

Local Economy

Labor Force Characteristics	1980	1990	2000
Participation Rate Total	63.1	73.1	71.0
Female	n/a	65.5	67.6

Income Characteristics	1989	1999	% change (Real \$)
Median Household Income	\$34,219	\$45,434	-0.5
Per Capita Income	\$12,784	\$19,832	16.2
% Below Poverty	4.1	5.3	
% Paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs	15.2	17.5	

Occupational Profile	1990	%	2000	%
Executive & Managerial	118	8.5	510	33.4
Professional	128	9.2	*	
Sales	129	9.3	407	26.7
Administration & Support	292	21.0	*	
Service	160	11.5	157	10.3
Farm & Forestry	34	2.4	13	0.9
Skilled Labor	221	15.9	440	28.8

*Occupational categories recombined in 2000 Census

Commuting To Work

	Number	%
Workers 16 years and over	1,484	100.0
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone	1,234	83.2
Car, truck, or van - - carpoled	151	10.2
Public transportation (including taxicab)	8	0.5
Walked	19	1.3
Other means	14 0	.9
Worked at home	58	3.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.2	

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West Gardiner

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Municipal Government Highlights

General Information	Municipal Facilities	Local Development Regulations
Type of Government: Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen	Police: County	1990 Comprehensive Plan
Chief Executive: Victor Goodwin, 1st Selectperson	Fire: Volunteer	
Town Office Hours: 9-1M-F, 5-8 Th	Water: Private	
Phone: (207) 724-3945 Fax: (207) 724-6000	Sewer: Private	

Local Property Taxes

Taxable Valuation (at Full market)

35.2 million in 1985 90.75 million in 1995 100.35 million in 2000

	1983	1993	1998	2001
Property Tax Mill Rate	11.32	11.92	13.37	14.8
Total Assessment	\$398,815	\$1,082,204	\$1,342,060	\$1,409,359

Population

Current Estimate: 2,965 (2003)

Rank in County: 14 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	1,144	1,435	2,113	2,531	2,902
Growth Rate		25.4%	47.2%	19.8%	14.7%

Components of Change (1990-2000): Natural Change: 114 Net Migration: 257
KVCOG Population Projection to 2020: Estimate: 3,800 Hi-Low: 3,986 3,691

Historical Summary	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	720	733	725
Over Age 65	182	192	272
Median Age	28.8	33.2	37.1
High School Grads.	0	1304	1814
College Grads.	0	190	417
Enrolled in public schools:	568	575	471

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 yrs to 74	75 yrs to 84	85 + yrs
Number	180	191	211	223	115	419	535	482	157	117	185	68	19
% total	6.2	6.6	7.3	7.7	4	14.4	18.4	16.6	5.4	4	6.4	2.3	0.7

Schools and Education

	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01	2002-03
Elementary	230	229	216	239
Middle	123	110	114	93
High School	156	160	141	128
Home (SAD #11)	33	38	49	N/A

Housing

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	580	837	1051	1308
Year-round Occupied Units	397	680	888	1115
Seasonal Units	n/a	124	135	157
Persons per household	3.6	3.11	2.85	2.6
% Owner-occupied	n/a	89.9	88.1	87.2
% Mobile Home	n/a	14.6	19.4	12.2
Median Home Value	n/a	\$38,200	\$81,500	\$89,200
Local Property tax on Median Home	n/a	\$471	\$675	\$1,213

Housing Units built since 2000:

Single Family – 36 Multi-family – 5 Mobile Home – 3 Seasonal – 2

Units in Structure			Year Structure Built			Rooms per Unit		
Size	Number	%	Year	Number	%	Rooms	Number	%
1-unit, detached	1,058	80.5	99 - 00	36	2.7	1 room	24	1.8
1-unit, attached	11	0.8	95 - 98	107	8.1	2 rooms	39	3.0
2 units	54	4.1	90 - 94	128	9.7	3 rooms	98	7.5
3 or 4 units	11	0.8	80 - 89	272	20.7	4 rooms	272	20.7
5 to 9 units	8	0.6	70 - 79	297	22.6	5 rooms	286	21.8
10 or more units	0	0	60 - 69	118	9.0	6 rooms	220	16.7
Boat, RV, van, etc	12	0.9	40 - 59	132	10.0	7 rooms	140	10.7
Mobile	160	12.2	1939 -	224	17.0	8 +	235	17.8
Total	1,314	100.0				Median (rooms)	5.3	

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Status 1999			Assistance - 2001		
Subject	Number	%	Subject	Cases	Persons
2 Parent Households	28	3.4	Food Stamps	51	126
w/ related children under 18	16	3.9			
1 Parent Household (female HoH)	20	19.0			
w/ related children under 18	16	21.9	TANF	16	31
Individuals	155	5.3			
Over 65	9	3.0			
Related children under 18	21	2.7			