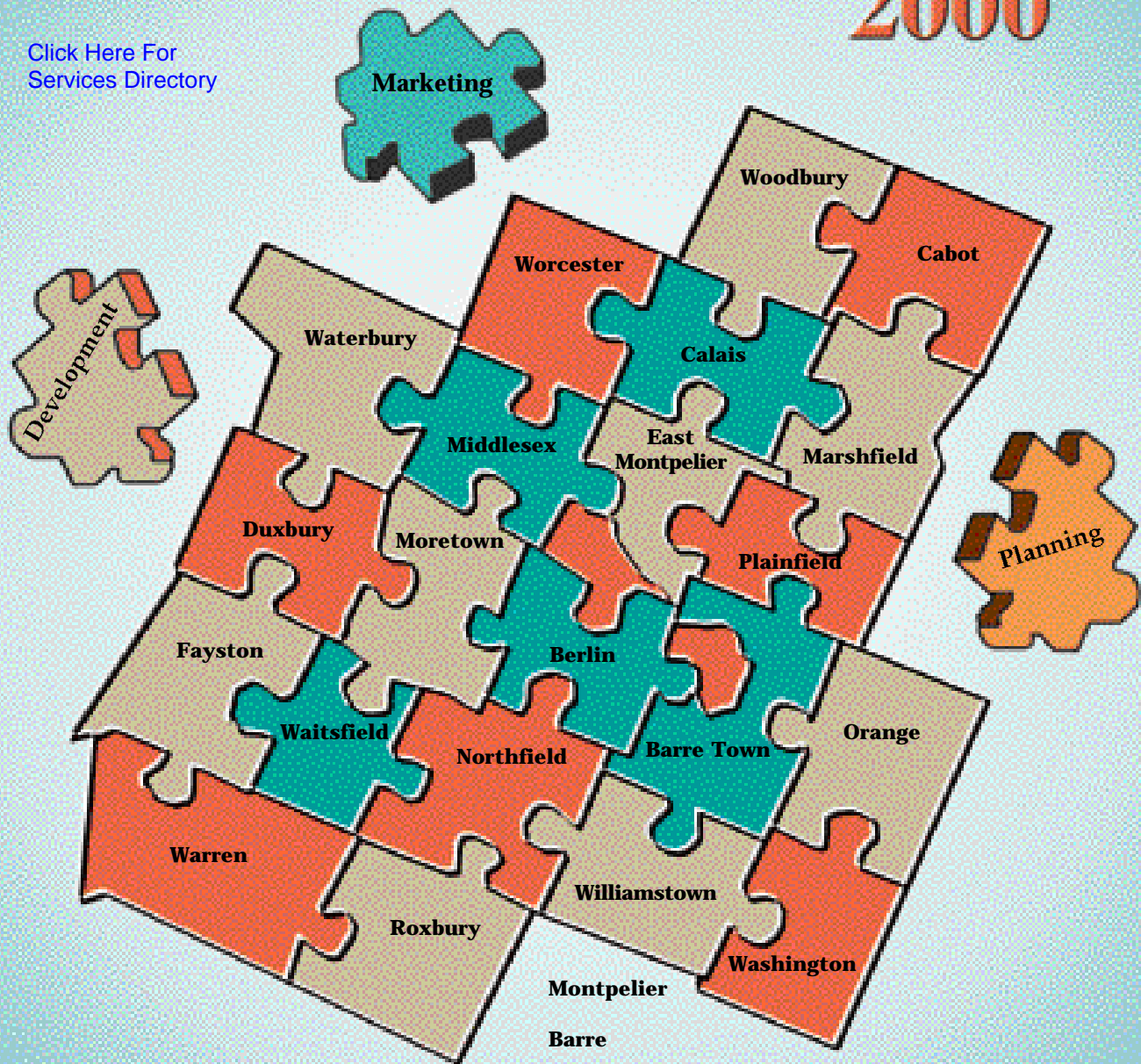


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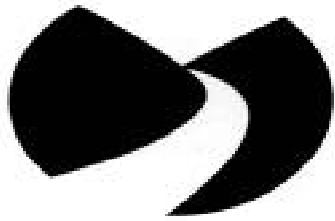
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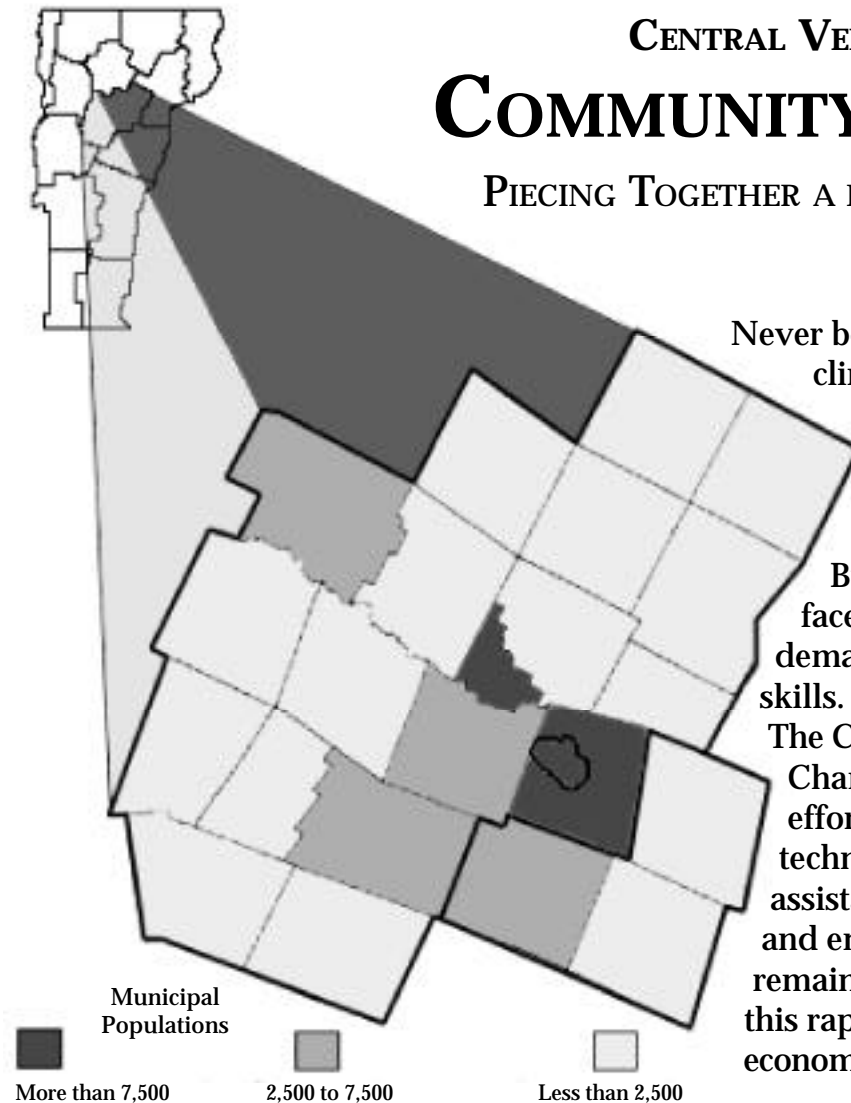
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The Central Vermont Chamber is making every effort to stay ahead of the technology curve to provide assistance to its members and ensure that our region remains strong in the face of this rapidly changing economy.

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Letter from the President...

Vermont in general and Central Vermont in particular has struggled in the early 1990's, however there is reason for optimism. Tourism, already Vermont's largest employment sector, is growing rapidly worldwide. Moreover, the shift to an information economy favors Vermont. People with portable jobs, which pay well, are choosing to live in nice places like Vermont.

Our future can be brighter still if we focus on cooperation. In the past, our smallness held us back. Increasingly, however, the success of an economy depends on its nimbleness rather than its proximity to major markets. Our smallness can be an asset when all components of our society work as a team.

The Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce is helping cooperation happen. Whether the issue is downtown redevelopment, tourism promotion, service excellence training, arts support and coordination or any other issue we identify, we are working to bring diverse elements of our society together to work in teams towards improving our economy.

Please consider joining these efforts. Help cooperation thrive and business succeed in areas of interest to you.

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	1997 Economic Performance	Business Vitality	Development Capacity
Massachusetts	C	A	A
New Hampshire	A	B	C
Connecticut	C	D	A
Vermont	C	C	C
Rhode Island	C	B	D
Maine	B	D	D

Of the six New England States, Vermont ties with Rhode Island for next to the last in rank. The state showed a grade improvement from

D to C in Business Vitality, but remained the same in the other categories.

Year	'87	'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
Economic Performance	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
Business Vitality	A	A	A	A	C	B	B	C	F	D	C
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ANNUAL AVERAGES 1983-1997			
	VERMONT	U.S.	VT % OF U.S.
1983	\$14,469	\$17,416	83.10%
1984	\$15,185	\$18,178	83.50%
1985	\$15,767	\$18,974	83.10%
1986	\$16,666	\$19,746	84.40%
1987	\$17,433	\$20,621	84.50%
1988	\$18,398	\$21,650	85.00%
1989	\$19,212	\$22,269	86.30%
1990	\$20,234	\$23,258	87.00%
1991	\$20,974	\$24,177	86.80%
1992	\$21,947	\$25,547	85.90%
1993	\$22,243	\$25,934	85.80%
1994	\$22,512	\$26,496	85.00%
1995	\$23,121	\$27,441	84.30%
1996	\$24,036	\$28,581	84.10%
1997	\$25,023	\$30,053	83.30%
U. S. Department of Labor			
VT Dept. of Employment & Training			

Vermont remains in the 80th percentile of national annual average wages.

U.S. and New England States
1997 Annual Average, Total Coverage*
Employment and Wages

	Annual Wage 1997
United States	\$30,343
New England Region	\$34,121
Vermont	\$25,506
Connecticut	\$38,895
Maine	\$24,898
Massachusetts	\$35,710
New Hampshire	\$29,296
Rhode Island	\$28,664

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Vermont has the second lowest average annual wages in New England.

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As seen in the tables below, while Washington County fares better than the state in wages, Vermont falls well below national averages.

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Wage By Sector								
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Mine/Quarry	\$27,645	\$29,836	\$30,762	\$30,800	\$31,570	\$28,863	\$31,361	\$32,100
Construction	\$21,105	\$21,420	\$21,696	\$21,079	\$21,677	\$22,133	\$23,295	\$24,589
Manufacturing	\$23,567	\$24,561	\$25,721	\$26,708	\$27,454	\$27,714	\$27,534	\$28,100
Transportation	\$25,588	\$25,337	\$26,880	\$27,397	\$29,979	\$30,773	\$29,505	\$30,608
Wholesale	\$22,970	\$23,456	\$24,648	\$25,085	\$25,416	\$26,143	\$26,482	\$28,930
Retail	\$12,515	\$12,731	\$13,203	\$13,435	\$13,421	\$13,622	\$13,683	\$14,310
Fin, Ins & RE	\$29,523	\$28,566	\$30,791	\$31,320	\$32,180	\$34,500	\$36,451	\$37,572
Services	\$17,056	\$17,797	\$18,694	\$19,230	\$19,595	\$20,434	\$21,005	\$21,791
Government	\$21,721	\$22,815	\$24,816	\$25,193	\$25,920	\$26,750	\$27,137	\$28,901
Information from Employment & Wages Labor Market Info - DET								
Vermont								
Wage By Sector								
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Mine/Quarry	\$23,868	\$24,860	\$26,098	\$27,656	\$28,032	\$27,301	\$28,400	\$30,091
Construction	\$21,920	\$22,112	\$22,735	\$23,097	\$23,285	\$24,404	\$28,400	\$26,378
Manufacturing	\$28,187	\$29,428	\$30,512	\$30,895	\$30,747	\$31,666	\$33,010	\$34,522
Transportation & Utilities	\$26,514	\$27,080	\$28,696	\$28,818	\$29,352	\$29,977	\$30,605	\$31,630
Wholesale	\$25,150	\$26,432	\$28,061	\$27,994	\$28,577	\$29,636	\$30,395	\$31,647
Retail	\$12,127	\$12,459	\$13,007	\$13,100	\$13,441	\$13,641	\$13,996	\$14,550
Fin, Ins & RE	\$24,938	\$25,425	\$27,528	\$28,856	\$28,661	\$30,153	\$32,177	\$33,831
Services	\$17,505	\$18,429	\$19,534	\$20,070	\$20,678	\$21,230	\$22,215	\$23,150
Government	\$22,052	\$23,161	\$24,399	\$24,991	\$25,250	\$25,906	\$26,802	\$28,058
Information from Employment & Wages Labor Market Info - DET								
United States								
Wage By Sector								
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Mine/Quarry	\$37,149	\$38,846	\$41,537	\$42,434	\$43,652	\$45,278	\$47,612	\$49,944
Construction	\$26,150	\$26,711	\$27,379	\$27,561	\$28,308	\$29,228	\$30,340	\$31,741
Manufacturing	\$28,880	\$30,083	\$31,834	\$32,405	\$33,527	\$34,757	\$36,235	\$37,889
Transportation	\$30,034	\$31,166	\$32,862	\$33,412	\$34,201	\$35,044	\$36,095	\$37,630
Wholesale	\$30,036	\$31,226	\$32,931	\$33,717	\$34,646	\$35,982	\$37,527	\$39,455
Retail	\$12,709	\$13,183	\$13,809	\$13,998	\$14,386	\$14,747	\$15,215	\$15,877
Fin, Ins & RE	\$29,683	\$31,013	\$34,822	\$36,011	\$36,062	\$38,577	\$41,728	\$44,867
Services	\$22,007	\$23,050	\$24,330	\$24,677	\$25,113	\$26,157	\$27,213	\$28,446
Government	\$25,362	\$26,567	\$27,628	\$28,495	\$29,202	\$29,957	\$30,878	\$31,880
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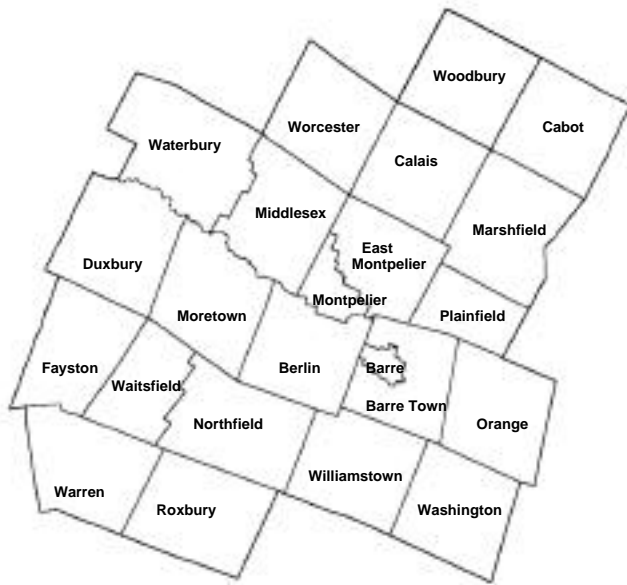
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Central Vermont Approximately 10 Percent Of State

