

## Section 2.

# Human Resources

### Population Growth

Enosburgh's 10% growth rate from 1990 to 2000 reflects a slowdown in the growth rate from 1980 to 1990 which was 22%. The fact that Enosburgh's population is larger than 2,500 earns the town urban designation by some US Census definitions, but the community's independence from any adjacent larger place in excess of 50,000 enables it to be considered rural with regard to many state and federal programs. At 48.57 square miles, Enosburgh is one of the larger Vermont towns in land area. Table 2.1 shows basic demographic data from both the Town of Enosburgh and the Village of Enosburg Falls. All Town of Enosburgh data in this report includes the Village of Enosburg Falls (a pattern established by federal reporting).

Table 2.1 – Population Characteristics	Enosburgh	Enosburg Falls
Total Population, 2000	2,788	1,473
Total Population, 1990	2,535	1,350
Absolute Population Change, 1990 – 2000	253 people	123 people
Percent Population Change, 1990 – 2000	10%	8.4%
Persons per Square Mile, 2000	57.4	NA
Persons per Square Mile, 1990	52.2	NA
Area in Square Miles	48.57	NA
Percent Dependent, 2000 (under 18 and over 65)	.42%	NA
Percent Rural, 2000	100%	NA
Percent Rural Farm, 2000	2.4%	NA
Population Reporting Native Birth (United States), 2000	2682	NA
Population Reporting French/French Canadian Ancestry, 2000	882	NA

Sources: Center for Rural Studies / VCGI. 2002. *Vermont Indicators Online*.  
<http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators> US Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

### Age and Gender of Enosburgh's Citizens

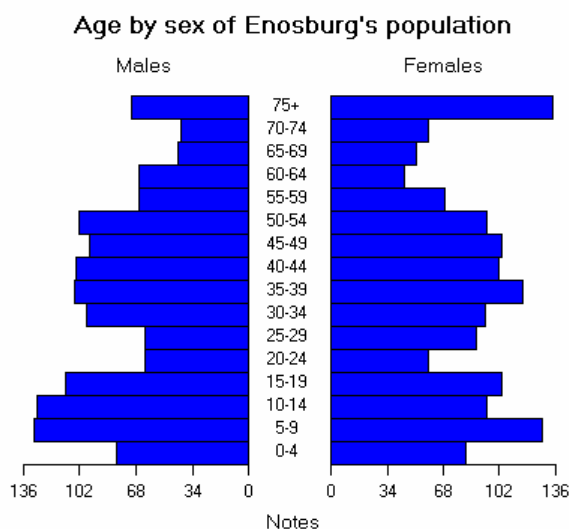


Table 2.2 shows that Enosburgh reflects state trends toward a graying of the population. The effect of the baby boom is shown in the bulge in the age cohorts from 40-60. Similarly, the increases in numbers of people 65 and over mirror state and national trends. Town officials will want to look carefully at changes in the under-five-year-old cohort, an age range that is not growing nearly as rapidly as it has in previous decades. Also of note is the decrease in population of 20 to 29 year olds given the larger numbers of younger cohorts. This trend might show an out migration of young people from the town after becoming independent.

## Some Famous Citizens

As a small community, Enosburgh has many residents to be proud of. Due to space constraints, we present only a few here to draw attention to the human capital a community may draw upon and celebrate. Source materials for this information were stated in the present tense. That tense is preserved here, albeit the citizens listed may have sadly passed on since.

One of the Town of Enosburgh's most important historical figures is Roger Enos whom the town was named for. Roger Enos served under Benedict Arnold in the colonial war. He might best be remembered as leading his sick and disabled men out of the Maine woods and back to safety after an unsuccessful attempt to lead them, upon Arnold's command, on an expedition into Quebec. After moving to Vermont from Connecticut, Roger Enos quickly became Brigadier General of Vermont's militia forces until his retirement. In 1780 Enos was granted the area of land soon to be known as Enosburgh along with 59 other grantees as a way for the Republic of Vermont to bankroll its efforts in the colonial war. He knew and worked closely with both of the Allens and with Governor Chittenden throughout his time in Vermont. In fact, he became Ira Allen's father-in-law when Ira married his daughter Jerusha Enos Jr. in 1787. Roger Enos died in 1808 at his residence in Colchester, Vermont.

Another well known figure from Enosburgh's history is Doctor Burney Kendall inventor of Kendall's Spavin Cure for horses. A local pharmacist, Kendall developed a remedy for Spavin in horses in the late 1880s. Shortly thereafter his cure was being marketed and sold around the United States and as far away as Europe and Australia. The company produced his remedies as well as printed pamphlets that he wrote all right from their buildings in Enosburg Falls. Through the efforts of the Kendall company the town thrived. In 1892 the company built the opera house and turned ownership of it over to the town. The company also put in an aqueduct behind the plant to provide clean water to the community. Though this water had to be paid for, it helped mitigate Typhoid fever in town.

## Enosburgh Housing and Family Information

Table 2.3 depicts housing and family characteristics and shows that Enosburgh is reversing the state trends in terms of family and household sizes. At the same time, median housing unit values are increasing at a greater rate in Enosburgh than in the rest of the state. As housing unit value is increasing, family and household sizes are increasing as well. Median gross rent in Enosburgh is increasing at a much slower rate than in the rest of the state.

Table 2.3 – Housing and Family Characteristics	Year	Enosburgh		Enosburg Falls		Vermont	
		1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of Families		675	728	364	378	118,905	157,763
Number of Households		979	1,058	567	591	210,650	240,634
Average Family Size		3.09	3.11	2.90	3.03	3.06	2.96
Average Household Size		2.55	2.6	2.32	2.44	2.57	2.44
Total Housing Units		1,115	1,149	602	618	271,214	294,382
Number of Owner-Occupied Housing Units		649	742	356	371	145,368	169,784
Number of Renter-Occupied Housing Units		330	316	211	220	65,282	70,850
Median Housing Unit Value		\$62,900	\$83,100	\$63,600	\$76,800	\$95,500	\$111,500
Median Gross Rent		\$446	\$457	\$343	\$441	\$446	\$553

Table 2.4 gives some insight into income data for Enosburgh, Franklin County and the State. Enosburgh lags consistently on all income figures, and has higher poverty levels than both the county and the state.

**Table 2.4– Town, County, and State Income & Poverty Comparisons**

	<b>Enosburg</b>	<b>Franklin Co.</b>	<b>Vermont</b>
<b>Annual Average Wage, 2001</b>	\$21,429	\$27,329	\$30,239
<b>Per Capita Income, 1999</b>	\$16,281	\$17,816	\$20,625
<b>Median Family Income, 1999</b>	\$38,958	\$46,733	\$48,625
<b>Median Household Income, 1999</b>	\$33,683	\$41,659	\$40,856
<b>Persons for whom Poverty Status was determined*</b>	2,777	44,774	588,053
<b>Poverty Rate, 1999</b>	11.4%	9%	9.4%
<b>Child Poverty Rate (persons under 18 years), 1999</b>	3.8%	3.1%	2.8%
<b>Elderly Poverty Rate (persons 65 years or over), 1999</b>	2%	1.1%	1.1%
<b>Percentage of Households with Public Assistance Income, 1999</b>	8.1%	5.1%	4.8%

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\*"Persons for whom poverty status was determined" refers to the actual number of the total population for whom poverty was assessed.