

Local Economy

Labor Force Characteristics	1980	1990	2000
Participation Rate Total	64.6	71.0	71.2
Female	n/a	64.0	66.0

Income Characteristics	1989	1999	% change (Real \$)
Median Household Income	\$30,625	\$41,096	0.5
Per Capita Income	\$11,770	\$17,835	13.5
% Below Poverty	7.8	8.1	
% Paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs	24.7	20.8	

Occupational Profile	1990	%	2000	%
Executive & Managerial	135	9.8	508	32.1
Professional	172	12.5	*	
Sales	113	8.2	435	27.5
Administration & Support	185	13.4	*	
Service	154	11.2	178	11.2
Farm & Forestry	39	2.8	15	0.9
Skilled Labor	229	16.6	448	28.3

*Occupational profiles combined in the 2000 Census

Commuting to Work

	Number	%
Workers 16 years and over	1,586	100.0
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone	1,320	83.2
Car, truck, or van - - carpoled	165	10.4
Public transportation (including taxicab)	4	0.3
Walked	0	0
Other means	11	0.7
Worked at home	86	5.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.7	

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LITCHFIELD

Litchfield is located 16 miles southwest of Augusta, in southern Kennebec County. It is a rural/suburban town, with 37 square miles and an annual growth rate of over 3 percent for the past 25 years. Litchfield has a small commercial village area at the south end of Woodbury Pond. This pond, as well as several smaller ponds and Cobbosseecontee Stream, account for 1/4 of the town's housing stock in the form of seasonal homes. The Maine Turnpike traverses Litchfield without an interchange.



Municipal Government Highlights

General Information	Municipal Facilities	Local Development Regulations
Type of Government: Town Meeting, Three Selectmen	Police: Part- time	2000 Comprehensive Plan
Chief Executive: Steve Musica, Town Manager	Fire: Volunteer	Land Use, Subdivision Ordinances
Town Office Hours: 8:30-7 M, 8:30-5 T-F	Water: Private	
Phone: (207) 268-4721 Fax: (207) 268-2196	Sewer: Private	

Local Property Taxes

Taxable Valuation (at Full market):

44.7 million in 1985 116.95 million in 1995 130.95 million in 2000

	1983	1993	1998	2001
Property Tax Mill Rate	13.62	12.23	14.53	18.30
Total Assessment	\$609,248	\$1,430,349	\$1,902,917	\$2,362,707

Population

Current Estimate: 3,235 (2002)

Rank in County: 12 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	1,011	1,222	1,954	2,650	3,110
Growth Rate	--	20.9%	59.9%	35.6%	17.4%

Components of Change (1990-2000): Natural Change:169 Net Migration:291
KVCOG Population Projection to 2020: Estimate: 4,500 Hi-Low: 4,950 4,266

Historical Summary	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	628	786	818
Over Age 65	158	218	314
Median Age	29.2	32.6	38.5
High School Grads.	0	1202	1818
College Grads.	0	246	433
Enrolled in public schools	464	564	637

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 - 64	65 to 74	75 - 84	85 +
Number	172	237	272	188	124	380	603	498	184	138	201	84	29
% total	5.5	7.6	8.7	6	4	12.2	19.4	16	5.9	4.4	6.5	2.7	0.9

Schools and Education

	1996 - 97	1998 - 99	2000 - 01	2002 - 03
Elementary	320	289	298	282
Middle	114	154	167	166
High School	182	157	172	208
Home School	17	7	4	N/A

Housing

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	726	1128	4	1595
Year-round Occupied Units	342	650	926	1190
Seasonal Units	n/a	434	362	351
Persons per household	3.56	3.01	2.86	2.61
% Owner-occupied	n/a	89.7	90.7	88.7
% Mobile Home	n/a	15.4	24.4	19.6
Median Home Value	n/a	\$37,800	\$84,500	\$97,000
Local Property tax on Median Home	n/a	\$522	\$1,122	\$1,519

Housing Units built since 2000:

Single Family - 35 Multi-family - 0 Mobile Home - 28 Seasonal - 7

Units in Structure			Year Structure Built			Rooms per Unit		
Size	Number	%	Years	Number	%	Rooms	Number	%
1-unit, detached	1,226	76.9	'99 to '00	8	0.5	1 room	41	2.6
1-unit, attached	14	0.9	'95 to '98	128	8.0	2 rooms	32	2.0
2 units	19	1.2	'90 to '94	213	13.4	3 rooms	102	6.4
3 or 4 units	11	0.7	'80 to '89	369	23.1	4 rooms	349	21.9
5 to 9 units	0	0	'70 to '79	361	22.6	5 rooms	403	25.3
10 - 19 units	0	0	'60 to '69	136	8.5	6 rooms	285	17.9
20 + units	0	0	'40 to '59	125	7.8	7 rooms	193	12.1
Mobile home	313	19.6	'39 -	255	16.0	8 + rooms	190	11.9
Boat, RV, van,	12	0.8				Median (rooms)	5.2	
Total	1595	100.0						

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Status 1999			Assistance - 2001		
Subject	Number	%	Subject	Cases	Persons
2 Parent Households	51	5.7	Food Stamps	112	242
w/ related children under 18	36	8.1			
1 Parent Households (female HoH)	16	21.6			
w/ related children under 18 years	9	17.3	TANF	23	68
Individuals	252	8.1			
Over 65	17	5.5			
Related children under 18	66	8.2			