Vermont's third most populated county, Washington County hosts the seat of state government in Montpelier. Employment is dominated by insurance and government in the capital city, manufacturing and granite-related industries in Barre, and ski resorts in the Warren, Waittsfield, and Fayston areas. Waterbury hosts a large number of state employees and several large food processors.

Named Jefferson County when it was first created in 1810, the name was changed to Washington County in 1814. Its 20 municipalities vary in size from towns of less than 1,000 residents to cities approaching 10,000.

In addition to the 20 towns of Washington County, Central Vermont includes three towns in northwestern Orange County - Williamstown, Orange and Washington.

In rough terms, Central Vermont represents 10 percent of the state of Vermont. The region has between eight and nine percent of the state's land area and real estate value. It has between 10 and 11 percent of the state's population, employers, employment, and students.

Montpelier, the capital, isn't the largest city in the state - or even in the region. Central Vermont has three of the state's 15 largest municipalities, but none are in the top five.

Local employment is above the state average in the insurance, quarrying and government sectors, below in agriculture, manufacturing and transportation. Retail, construction and service employment are about average.

1997 State-Regional Comparison

Category	Region	Vermont	%
Population	61,639	588,654	10.5
Housing Units	26,027	240,076	10.8
# of Employers	2,454	22,898	10.7
Employment	29,536	274,355	10.8
Area (Sq. Mi.)	827	9,245	8.9
Students (K-12)	11,132	106,341	10.5

County Employment By Sectors:

Category	County	Vermont	%
Agricultural	153	3152	4.9
Mine & Quarry	136	576	23.6
Construction	1,127	12,933	8.7
Manufacturing	3,258	46380	7.0
Transportation	998	11,694	8.5
Retail & Trade	6,558	65,211	10.1
Fin, Ins. & RE	2,477	11,785	21.0
Services	7,665	78,944	9.7
Government	6,608	43,687	15.1

REGION FARES WELL UNDER THE DOME

Central Vermont's interests were well served by the 1999 legislative session, especially in terms of funding and taxes. The region and its communities received support in several important areas that can be key to a more prosperous future; (help that is sorely needed.) A compilation of state tax data shows the local economy has not performed as well as other parts of the state.

The allocation of funds for local projects was welcome news in Barre City and Town, and the Mad River Valley. The Vermont Legislature has appropriated \$250,000 each for an incubator building in Barre Town and

for the Vermont Historical Society project in Barre City. Funds were also awarded for expansion of the bus system that will improve linkages within the Mad River Valley and between the valley and the rest of the region.

A 25 percent increase of \$250,000, was put into the payment in lieu of taxes for state-owned property program (PILOT). PILOT has substantial impact on Montpelier, Waterbury and to a lesser extent on Barre City.

Central Vermont and other regions of the state will benefit from an increased investment in regional

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programs. The state's appropriation to the regional and municipal planning fund will double the money available in municipal grants and to regional planning commissions. The new budget includes a 50 percent increase in state funding for regional development corporations.

Funding important to the region was found for a special \$1.75 million statewide travel marketing initiative, and for increases in funding for Small Business Development Corporations, workforce training, and workforce entry assistance like daycare.

Meanwhile, the income tax was reduced, some clothing will be exempt from sales tax, and major investments were made in school funding programs.

The economic assistance coming to the region is welcome indeed. Data shows that Central Vermont barely held its own in rooms and meals tax receipts while losing ground in income tax, and suffering badly in retail sales.

Seven of the 12 regions of the state increased rooms and meals tax receipts from 1996 to 1998 by more than the statewide average of 25.4 percent. The Two Rivers region east of Central Vermont enjoyed the highest increase at 31 percent. Central Vermont increased by 26.4 percent.

Overall, income tax revenues were 23.4 percent over the past two years. Central Vermont's income taxes increased 20.5 percent, in the middle of the 12 regions. The highest income tax increase was in Lamoille County

where revenues climbed 36 percent.

Central Vermont barely escaped the bottom in terms of retail sales growth. While revenues went up 8 percent statewide, they rose a mere 3.3 percent in this region. Only Southern Windsor County's 2.1 percent increase was lower.

Barre's downtown has struggled in recent years and anchor space in the Berlin Mall sat vacant until January of this year. The soft retail activity in these key retail areas is clearly reflected in the regional data.

Retail sales were best in the Northwest Region of the state which includes Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Sale tax receipts grew 13 percent in the Northwest.

The economy of the greater Burlington area fared well across the board. It was fifth in rooms and meals tax growth, fourth in sales tax growth, and third in income tax growth.

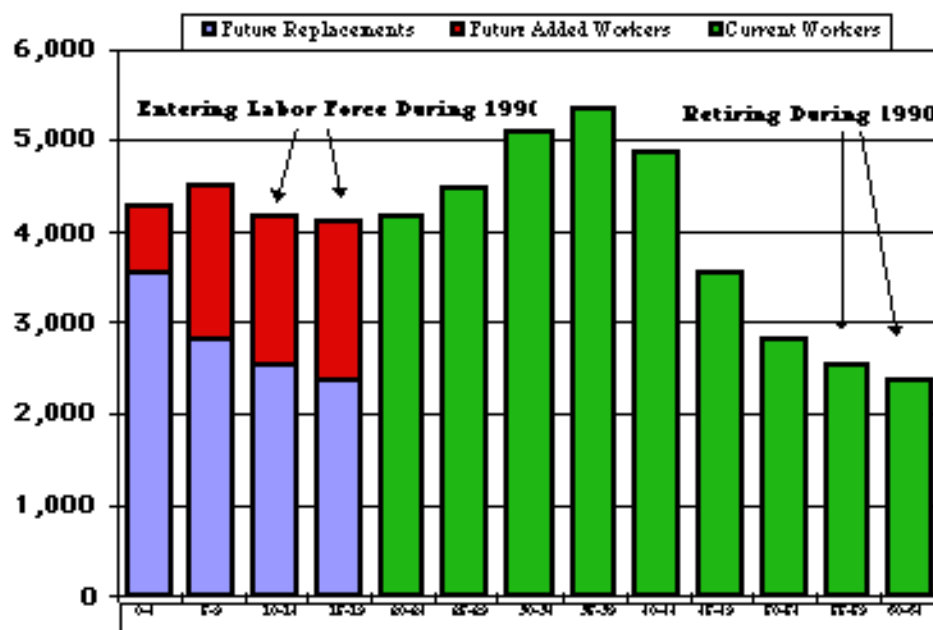
In addition to the legislative appropriations, Barre is developing a granite museum and recently received a state planning grant to prepare for eligibility for incentives under the downtown bill passed last session. Montpelier has received downtown certification.

Although Central Vermont's economic activity has not glowed in recent years, it has the potential to do better in the years ahead.

The region's multiple efforts to improve the economy coupled with the legislature's support this session are reason for optimism.

Census Data Shows Demand For Jobs

Central Vermont's population by ages in 1990 showed a much greater number of residents under age 20 than between the ages of 45 and 65. That data means there will be many more residents entering the workforce in the next two decades than retiring from it.



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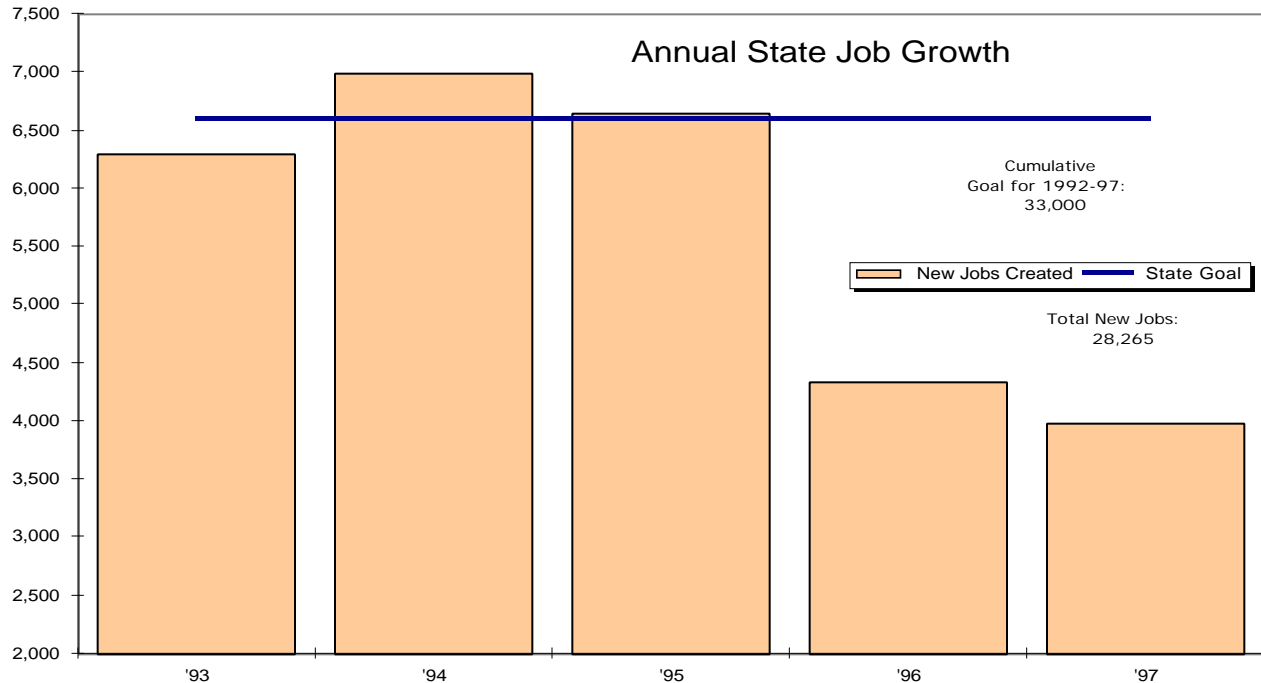
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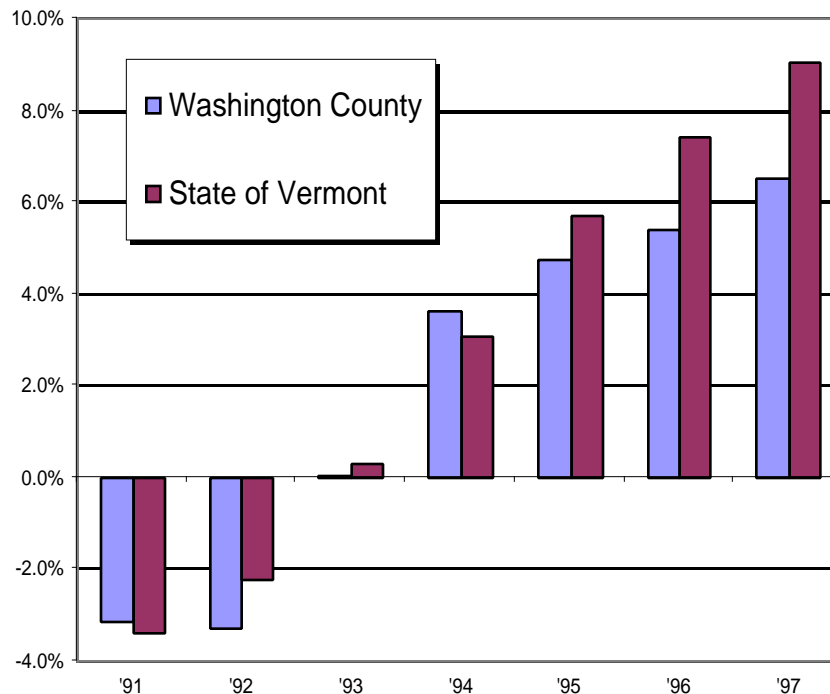
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Meeting Resident's Job Needs

