

## Local Economy

Income Characteristics	1989	1999	% change (Real \$)
Median Household Income	\$26,271	\$40,905	-5.0
Per Capita Income	\$9,771	\$17,591	20.2
% Below Poverty	11	15.1	
% Paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs	21.9	21.6	

Labor Force Characteristics	1980	1990	2000
Participation Rate Total	50.9	65.7	65.3
Female	51.6	68.7	68.4

Occupational Profile	1990	%	2000	%
Executive & Managerial	76	6.2	308	24.6
Professional	166	13.6	*	
Sales	43	3.5	345	27.6
Administration & Support	156	12.8	*	
Service	173	14.2	204	16.3
Farm & Forestry	23	1.9	0	0
Skilled Labor	165	13.5	393	31.5

\* Occupational categories recombined in 2000 census

## Commuting to Work

	Number	%
Workers 16 years and over	1,227	100.0
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone	973	79.3
Car, truck, or van - - carpoled	170	13.9
Public transportation (including taxicab)	24	2.0
Walked	29	2.4
Other means	4	0.3
Worked at home	27	2.2
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.4	

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# CHELSEA

The town of Chelsea was incorporated in 1850, it received the name of a Massachusetts town, which had borrowed its name from a metropolitan borough of London, England. Chelsea was first settled in 1759 by James Cocks. Other settlers soon followed, and the first saw mill was built shortly after the Revolutionary War. Today, Chelsea is a quiet little town nestled on the Kennebec River.



## Municipal Government Highlights

<u>General Information</u>	<u>Municipal Facilities</u>	<u>Local Development Regulations</u>
Type of Government: Town Meeting, Three Selectmen	Police: No	1979 Comprehensive Plan, revision in progress
Chief Executive: Robert Drisko, Town Manager	Fire: Volunteer	Subdivision, mobile home, lot size Ordinance
Town Office Hours: 9-4 M,F 10-6 Last Th	Water: Hallowell Water District	
Phone: (207) 582-4802 Fax: (207) 582-0025	Sewer: Private	

## Local Property Taxes

### Taxable Valuation (at Full market):

23.9 million in 1985    68.85 million in 1995    83.1 million in 2000

	1983	1993	1998	2001
Property Tax Mill Rate	12.31	15.01	12.51	15.25
Total Assessment	\$294,234	\$1,033,941	\$1,039,254	\$1,164,391

## Population Data

**Current Estimate:** 2,609 (2002)

**Rank in County:** 18 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	1,893	2,095	2,522	2,497	2,559
Growth Rate	--	10.7%	20.4%	-1.0%	2.5%

**Components of Change (1990 - 2000):** Natural Change:37    Net Migration: 25  
**KVCOG Population Projection to 2020:** Estimate: 2,600    Hi-Low: 2,597    2,596

Historical Summary	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	754	677	619
Over Age 65	261	283	295
Median Age	32.3	35.3	39.3
High School Grads.	n/a	1138	1358
College Grads.	n/a	165	172
Enrolled in public schools:	513	499	459

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	124	177	215	167	108	303	451	420	163	136	166	115	14
% total	4.8	6.9	8.4	6.5	4.2	11.8	17.6	16.4	6.4	5.3	6.5	4.5	0.5

## Schools and Education

	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01	2002-03
Elementary	231	210	206	184
Middle	104	96	104	111
High School	171	154	156	173
Home School	6	3	2	N/A

## Housing

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	414	719	841	1015
Year-round Occupied Units	389	690	807	959
Seasonal Units	n/a	0	7	8
Persons per household	3.64	3.14	2.86	2.57
% Owner-occupied	n/a	88.2	90.3	89.1
% Mobile Home	n/a	15.4	19.5	22.4
Median Home Value	n/a	\$35,000	\$72,900	\$85,000
Local Property tax on Median Home	n/a	\$397	\$695	\$1,149

### Housing Units built since 2000:

Single Family – 22    Multi-family – 0    Mobile Home – 8    Seasonal -- 0

Units in Structure			Year Structure Built			Rooms Per Unit		
Size	Number	%	Year	Number	%	Rooms	Number	%
1-unit, detached	725	72.1	'99 to '00	33	3.3	1 room	4	0.4
1-unit, attached	18	1.8	'95 to '98	96	9.6	2 rooms	38	3.8
2 units	13	1.3	'90 to '94	113	11.2	3 rooms	31	3.1
3 or 4 units	17	1.7	'80 to '89	189	18.8	4 rooms	148	14.7
5 to 9 units	7	0.7	'70 to '79	273	27.2	5 rooms	272	27.1
10 to 19 units	0	0	'60 to '69	60	6.0	6 rooms	227	22.6
20 or more units	0	0	'40 to '59	83	8.3	7 rooms	132	13.1
Mobile home	225	22.4	'39 or earlier	158	15.7	8 + rooms	153	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>100.0</b>				Median (rooms)	. 5.5	

## Poverty Indicators

Poverty -- 1999			Assistance -- 2001		
Subject	Number	%	Subject	Cases	Persons
2 Parent Households	96	13.6	Food Stamps	85	179
w/ related children under 18	55	13.9			
Parent Households (female HoH)	18	17.3			
w/ related children under 18	18	23.4	TANF	13	27
Individuals	364	15.1			
Over 65	47	21.7			
Related children under 18 years	95	16.0			

