

## Local Economy

Income Characteristics	1989	1999	% change (Real \$)
Median Household Income	\$25,790	\$29,921	-13.1%
Per Capita Income	\$13,209	\$19,145	8.9%
% Below Poverty	12.8	15	
% Paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs	26.3	28.8	

Labor Force Characteristics	1980	1990	2000
Participation Rate Total	60.8	64.2	60.8
Female	52.3	58.7	56.5

Occupational Profile	1990	%	2000	%
Executive & Managerial	1,374	12.5	2,845	32.4
Professional	1,363	12.4	*	
Sales	983	8.9	2,630	30
Administration & Support	2,054	18.7	*	
Service	1,535	14.0	1,394	15.9
Farm & Forestry	81	0.7	17	0.2
Skilled Labor	1,005	9.1	1,891	21.5

\* Occupational categories recombined in 2000 census

## Commuting to Work

	Number	%
Workers 16 years and over	8617	100.0
Car, truck, or van - - drove	6644	77.1
Car, truck, or van - - carpoled	1190	13.8
Public transportation (including taxicab)	104	1.2
Walked	334	3.9
Other means	48	0.6
Worked at home	297	3.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.3	(x)

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# AUGUSTA

The state capital of Maine is also the county seat of Kennebec County, located in the south central portion of the state. The only city in the region of more than 20,000 inhabitants, Augusta is the commercial and employment center of the area. Augusta is also the largest city in the area in extent, covering more than 55 square miles on both sides of the Kennebec River. The city is the northern terminus of the Maine Turnpike (I-95) with two interchanges. It can also be accessed by air (State Airport -- passenger and general aviation) and rail (Maine Coast, lower road -- freight only). Augusta is a world-class capital city where entrepreneurs start, grow, and maintain a variety of businesses. Citizens pursue life-long learning in first-rate schools, libraries, historic, and cultural facilities. Residents, workers, and tourists circulate around and enjoy the Heart of Augusta - on both sides of the Kennebec River, along Water Street, and throughout the Capitol complex. Travelers appreciate Augusta's historic and natural scenery. Homebuyers and renters of all ages and incomes are drawn by safe and appealing neighborhoods, competitive tax rates, and superior services.



## Municipal Government Highlights

<u>General</u>	<u>Municipal Facilities</u>	<u>Local Development Regulations</u>
Type of Government: Mayor, Council	Police: Full Service	1998 Comprehensive Plan, in revision
Chief Executive: William Bridgeo, City Manager	Fire: Full Service	Zoning, Subdivision, Building Code
Town Office Hours: M – F 7:45 - 4:30	Water: City	
Phone: (207) 626-2300 Fax: (207) 626-2304	Sewer: City	

## Local Property Taxes

### Taxable Valuation (at Full market):

456.65 million in 1985    894.1 million in 1995    861.85 million in 2000

	1983	1993	1998	2001
Property Tax Mill Rate	21.44	21.64	23.54	24.60
Total Assessment	\$9,792,966	\$19,353,628	\$20,286,034	\$22,629,151

## Population Data

**Current Estimate:** 18,467 (2002)

**Rank in County:** 1 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	21,680	21,945	21,819	21,325	18,560
Growth Rate	--	-1.2%	-0.6%	-2.3%	-13.0%

**Components of Change (1990 - 2000):** Natural Change: -195    Net Migration: -2,570  
**KVCOG Population Projection to 2020:** Estimate: 17,000    Hi-Low: 15,788 15,301

Historical Summary	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	5649	4681	3803
Over Age 65	3169	3669	3284
Median Age	32.2	36.1	40.3
High School Grads.	0	10778	10707
College Grads.	0	2360	2525
Enrolled in public schools	3737	2937	2652

Census 2000	< 5 yrs	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 + yrs
Number	928	1102	1096	1155	1142	2385	2869	2714	1054	831	1607	1194	483
% total	5	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.2	12.9	15.5	14.6	5.7	4.5	8.7	6.4	2.6

## Schools and Education

	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01	2002-03
Elementary	1277	1181	1105	1049
Middle	582	570	575	503
High School	862	778	817	800
Home School	21	25	28	

## Housing

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	7246	8990	9572	9480
Year-round Occupied Units	6829	8405	8856	8565
Seasonal Units	n/a	16	75	155
Persons per household	2.9	2.62	2.29	2.1
% Owner-occupied	n/a	54.4	56.6	54.5
% Mobile Home	n/a	4.9	7.8	7.2
Median Home Value	n/a	\$38,600	\$79,500	\$80,500
Local Property tax on Median Home		\$723	\$1,493	\$1,907

### Housing Units built since 2000:

Single Family - 34    Multi-family - 4    Mobile Home - 9    Seasonal - 0

Units in Structure			Year Structure Built			Rooms per Unit		
Size	Number	%	Year	Number	%	Rooms	Number	%
1-unit, detached	4367	46.1	99-00	35	0.4	1 room	152	1.6
1-unit, attached	85	0.9	95-98	169	1.8	2 rooms	360	3.8
2 units	968	10.2	90-94	263	2.8	3 rooms	1213	12.8
3 or 4 units	1183	12.5	80-89	993	10.5	4 rooms	2099	22.1
5 to 9 units	1021	10.8	70-79	1538	16.2	5 rooms	2295	24.2
10 to 19 units	522	5.5	60-69	932	9.8	6 rooms	1618	17.1
20 + units	681	7.2	40-59	2489	26.3	7 rooms	722	7.6
Mobile	653	6.9	1939	3061	32.3	8 +	1021	10.8
Total	9480	100.0						

## Poverty Indicators

Poverty Status 1999			Assistance - 2001		
Subject	Number	%	Subject	Cases	Persons
2 Parent Households	9	5.7	Food Stamps	1362	2341
w/ related children under 18	2	3.0			
Parent Households (female HoH)	1	33.3			
w/ related children under 18	0	0			
Individuals	49	9.3	TANF	189	461
Over 65	13	22.8			
Related children under 18 years	6	4.6			