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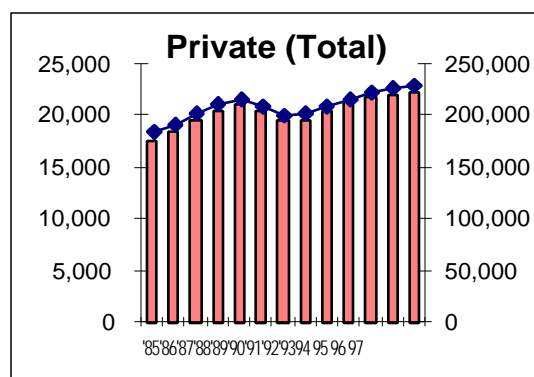
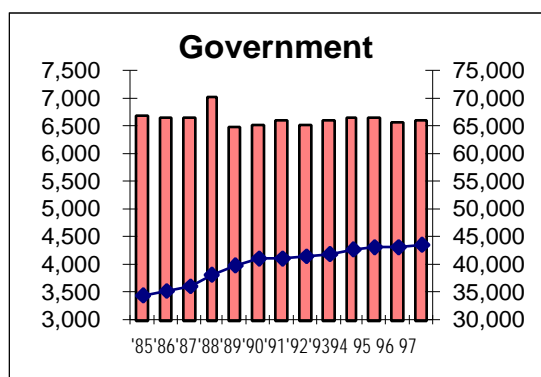
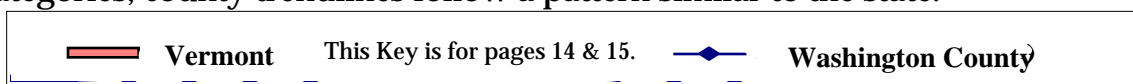




Cumulative Job Growth Since 1990




County Employment Mirrors State

Washington County accounts for about 10 percent of Vermont's employment. The charts on these pages show county and state average annual employment by industry since 1985. The percentage of employment varies substantially between industries, however in the vast majority of employment categories, county trendlines follow a pattern similar to the state.



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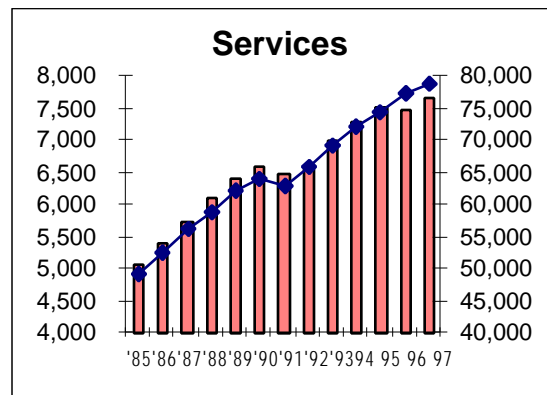
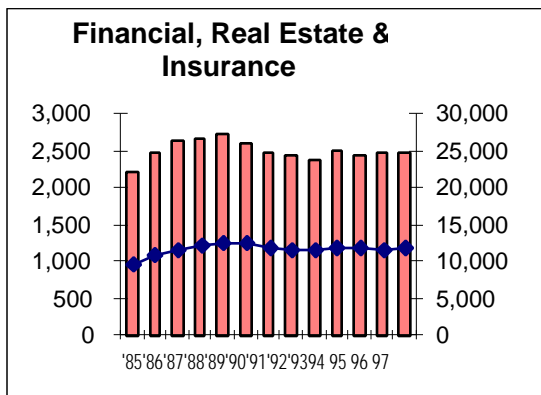
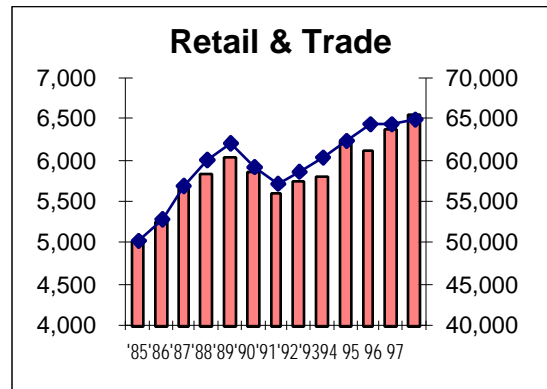
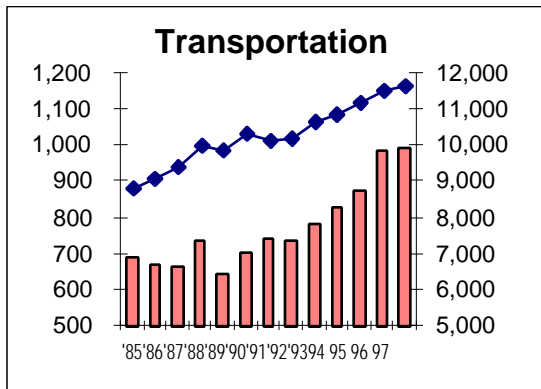
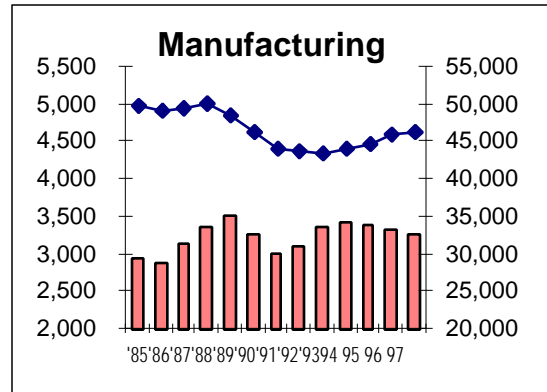
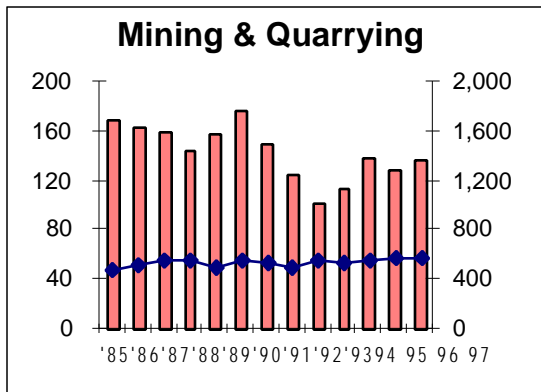
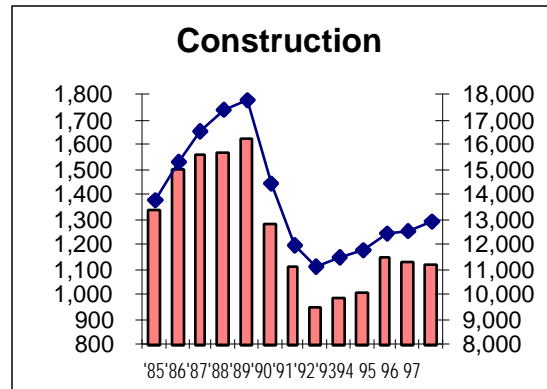
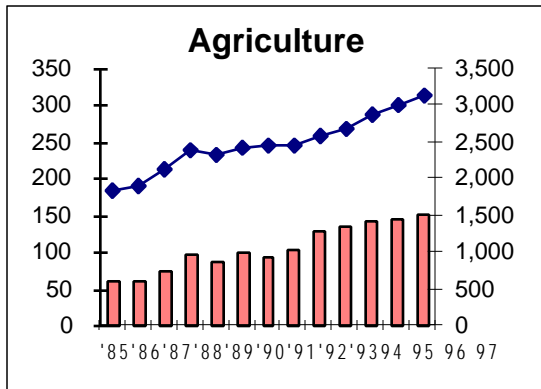


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Central Vermont Housing Needs

1980's			
Region's Population 1980		56,284	
Birth's During 1980's	8,467		
Deaths During 1980's	(5,188)		
Native Population Increase		3,279	5.83%
Total Anticipated Population		59,563	
Actual Census 1990		59,619	
Population Increase Due To Immigration		56	0.10%
1990's			
Regional Population 1990		59,619	
Births During 1990's (1990 - 1997)	5,900		
Deaths During 1990's (1990 - 1997)	(4,245)		
Native Population Increase		1,655	2.78%
Total Anticipated Population		61,274	
Actual Population Estimate (VHCA)		61,639	
Population Increase Due To Immigration		365	0.61%

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	1990	1997
Population	59,619	61,639
Housing Units	24,153	26,027
Population/Housing Units (Household Size)	2.47	2.37
Units Needed	Number	Percentage
Additional Units Needed For Household Size	1,021	54%
Units For Native Increase of 1,655	699	37%
Units For Immigration of 365	154	8%
Total New Housing Units	1,874	100%



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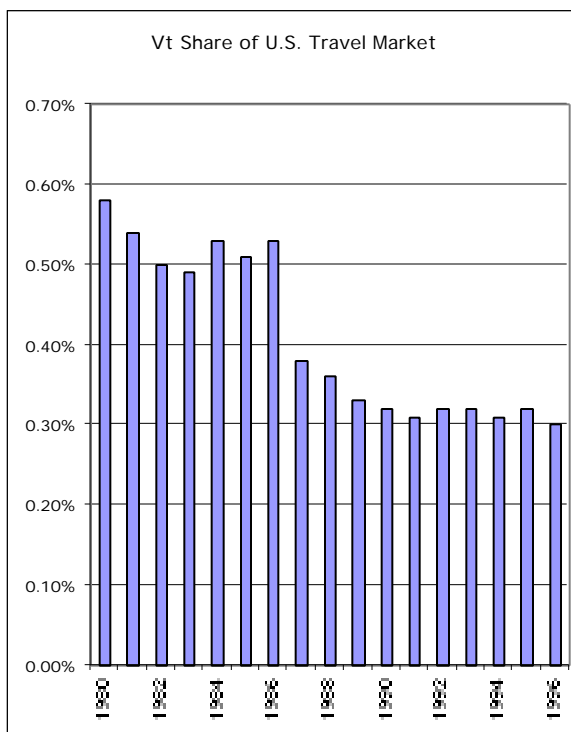
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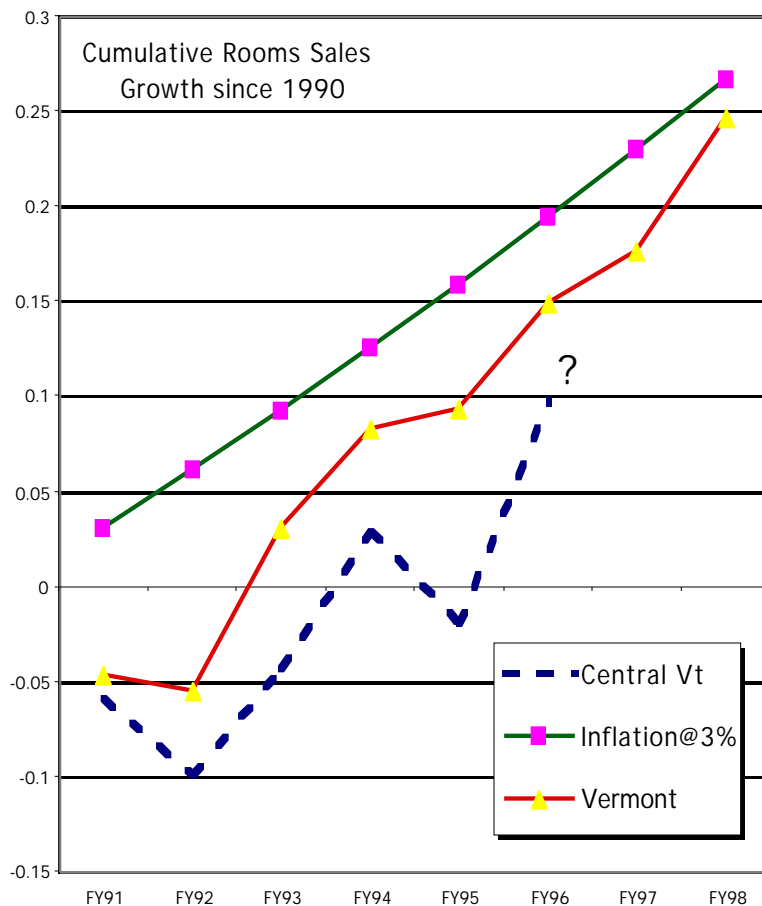
more efficiently than the resources of others if the state is to remain competitive.

We must work together to improve room sales in Vermont.

