

## Local Economy

Income Characteristics	1989	1999	% change (Real \$)
Median Household Income	\$29,219	\$39,779	2.0
Per Capita Income	\$11,994	\$19,668	22.8
% Below Poverty	11.5	7.1	
% Paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs	15.5	22.4	

Labor Force Characteristics	1980	1990	2000
Participation Rate Total	60.9	71.2	69.1
Female	n/a	66.2	68.5

Occupational Profile	1990	%	2000	%
Executive & Managerial	73	10.2	270	33.8
Professional	135	18.8	*	
Sales	44	6.1	213	26.7
Administration & Support	84	11.7	*	
Service	73	10.2	88	11
Farm & Forestry	29	4.0	4	0.5
Skilled Labor	112	15.6	224	28

- Occupational categories recombined in 2000 census

## Commuting to Work

	Number	%
Workers 16 years and over	789	100.0
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone	660	83.7
Car, truck, or van - - carpooled	68	8.6
Public transportation (including taxicab)	0	0
Walked	16	2.0
Other means	2	0.3
Worked at home	43	5.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.7	

# MOUNT VERNON

The small rural and seasonal town of Mount Vernon is located in western Kennebec County, 20 miles northwest of Augusta. About 1/3 of the town's housing units are seasonal, clustered around the lake frontage of Parker Pond, Long Pond, Echo Lake, Flying Pond, and several smaller ponds. Mount Vernon Village is a small commercial village located in the northwestern corner of town. The town is rapidly becoming a suburb of Augusta, having doubled its population in the past 20 years. But there are no major corridors or arterials connecting it with Augusta.



## Municipal Government Highlights

<u>General Information</u>	<u>Municipal Facilities</u>	<u>Local Development Regulations</u>
Type of Government: Town Meeting, Three Selectmen	Police: County	1993 Comprehensive Plan
Chief Executive: Deane Jones, Chairman	Fire: Part-time	Land Use, Subdivision Ordinances
Town Office Hours: 12-7 W 9-5 M,T,TH	Water: Private	
Phone: (207) 683-5681 Fax: (207) 683-5656	Sewer: Private	

## Local Property Taxes

### Taxable Valuation (at Full market):

30.1 million in 1985 90.4 million in 1995 92.4 million in 2000

	1983	1993	1998	2001
Property Tax Mill Rate	15.69	12.17	16.78	18.50
Total Assessment	\$472,327	\$1,100,456	\$1,550,159	\$1,685,269

## Population

**Current Estimate:** 1,551 (2002)

**Rank in County:** 25 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	596	680	1,021	1,362	1,524
Growth Rate	--	14.1%	50.1%	33.4%	11.9%

**Components of Change (1990 - 2000):** Natural Change: 64 Net Migration: 98

**KVCOG Population Projection to 2020:** Estimate: 2,100 Hi-Low: 2,275 2,027

Historical Summary	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	300	401	390
Over Age 65	131	138	151
Median Age	31.1	34.8	39.8
High School Grads.	0	724	918
College Grads.	0	216	290
Enrolled in public schools	258	277	289

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+
Number	68	105	122	126	59	157	271	275	111	79	86	53	12
% total	4.5	6.9	8.0	8.3	3.9	10.3	17.8	18.0	7.3	5.2	5.6	3.5	0.8

## Schools and Education

	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01	2002-03
Elementary	118	116	111	124
Middle	73	75	80	64
High School	94	101	98	87
Home School	0	2	4	N/A

## Housing

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	447	682	829	956
Year-round Occupied Units	203	388	501	603
Seasonal Units	n/a	281	309	320
Persons per household	3.26	2.63	2.72	2.52
% Owner-occupied	n/a	88.1	90	86.1
% Mobile Home	n/a	12.1	20.4	12.7
Median Home Value	n/a	\$32,900	\$77,000	\$90,500
Local Property tax on Median Home	n/a	\$664	\$1,291	\$1,520

### Housing Units built since 2000:

Single Family – 14 Multi-family – 0 Mobile Home – 4 Seasonal – 0

Units in Structure			Year Structure Built			Rooms per Unit		
Size	Number	%	Years	Number	%	Rooms	Number	%
1-unit, detached	810	84.7	'99 to '00	10	1.0	1 room	9	0.9
1-unit, attached	0	0	'95 to '98	62	6.5	2 rooms	31	3.2
2 units	13	1.4	'90 to '94	84	8.8	3 rooms	98	10.3
3 or 4 units	3	0.3	'80 to '89	180	18.8	4 rooms	206	21.5
5 to 9 units	9	0.9	'10 to '79	203	21.2	5 rooms	218	22.8
10 to 19 units	0	0	'60 to '69	81	8.5	6 rooms	131	13.7
Mobile home	121	12.7	'40 to '59	78	8.2	7 rooms	132	13.8
Total	603	100	'39 or earlier	258	27.0	8 + rooms	131	13.7

## Poverty Indicators

Poverty Status 1999			Assistance - 2001		
Subject	Number	%	Subject	Cases	Persons
2 Parent Households	18	4.1	Food Stamps	44	101
w/ related children under 18	13	6.1			
1 Parent Households (female HoH)	9	22.0			
w/ related children under 18	7	20.6	TANF	7	30
Individuals	108	7.1			
Over 65	8	5.5			
Related children under 18	25	6.7			