

SECTION 2. HUMAN RESOURCES

No single indicator is as powerful as the population measures. The number of people in a place relates critically to the carrying capacity of the locale as well as to the “density of acquaintanceship,” and thus to the very heart of life quality and social interaction. The 2000 census materials show a steady growth rate for Wilmington, yet having been recently released, yield little detail to compare changes in this place over the past decades. Tables and graphics presented below will be reinterpreted in the light of additional 2000 census information but are provided for your perusal as we await the final tallies.

Table 2.1- Wilmington Population Characteristics – one interesting note on this table is the fact that Wilmington’s population in 2000 (2,225) already exceeds the 1993 estimate for the year 2015 (2,084).

Total Population, 1990	1,968
Total Population, 2000	2,225
Absolute Population Change, 1990-2000	257
Percent Population Change, 1990-2000	13.1%
Population Projection for year 2015, 1993 est.	2,084
Persons per Square Mile, 1990	49.2
Persons per Square Mile, 2000	55.6
Percent Urban, 1990 & 2000	0.0%
Percent Rural, 1990 & 2000	100.0%
Percent Rural Farm, 1990	1.6%
Percent Dependent, 1990 (persons under 18 and over 65)	33.4%
Percent Native Born, 1990	42.3%
Percent Reporting French or French Canadian Ancestry, 1990	19.2%

sources: U.S. Census of Population and Housing 1980, 1990, 2000
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Table 2.2- Components of Population Change

Period	Initial Pop.	Absolute Change	Percent Change
1970-1980	1586.0	+ 222	14%
1980-1990	1808.0	+ 160	9%
1990-2000	1968.0	+ 257	13%

Period	Net Migrants	% Population change due to Net Migration
1970-1980	127.0	8.01%
1980-1990	-33.0	-1.83%

Period	Births	Deaths	Increase	% Population change due to natural increase
1970-1980	253.0	158.0	95.0	5.99%
1980-1990	330.0	137.0	193.0	10.7
1990-2000	NA	NA	NA	NA

sources: Computed using U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 1970, 1980, 1990 and Vermont Department of Health Vital Statistics files, 1970-1990.

Table 2.3- Town, County, and State Population Characteristics – Notice that the % increase in Wilmington’s population from 1990 to 2000 was greater than the rates experienced by both Windham County and the state of Vermont overall.

Place	1980 Pop.	1990 Pop.	2000 Pop.	% Change 1990-2000
Wilmington	1,808	1,968	2,225	13.06%
Dover	---	993	1,410	41.85%
Whitingham	---	1,177	1,298	10.28%
Marlboro	---	924	978	5.84%
Brattleboro	---	12,241	12,005	-1.93%
Windham County	36,933	41,588	44,216	6.32%
Chittenden County	115,534	131,761	146,571	11.24%
Vermont	511,356	562,758	608,827	8.2%

sources: U.S. Census of Population and Housing 1980, 1990, 2000
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Note: see *Change In Population 1990-2000* map on next page.

Table 2.4- Housing & Family Characteristics

Number of Families, 1990	499
Number of Households, 1990	803
Total Children in Single Parent Families, 1990	81
Total Housing Units, 1990	2176

Total Increase in Housing Units, 1960-1990	1,653
Number of Owner-Occupied Housing Units, 1990	505
Number of Renter-Occupied Housing Units, 1990	291
Median Housing Unit Value, 1990	\$110,600
Median Rent, 1990	437
Median Gross Rent as % of Household Income, 1990	26.0%

sources: U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 1990
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