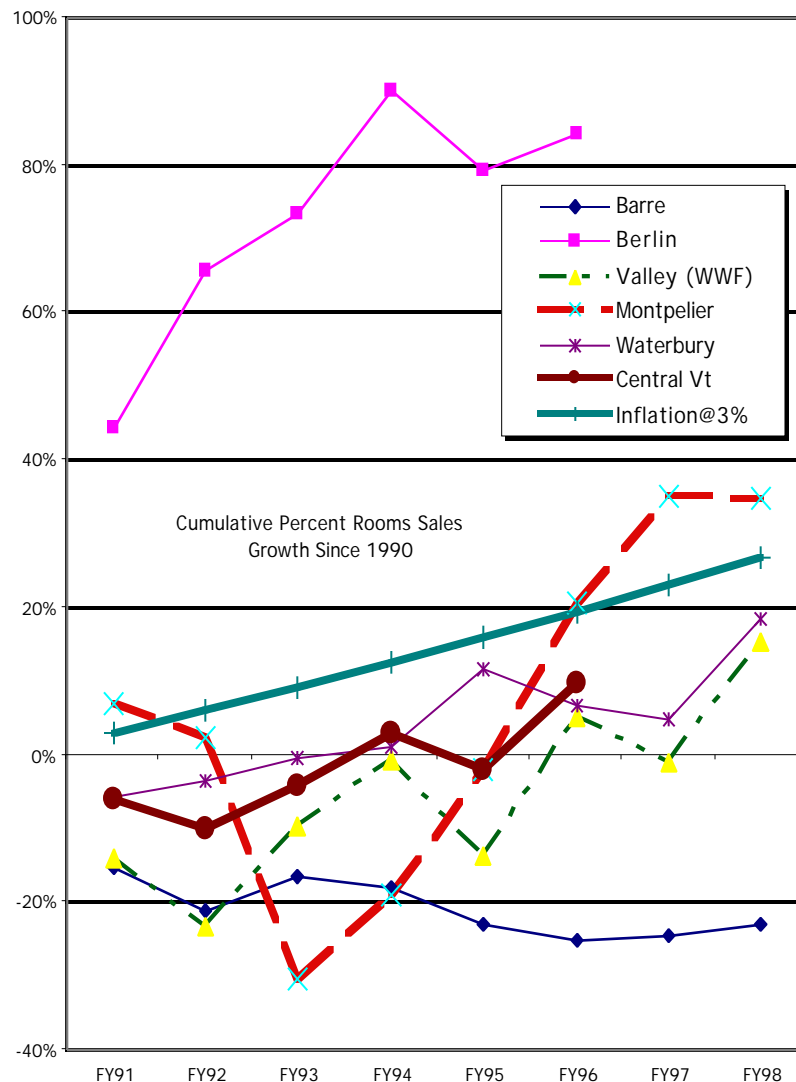
Statewide cooperation and collaboration as well as the adoption of cutting-edge technology offer the greatest hope for amplifying available resources.

The Regional Marketing approach implemented by the state can be an extremely useful and productive vehicle for resource efficiency and technological advancement. However, regional funding cannot become corporate welfare. It must fuel the research and development of better techniques and best practices that can become self-sustaining over time.

The experience and resource networks of Vermont's Chambers of Commerce are integral to the success of any statewide marketing initiative. The best ideas emerge and develop in a decentralized environment. Policy that fosters creativity, facilitates innovation, and supports competition will ultimately produce optimum output.



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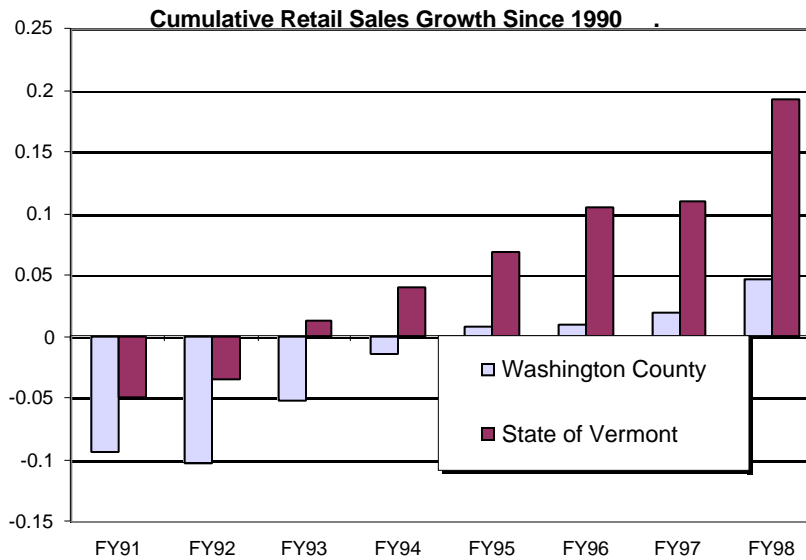
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RETAIL SALES CONTINUE TO SUFFER



While the data shows Central Vermont held its own in economic activity based on the hospitality industry, the region lags way behind in the level of retail sales. In the mid 1990's several major retail business locations were closed, and the flood of March 1992 had a lasting impact on many retail businesses.

Sales & Use Receipts			% Change
County	FY90	FY98	90-98
Addison	95,413,892	117,508,534	23.16%
Bennington	201,060,254	285,998,225	42.25%
Caledonia	96,005,470	119,247,774	24.21%
Chittenden	930,642,867	1,227,332,644	31.88%
Essex	5,351,875	6,597,702	23.28%
Franklin	120,250,470	146,915,715	22.17%
Grand Isle	8,409,553	9,281,234	10.37%
Lamoille	105,949,219	131,596,207	24.21%
Orange	58,343,197	59,218,595	1.50%
Orleans	87,114,710	93,715,653	7.58%
Rutland	450,654,415	459,810,722	2.03%
Washington	260,598,597	272,883,865	4.71%
Windham	209,828,055	223,282,324	6.41%
Windsor	191,262,692	213,166,955	11.45%
Vermont	2,820,885,266	3,366,556,149	19.34%

CONSISTENT DATA REPORTING SYSTEM NEEDED

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission has set the collection of data on Quality of Life Indicators as a priority.

A survey completed by that office showed the top indicators to measure include safety; natural environment; job opportunities providing livable wages; natural beauty — including aesthetics; wildlife and working farms; educational quality with diverse curriculum and balanced skills; and crime rates.

The goal is to identify data that provides a solid indication of the

status and trends in these various quality of life categories. It is a challenging but worthy effort that would provide a forum for discussion and possible action in each arena.

Combined with the data monitored by the Central Vermont Chamber and CVEDC, the data pool would provide the region with a fairly extensive set of benchmarks to assess its economic vitality and livability.

As if the task of identifying the right measures and collecting the data were not daunting enough, CVRPC faces the continuing problem of data

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accuracy and consistency.

Inconsistencies in state data collection and reporting methods make it difficult to get an accurate picture of how regions, counties and individual towns are doing. Methods of collection vary from department to department, and reporting venues change periodically within departments.

The importance of making consistent, accurate information available statewide is a basic need if Vermont and its regions are serious about making data comparisons.

Examples of some anomalies encountered with data collection can be vividly witnessed in this profile. Where rooms sales were reported, no figures were shown for Central Vermont after 1996.

This data was omitted because the state reporting method currently has no means to account for rooms and meals sales in towns without an arbitrary number of commercial properties reporting. County data reports include similar omissions because they look at the number of towns reporting.

In 1996, the Town of Berlin apparently dropped below that minimum number of commercial properties reporting, and therefore no information is available for the town, though all of the major commercial properties are still in operation.

The impact that this lack of data has on the region is that if information

after 1996 the was included in the charts, it would inaccurately indicate a sharp decrease in room sales.

Other such anomalies will be evident on the following pages of town information. What have been explained by the state as changes in collection process have created some interesting, yet very unlikely scenarios for certain years in employment and crimes.

For several years, the state has urged regional planning, development and chambers to collaborate on projects of mutual interest to avoid duplication and make the best possible use of resources.

Data collection could be a focal point for such collaboration. However, the first step might be to join forces in seeking better data processing and presentation by the state. Without reliable data at the state level, regional analysis is extremely difficult.

Just finding data, or finding out whether or not the desired data exists, can be a formidable task. The internet has made such research a bit easier, but there is still a long way to go.

Hopefully, a summary of state databases and the information they contain can be made available.

The next step would be integration of state database systems, uniform reporting boundaries, and geographic coding. These would greatly benefit Central Vermont and other regions as well.

CENTRAL VERMONT is a trade area centered on the cities of Barre, Montpelier and the Mad River resort area. It represents about 10 percent of the state in most demographic categories - population, land area, housing units, students, employment and labor force.

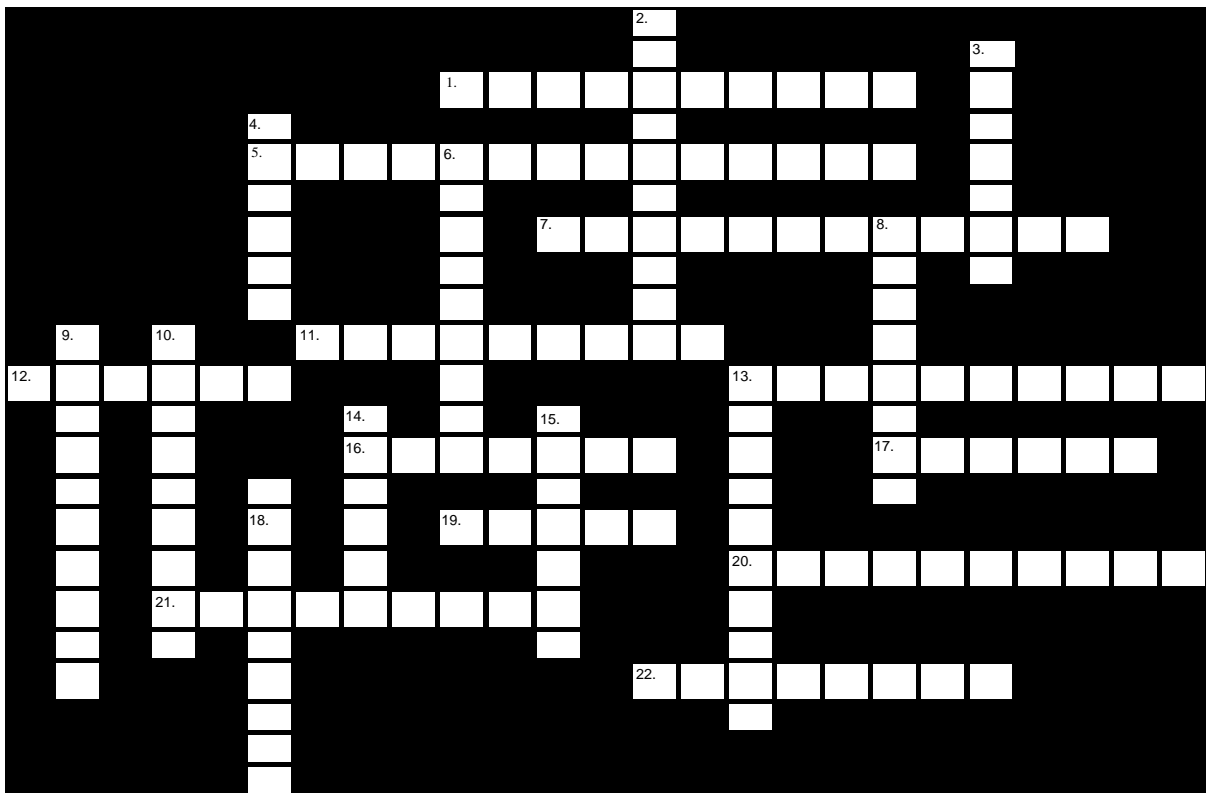
Central Vermont Towns

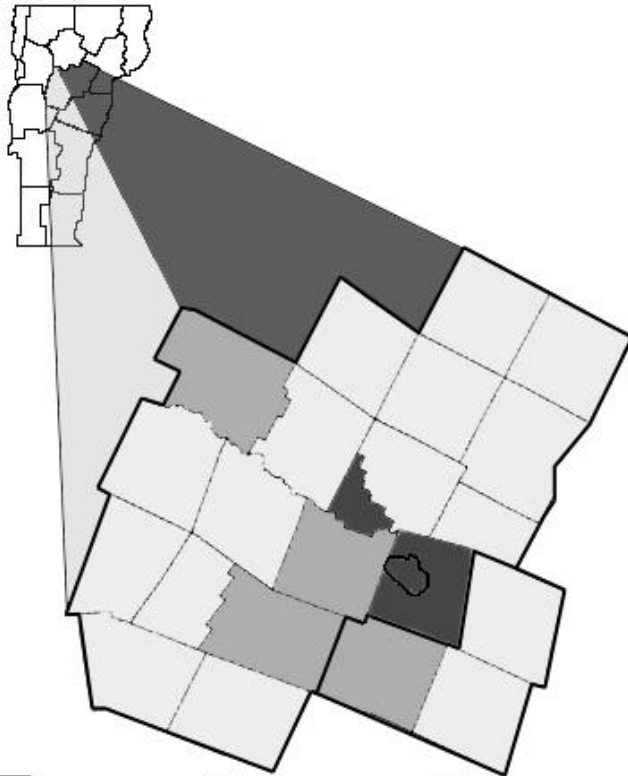
Across

1. Noted for its many brick houses.
5. Has some of the region's best agricultural soil.
7. This town's schools sit high on a plateau overlooking the village.
10. Recreational Crossroads of Vermont.
11. Consists of four villages.
12. Commercial & retail trade center of the region's "resort area."
15. Central Vermont's least populated town.
18. Recognized for educational excellence.
19. Home to the nation's oldest private military college.
20. One-third of this town is state owned.
21. Home to the region's largest ski resort.
22. Lowest number of property crimes in the region.

