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	33	137	108	315%	-21%	227%
owner occupied	656	860	1,007	31%	17%	54%
renter occupied	179	215	239	20%	11%	34%
vacant	118	82	58	-31%	-29%	-51%
total units	986	1,294	1,412	31%	9%	43%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.99	2.81	2.58	-6%	-8%	-14%
<b>Number of households</b>	833	1,078	1,246	29%	16%	50%

TRAVEL TO WORK		
How people get to work	1990	2000
Drive Alone	71%	84%
Carpool	14%	9%
Public Transportation	1%	0%
Work at Home or Walk	13%	7%
Other Means	1%	0%
Average travel time (minutes)	19	20.7

PLACE OF WORK 2000	
Town	Percent
Westminster	22%
Brattleboro	21%
Rockingham	16%
Other Windham County Towns	17%
Outside of State	16%
Outside Home County	8%

EMPLOYMENT		
Workplace	1990	2000
out of town	76%	78%
in town	24%	22%

Indicator	1990	2000
social security recipients	21%	25%
public assistance recipients	8%	4%
persons below poverty level	12%	10%
families with children under the age of 18, headed by a female with no husband present	15%	18%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS, AGE 16 AND OLDER					
Industry	1990	2000	% Employed		% Change 1990-2000
			1990	2000	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	101	102	6%	6%	1%
Construction	180	116	11%	7%	-36%
Manufacturing	261	269	17%	15%	3%
Transportation and warehousing, & other public utilities	78	94	5%	5%	21%
Wholesale trade	47	98	3%	6%	109%
Retail trade	209	214	13%	12%	2%
Information and communication	33	25	2%	1%	-24%
Finance, insurance and real estate, rental and leasing	63	73	4%	4%	16%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food	68	123	4%	7%	81%
Educational, health and social services	357	442	22%	26%	24%
Other professional services	113	74	7%	4%	-35%
Other services	50	80	3%	5%	60%
Public administration	33	30	2%	2%	-9%
total employed	1,593	1,740	100%	100%	9%

**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)

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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)