Down

2. Nation's smallest capital.
3. Divided by Scenic Route 100.
4. Region's highest ratio of employment to residents
6. Home to Rumney Elementary School.
8. This town converted an unused school to a multi-use facility for public functions.
9. Home to Wilson Industrial Park.
12. Nestled along scenic Route 110.
13. This town has the fewest employers and the lowest average annual wages.
14. Region's second largest town.
16. The region's northernmost town.
17. Most populated town in the region





More than 7,500 2,500 to 7,500 Less than 2,500

CENTRAL VERMONT

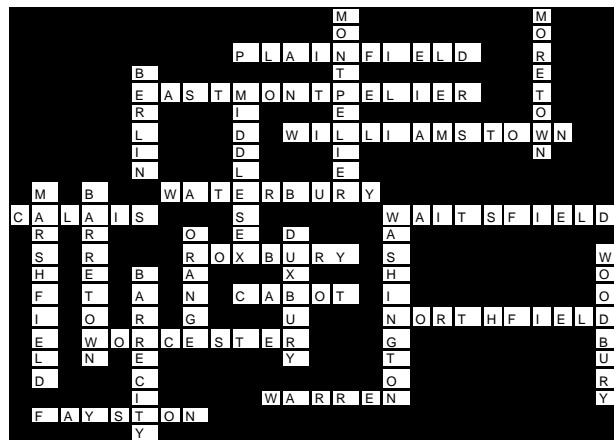
Central Vermont is a geographic region which encompasses 20 municipalities in Washington County and three in Orange County.

They comprise a trade area anchored by the cities of Barre and Montpelier. The region represents approximately 10 percent of the state in most demographic categories - population, land area, housing units, employment and labor force.

These 23 municipalities comprise the Central Vermont Regional Planning district and are served by the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation as well as the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

TOWN POPULATIONS					
Washington County Towns					
	'60	'70	'80	'90	2000
	Census	Census	Census	Census	Est.
Barre City	10,387	10,209	9,824	9,482	9,254
Barre Town	4,580	6,509	7,090	7,411	7,925
Berlin	1,306	2,050	2,454	2,561	2,709
Cabot	763	663	958	1,043	1,118
Calais	684	749	1,207	1,521	1,783
Duxbury	546	621	877	976	1,109
E. Montpelier	1,200	1,597	2,205	2,239	2,604
Fayston	158	292	657	846	1,063
Marshfield	891	1,033	1,267	1,331	1,467
Middlesex	770	857	1,235	1,514	1,749
Montpelier	8,782	8,609	8,241	8,247	8,168
Moretown	788	904	1,221	1,415	1,580
Northfield	4,511	4,870	5,435	5,610	5,871
Plainfield	966	1,399	1,249	1,302	1,453
Roxbury	364	354	452	575	631
Waitsfield	658	837	1,300	1,422	1,579
Warren	469	588	956	1,172	1,353
Waterbury	4,303	4,614	4,465	4,589	4,736
Woodbury	317	399	573	766	904
Worcester	417	505	727	906	1,021
County Total:	42,860	47,659	52,393	54,928	58,077
Orange County Towns					
Orange	430	540	752	915	1,020
Washington	565	667	855	937	1,061
Williamstown	1,553	1,822	2,284	2,839	3,403
Subtotal:	2,548	3,029	3,891	4,691	5,484
CV REGION	45,408	50,688	56,284	59,619	63,561

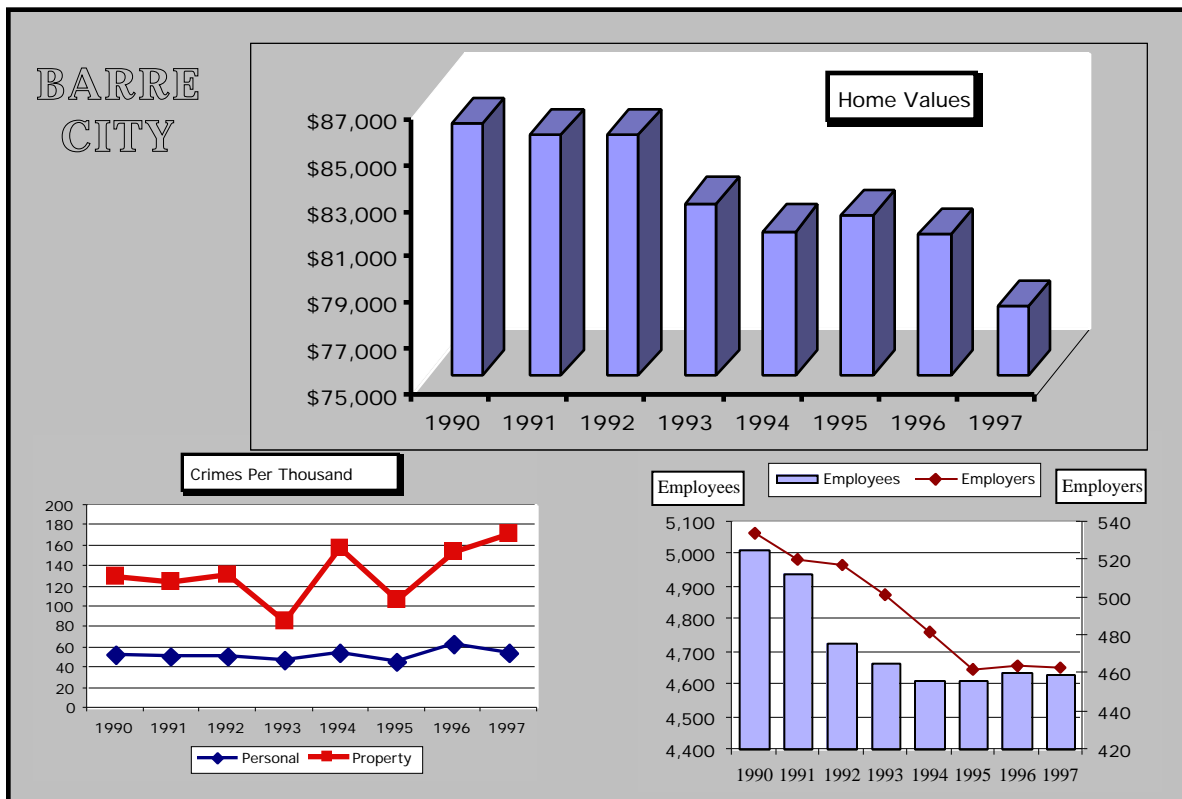
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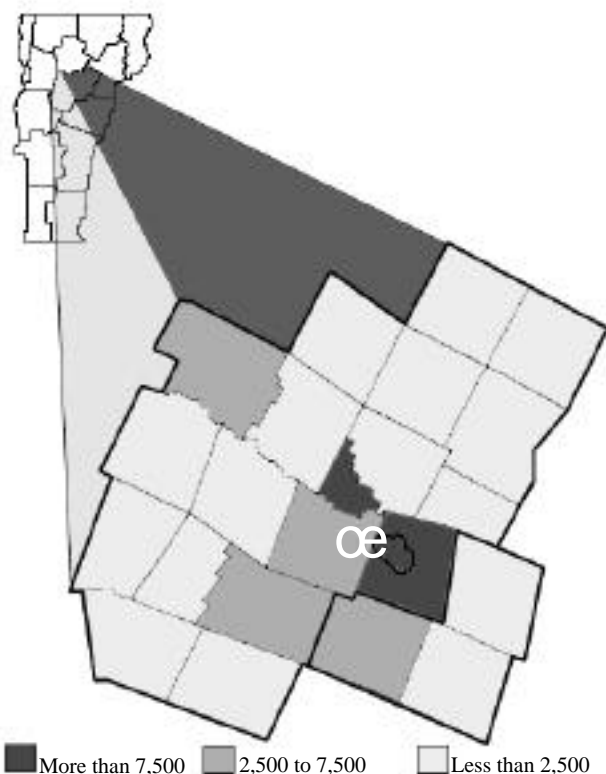


BARRE CITY

Central Vermont's largest municipality, Barre is the "Granite Capital of the World." The work of its artisans can be seen in the building architecture, statues and in its cemeteries. The stone industry attracted workers from all over Europe, creating a broad ethnic mix.

Barre City	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	9,482	9,237	9,429	9,537	9,552	9,536	9,529	9,538
Births	187	167	143	134	135	137	131	149
Deaths	150	124	136	126	116	128	121	139
Net Migration	N/A	-208	235	115	23	3	2	19
Housing Units	4,309	4,310	4,307	4,455	4,458	4,385	4,392	4,376
Avg Home Value	\$85,997	\$85,479	\$85,513	\$82,490	\$81,281	\$81,976	\$81,165	\$78,023
% Ownership	72.48%	66.39%	65.87%	65.35%	64.22%	63.63%	63.30%	63.31%
Avg Household Size	2.20	2.14	2.19	2.14	2.14	2.17	2.17	2.18
Employers	534	520	517	502	482	462	464	463
Employees	5,015	4,940	4,729	4,666	4,610	4,610	4,636	4,627
Avg Annual Wage	\$18,300	\$18,851	\$20,053	\$20,537	\$21,061	\$21,436	\$21,620	\$22,549
Adjusted Tax Rate	2.8	2.64	2.66	2.7	2.74	2.9	2.88	2.96
Municipal	1.13	1.14	1.13	1.21	1.25	1.31	1.29	1.35
School	1.67	1.5	1.53	1.49	1.49	1.59	1.59	1.61
School Enrollment	1,391	1,316	1,327	1,354	1,355	1,369	1,428	1,464
Personal Crimes	502	471	474	446	513	437	598	520
Property Crimes	1,225	1,148	1,235	818	1,501	1,027	1,477	1,643





BARRE CITY

Area (Square miles)	4
% of Region.....	0.49%
City Employers '97	463
Five Year Change	-39
City Employment '97.....	4,627
Five Year Change	-39
% Regional Employment	15.67%
Population '97.....	9,538
Five Year Change	1
% Regional Population.....	15.47%
Year-round Housing Units '97	4,376
Average Home Value '97.....	\$78,023
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	8.1%
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Barre City has the smallest land mass of the region's 23 cities and towns, with less than one-half of a percent of the region's acreage; yet is the most populated. As with population and housing units, it leads the region in both personal and property crimes.

The number of employers hosted by the city appears to have leveled off after several years of decline — they are behind Montpelier in this category. Barre's average annual wage ranks 13th in the region, but they have seen steady increases since 1990.

The city also has the 2nd highest adjusted tax rate, and it's housing values continue to fall, ranking them 19th in 1997.



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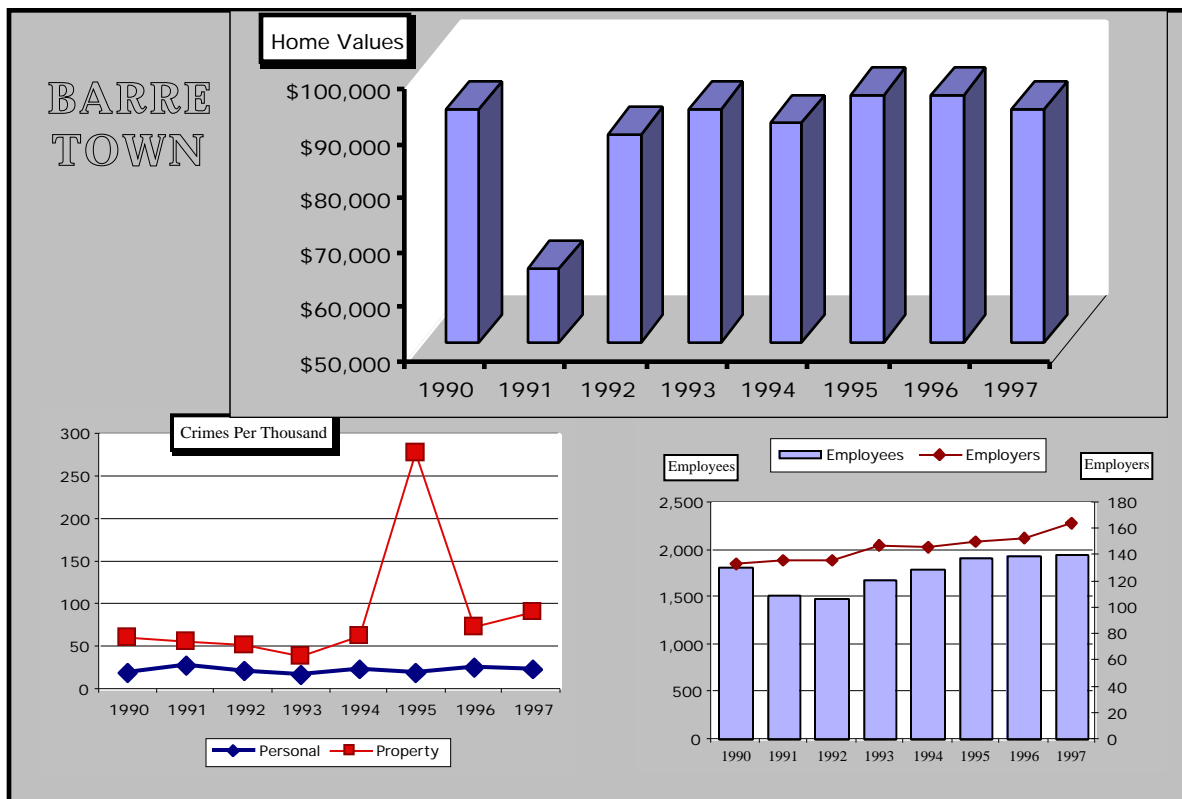
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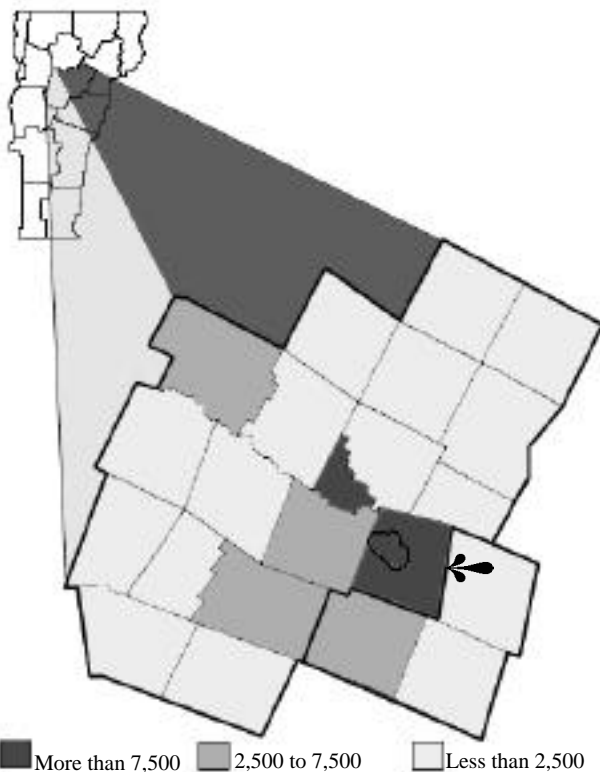
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BARRE TOWN

Barre Town includes four villages, as well as suburban and rural areas. This provides diverse housing and employment opportunities. Town features include unique mountain and valley views, Wilson Industrial Park, and excellent outdoor recreation facilities.

Barre Town	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	7,411	7,658	7,467	7,452	7,419	7,543	7,622	7,528
Births	82	84	66	92	91	69	51	41
Deaths	51	47	39	62	50	53	45	55
Net Migration	N/A	278	-154	12	-3	165	95	-88
Housing Units	2,756	2,782	2,843	2,870	2,887	2,885	2,932	2,966
Avg Home Value	\$92,835	\$63,418	\$88,311	\$92,869	\$90,071	\$95,511	\$95,440	\$93,004
% Ownership	75.28%	76.34%	75.87%	76.62%	77.16%	77.36%	77.23%	77.92%
Avg Household Size	2.69	2.75	2.63	2.60	2.57	2.61	2.60	2.54
Employers	133	136	137	147	146	151	153	164
Employees	1,823	1,529	1,482	1,673	1,801	1,923	1,934	1,944
Avg Annual Wage	\$21,515	\$22,026	\$22,797	\$24,721	\$24,698	\$24,520	\$25,422	\$25,463
Adjusted Tax Rate	2.04	1.97	2.22	2.13	2.56	2.14	2.74	2.39
Municipal	0.69	0.71	0.84	0.79	0.92	0.79	1	0.89
School	1.35	1.26	1.38	1.34	1.64	1.35	1.74	1.5
School Enrollment	1,464	1,499	1,541	1,554	1,562	1,594	1,572	1,567
Personal Crimes	150	209	170	132	176	151	194	183
Property Crimes	449	440	384	296	470	2,091	562	689





BARRE TOWN

Area (Square miles)	31.8
% of Region	3.87%
Town Employers '97	164
Five Year Change.....	17
Town Employment '97	1,944
Five Year Change.....	271
% Regional Employment	6.58%
Population.....	7,528
Five Year Change.....	76
% Regional Population.....	12.21%
Year-round Housing Units '97	2,966
Average Home Value '97.....	\$93,004
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	2.4%
Plan & Zoning Chris Violette.....	479-9331
Planning Chair	Mark Nicholson
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Barre Town is the 5th smallest municipality, with less than 4% of the region's land mass. It ranks 3rd in the region in population, number of housing units and number of property crimes.

The town has held personal crimes a little lower, where it ranks 5th in the region.

Steady increases in both the number of employers and average annual wages places the town in 6th and 7th place respectively.

A recent drop in housing values puts Barre Town in 10th place in the region.

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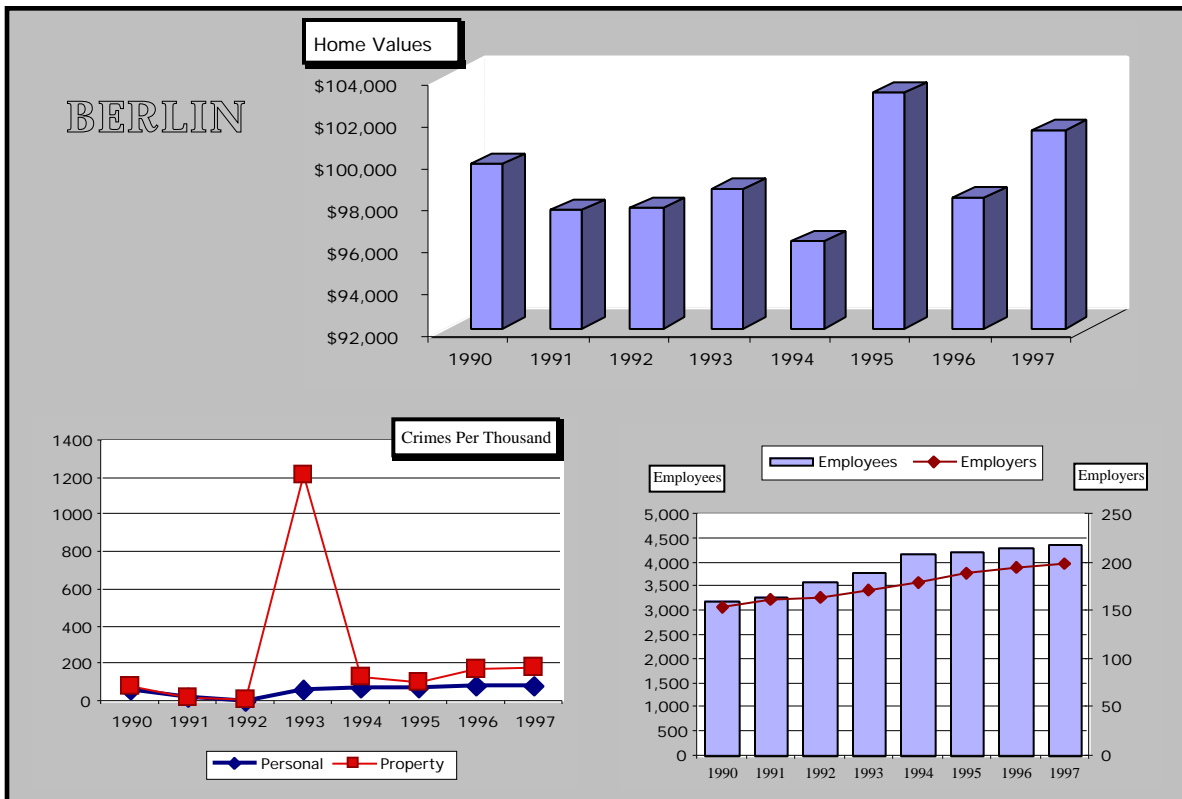
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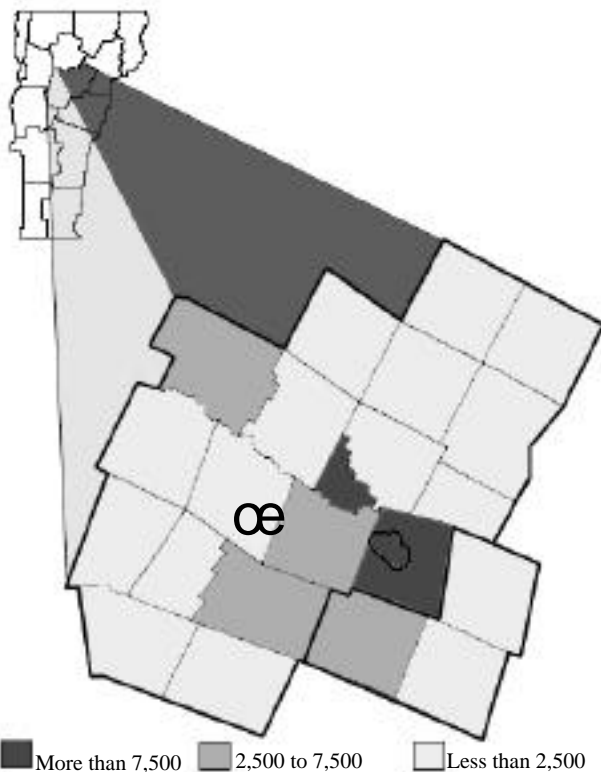
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BERLIN

A rural community that enjoys a substantial tax base and the region's highest ratio of employment to residents. Berlin is host to the Central Vermont Hospital complex and Edward F. Knapp Airport. The citizens of Berlin jealously guard their identity and individuality.

Berlin	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	2,561	2,569	2,588	2,587	2,607	2,618	2,613	2,656
Births	24	31	21	30	23	18	16	16
Deaths	31	32	37	33	53	46	41	44
Net Migration	N/A	1	18	-17	17	-19	-33	18
Housing Units	981	981	1,010	1,021	1,013	1,026	1,026	1,078
Avg Home Value	\$99,839	\$97,677	\$97,759	\$98,674	\$96,179	\$103,254	\$98,277	\$101,428
% Ownership	48.19%	46.98%	47.18%	49.46%	50.30%	50.97%	50.96%	49.28%
Avg Household Size	2.61	2.62	2.56	2.53	2.57	2.55	2.55	2.46
Employers	155	162	165	172	180	190	196	199
Employees	3,198	3,287	3,578	3,805	4,170	4,206	4,283	4,394
Avg Annual Wage	\$18,982	\$19,860	\$21,200	\$21,708	\$21,401	\$21,958	\$22,233	\$23,501
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.55	1.48	1.61	1.76	1.73	1.78	1.9	1.75
Municipal	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.48	0.47	0.5	0.51	0.44
School	1.13	1.05	1.18	1.28	1.26	1.28	1.39	1.31
School Enrollment	468	478	492	510	517	519	515	525
Personal Crimes	145	51	0	161	187	197	205	218
Property Crimes	200	62	14	3,155	352	277	441	496





BERLIN

Area (Square miles)	36.9
% of Region.....	4.49%
Town Employers '97	199
Five Year Change	27
Town Employment '97	4,394
Five Year Change	589
% Regional Employment	14.88%
Population.....	2,656
Five Year Change	69
% Regional Population.....	4.31%
Year-round Housing Units '97	1,078
Average Home Value '97.....	\$101,428
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	1.1%
Plan & Zoning Sheri Edmands	229-2529
Planning Chair	Thomas Willard
Regional Planning Rep.....	Shirley Fortier
Town Clerk Dorothy B. Hartman ...	229-9298

Berlin covers 4.5% of the region's land mass; and has seen steady population growth and increases in the number of housing units, placing it 7th in both categories. The number of employers continues to grow, with the town ranking 4th in the region.

Average annual wages steadily increase, providing the town with the 12th highest in the region.

Despite a recent decline in property values, Berlin is 8th in the region for home values.

It is on the low end for adjusted tax rates, ranking 19th in the region.

The town places 4th and 5th for personal and property crimes.

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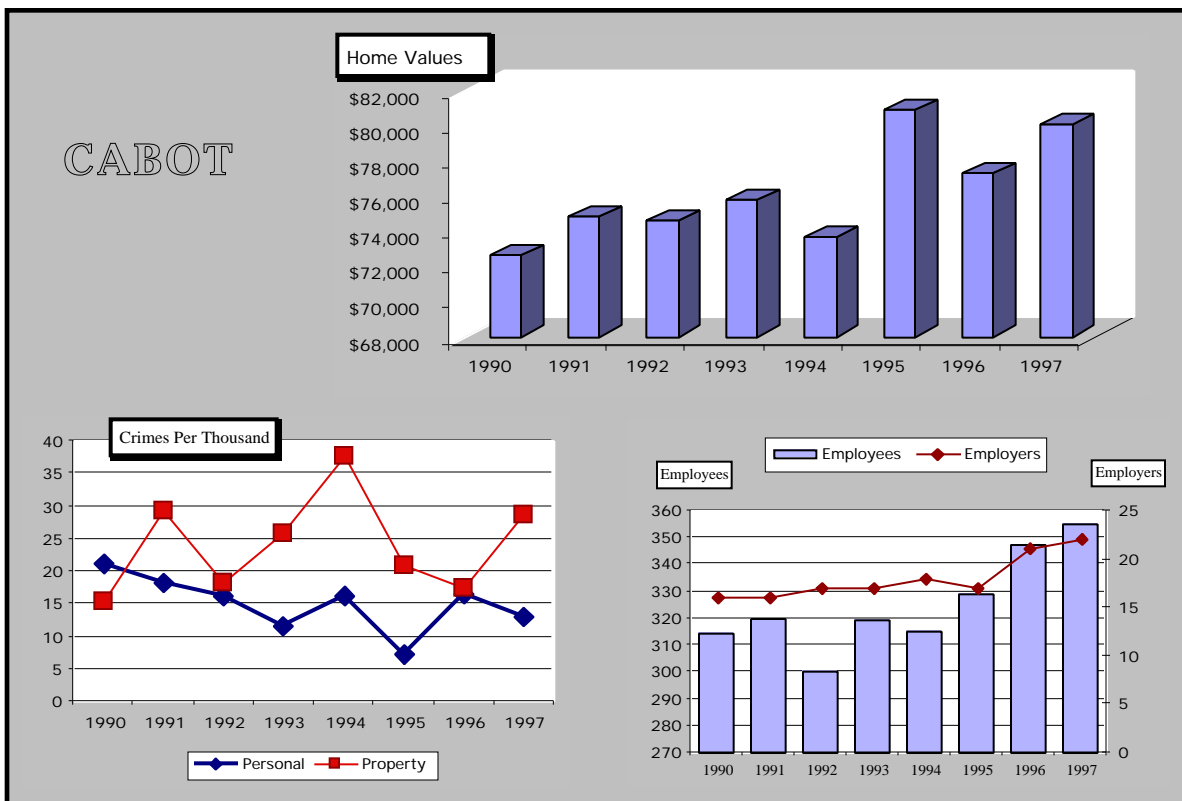
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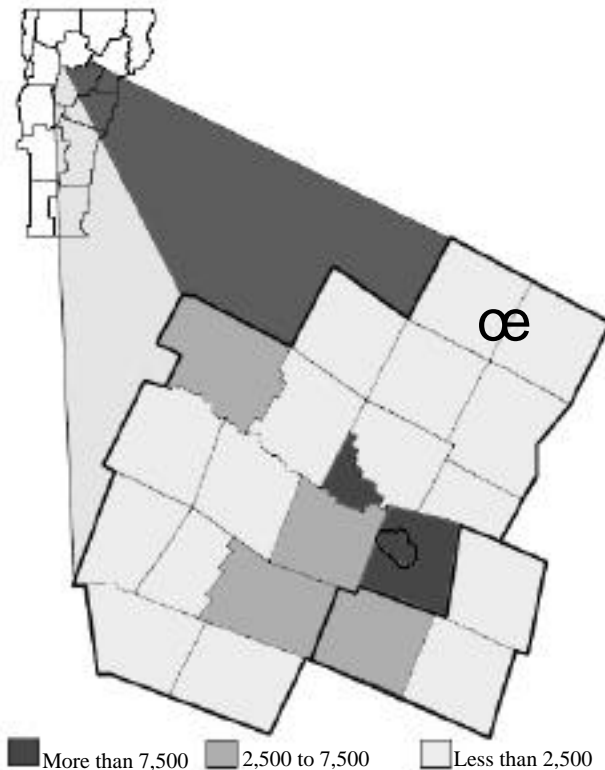
CABOT

The town is home to Cabot Cooperative Creamery, producer of award-winning aged cheddar cheeses and dairy products. At the edge of the rural and beautiful Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, Cabot has been widely recognized for educational excellence.

Cabot	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,043	1,093	1,103	1,125	1,114	1,109	1,091	1,081
Births	19	17	16	11	11	10	6	8
Deaths	9	5	5	10	6	6	11	7
Net Migration	N/A	60	22	33	-10	0	-14	-15
Housing Units	419	428	438	443	443	453	453	453
Avg Home Value	\$72,646	\$74,784	\$74,633	\$75,757	\$73,648	\$80,867	\$77,303	\$80,085
% Ownership	63.63%	63.15%	63.34%	63.46%	69.78%	51.35%	61.24%	61.79%
Avg Household Size	2.49	2.55	2.52	2.54	2.51	2.45	2.41	2.39
Employers	16	16	17	17	18	17	21	22
Employees	314	320	300	319	315	329	347	355
Avg Annual Wage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$22,337	\$24,622
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.94	1.76	1.98	1.94	1.96	2.09	2.24	2.09
Municipal	0.62	0.49	0.5	0.48	0.43	0.45	0.5	0.44
School	1.32	1.27	1.48	1.46	1.53	1.64	1.74	1.65
School Enrollment	234	238	241	254	251	247	239	241
Personal Crimes	22	20	18	13	18	8	18	14
Property Crimes	16	32	20	29	42	23	19	31



CABOT



Area (Square miles)	36.7
% of Region.....	4.47%
Town Employers '97	22
Five Year Change	5
Town Employment '97	355
Five Year Change	36
% Regional Employment	1.2%
Population.....	1,081
Five Year Change	-44
% Regional Population.....	1.75%
Year-round Housing Units '97	453
Average Home Value '97	\$80,085
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	1.8%
Plan & Zoning	Carlton Domey
Planning Chair	Gary Gulka
Regional Planning Rep.....	Dick Payne
Town Clerk Christopher Kaldor	563-3232

Cabot, with about 4.5% of the region's land mass, is seeing slightly declining population, ranking at 16th in 1997. It has had little growth in the number of housing units, and a marginal fluctuation in house values.

The town ranks 9th in annual average wages, and shows some growth in number of employers. It also has steady low crime rates, ranking 20th.

The town was recently the focal point for a region-wide celebration of Vermont history sponsored by Cabot Creamery's 80th Anniversary celebration.

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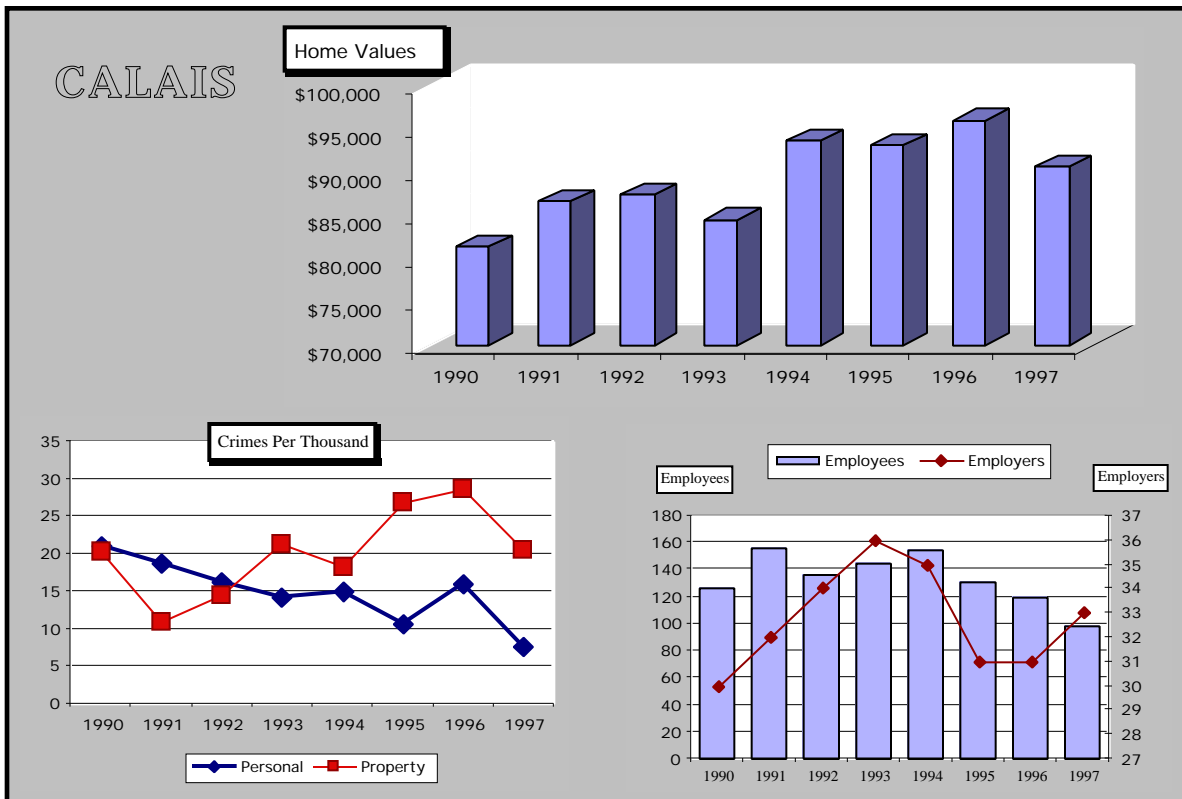
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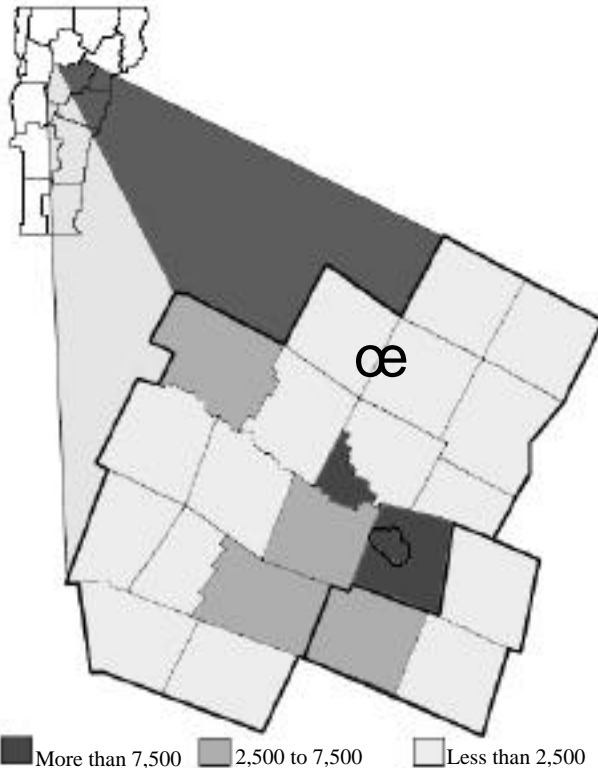
CALAIS

Diverse physically and culturally, Calais is home to many entrepreneurs and artisans. There are four villages: Maple Corner, East Calais, Adamant and North Calais. The Kent Corner Historic District lends itself to visions of earlier stagecoach visitors at the Kent Tavern.

Calais	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,521	1,548	1,533	1,547	1,591	1,593	1,567	1,557
Births	19	20	19	15	17	21	11	16
Deaths	7	10	8	9	10	15	13	10
Net Migration	N/A	39	-5	25	50	9	-20	-12
Housing Units	577	588	593	622	624	636	617	624
Avg Home Value	\$81,361	\$86,661	\$87,432	\$84,519	\$93,548	\$93,174	\$96,022	\$90,679
% Ownership	72.16%	72.70%	72.74%	73.39%	74.10%	75.50%	77.09%	78.58%
Avg Household Size	2.64	2.63	2.59	2.49	2.55	2.5	2.54	2.5
Employers	30	32	34	36	35	31	31	33
Employees	126	156	136	145	155	131	120	99
Avg Annual Wage	\$15,497	\$15,645	\$16,411	\$17,339	\$17,202	\$17,511	\$17,938	\$18,098
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.51	1.56	1.8	1.67	2.14	1.99	2.52	2.36
Municipal	0.36	0.39	0.38	0.32	0.45	0.4	0.43	0.45
School	1.15	1.17	1.42	1.35	1.69	1.59	2.09	1.91
School Enrollment	319	338	324	330	344	335	322	325
Personal Crimes	32	29	25	22	24	17	25	12
Property Crimes	31	17	22	33	29	43	45	32



CALAIS



Area (Square miles)	40.4
% of Region.....	4.92%
Town Employers '97	33
Five Year Change	-3
Town Employment '97	99
Five Year Change	-46
% Regional Employment	0.34%
Population.....	1,557
Five Year Change	10
% Regional Population.....	2.53%
Year-round Housing Units '97	624
Average Home Value '97.....	\$90,679
% Receiving ANFC '97	1.9%
Zoning Administrator	Eva Morse
Planning Chair	Anne Winchester
Regional Planning Rep.....	Rhonda Shippe
Town Clerk Eva Morse.....	223-5972

Calais has just under 5% of the region's land mass, and is the 10th most populated town.

The town's population has seen a slight decline, while increases in housing units rank them 13th.

Home values have declined slightly, ranking them 11th in the region.

The number of employers has declined slightly while showing modest increases in average annual wages, placing them 21st. They also have the 6th highest tax rates.

Declining crime rates rank it 22nd and 19th in personal and property crimes respectively.



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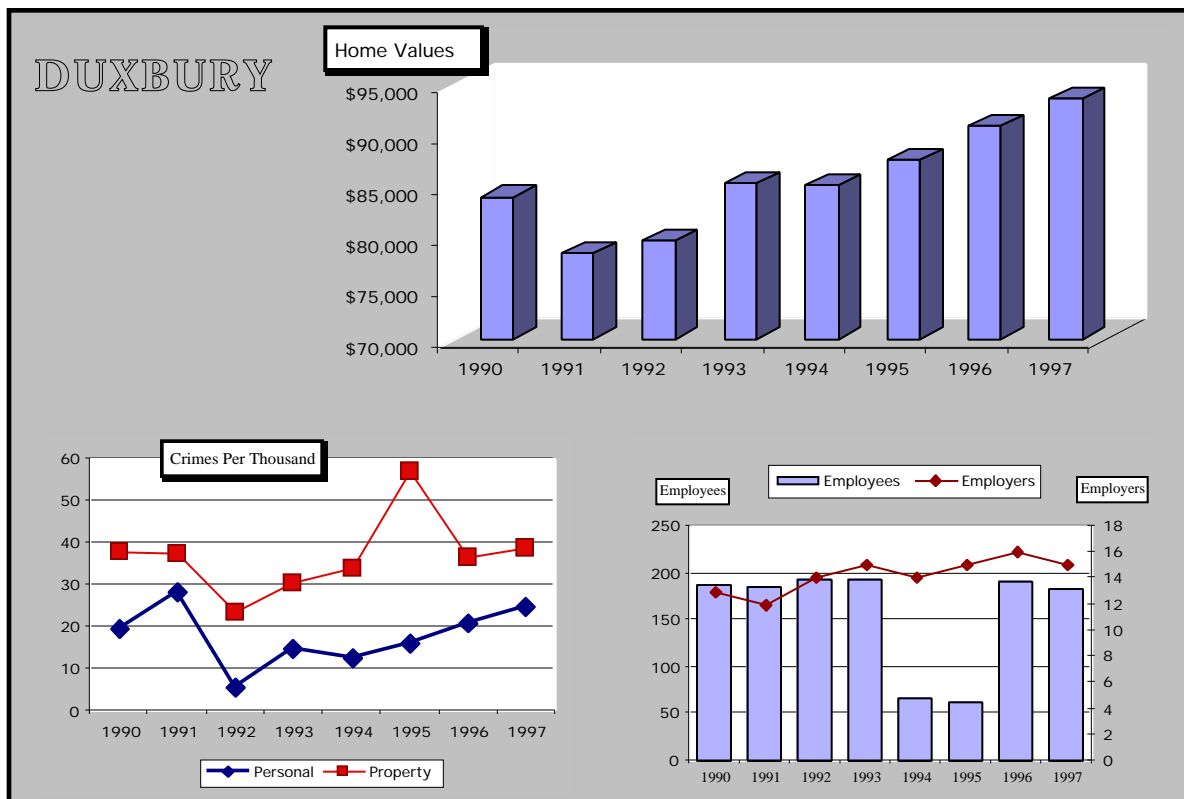
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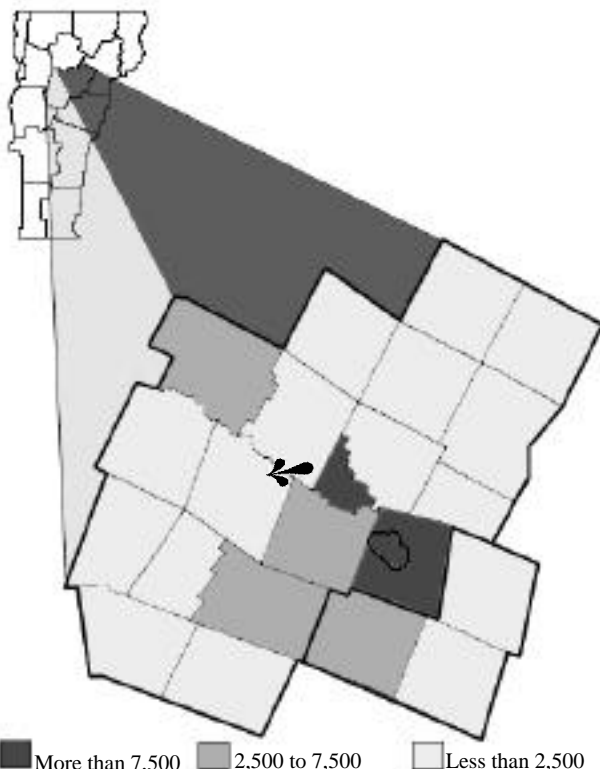
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DUXBURY

Camel's Hump is the state's most distinctive mountain peak, and among the most photographed. It is located in a state forest which stretches along the western border of Duxbury. At 46 square miles, Duxbury is the region's second largest town.

Duxbury	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	976	991	1,023	1,012	1,036	1,053	1,064	1,054
Births	14	9	9	12	12	8	14	12
Deaths	7	5	3	3	6	6	5	8
Net Migration	N/A	22	36	-5	33	23	13	-1
Housing Units	404	411	424	436	451	464	464	464
Avg Home Value	\$83,970	\$78,429	\$79,620	\$85,281	\$85,139	\$87,687	\$90,978	\$93,715
% Ownership	41.13%	50.71%	51.15%	51.33%	51.71%	52.03%	52.61%	53.60%
Avg Household Size	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.32	2.3	2.27	2.29	2.27
Employers	13	12	14	15	14	15	16	15
Employees	187	185	194	193	66	63	192	184
Avg Annual Wage	\$20,734	\$21,561	\$22,918	\$24,221	\$17,444	\$19,689	\$27,551	\$27,873
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.73	1.61	1.95	1.71	1.95	1.93	2.33	2.19
Municipal	0.48	0.36	0.4	0.36	0.37	0.3	0.26	0.45
School	1.25	1.25	1.55	1.35	1.58	1.63	2.07	1.74
School Enrollment	198	204	199	193	193	192	215	197
Personal Crimes	19	28	6	15	13	17	22	26
Property Crimes	37	37	24	31	35	60	39	41





DUXBURY

Area (Square miles)	46.2
% of Region.....	5.62%
Town Employers '97	15
Five Year Change	0
Town Employment '97	184
Five Year Change	-9
% Regional Employment	0.62%
Population.....	1,054
Five Year Change	42
% Regional Population.....	1.71%
Year-round Housing Units '97	464
Average Home Value '97	\$93,715
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	0.06%
Zoning Admin Bill Anderson	244-8551
Planning Chair	Jeff Isham
Regional Planning Rep.....	Stan Walker
Town Clerk Bonnie Morse	244-6660

Duxbury is next to the largest town in the area with just over 5.5% of the land mass, yet it ranks 18th in population in the region. The town has seen moderate growth in population, and holds steady in the number of housing units, where it ranks 17th.

It has seen steady growth in home values ranking it at 9th. While only ranking 20th for number of employers, that category has remained steady, and with strong increases in average annual wages the town is the 3rd highest in the region. It remains fairly level in crime rates ranking 13th and 15th in personal and property crimes respectively.



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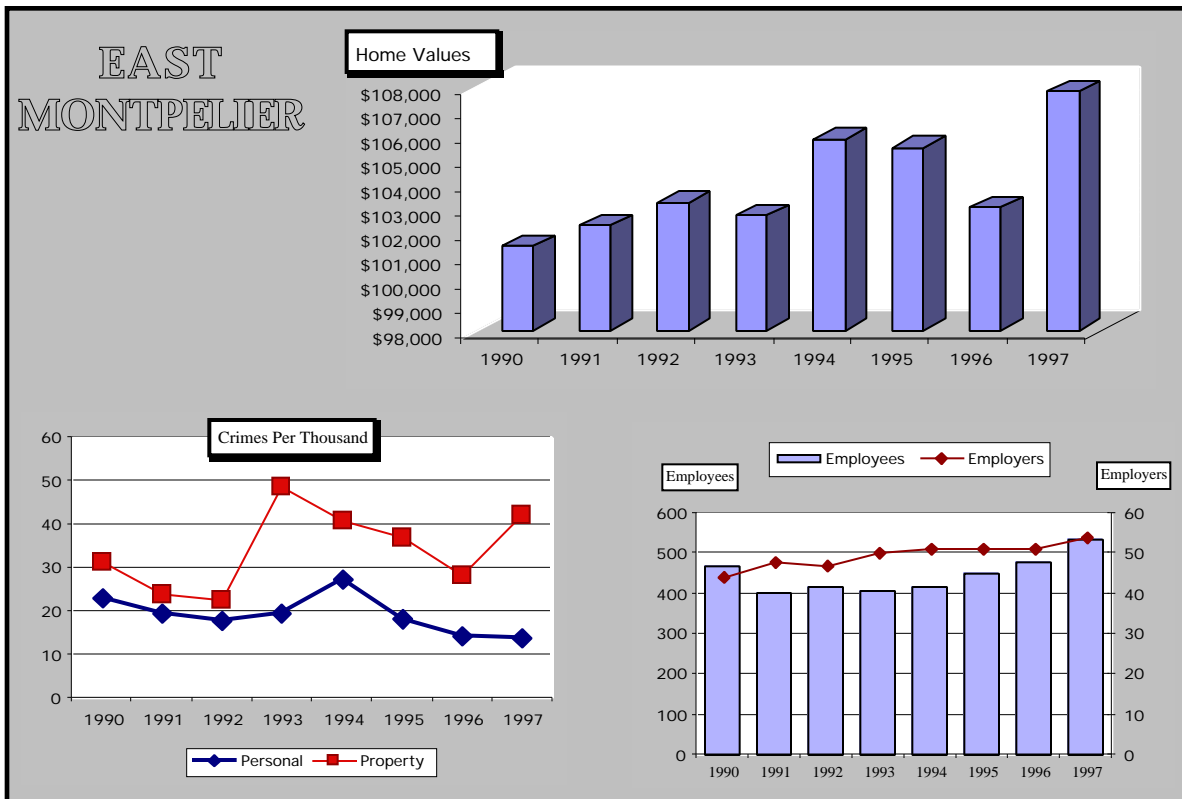
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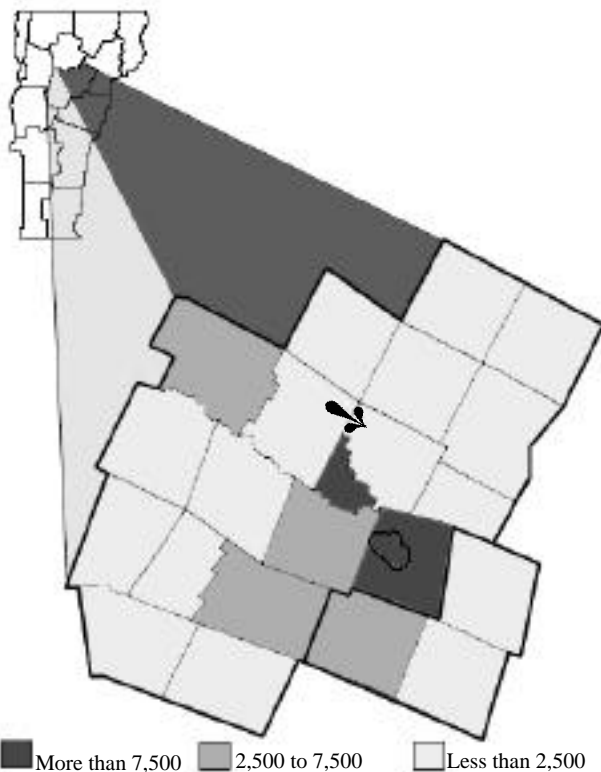
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EAST MONTPELIER

East Montpelier has some of the best agricultural soils in Central Vermont. Its productive and diverse agriculture generates millions in sales annually. The town has natural beauty and proximity to the cultural and commercial centers of Barre and Montpelier.

E. Montpelier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	2,239	2,274	2,263	2,257	2,320	2,272	2,268	2,259
Births	29	22	17	14	21	13	16	22
Deaths	8	12	15	22	15	15	12	16
Net Migration	N/A	56	-1	2	55	-42	-6	-5
Housing Units	876	893	905	918	918	935	935	935
Avg Home Value	\$101,445	\$102,280	\$103,257	\$102,729	\$105,834	\$105,507	\$103,046	\$107,825
% Ownership	79.62%	79.44%	78.57%	78.01%	79.79%	81.44%	81.89%	81.68%
Avg Household Size	2.56	2.55	2.47	2.46	2.53	2.43	2.43	2.42
Employers	44	48	47	50	51	51	51	54
Employees	467	401	419	407	418	449	480	533
Avg Annual Wage	\$21,530	\$22,283	\$23,149	\$23,285	\$23,214	\$23,536	\$24,173	\$24,406
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.6	1.53	2.35	1.83	2.57	2.24	2.18	1.39
Municipal	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.48	0.4	0.39	0.42
School	1.26	1.19	2.01	1.49	2.09	1.84	1.79	1.79
School Enrollment	459	464	469	482	462	461	489	474
Personal Crimes	52	44	40	44	64	41	33	31
Property Crimes	70	54	51	110	95	84	64	95





E. MONTPELIER

Area (Square miles)	33.4
% of Region	4.06%
Town Employers '97	54
Five Year Change	4
Town Employment '97	533
Five Year Change	126
% Regional Employment	1.8%
Population.....	2,259
Five Year Change	2
% Regional Population.....	3.66%
Year-round Housing Units '97	935
Average Home Value '97.....	\$107,825
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	1.7%
Zoning Admin Roger Chapell.....	223-2339
Planning Chair	Carol Welch
Regional Planning Rep.....	Ed Blackwell
Town Clerk Sylvia Tosi.....	223-3313

East Montpelier covers just over 4% of the region's land mass, and is the 8th most populated town despite moderate declines in population. A steady number of housing units places it 8th, while increases in house values have moved the town to 6th.

East Montpelier ranks 9th for number of employers, and only moderate increases in average annual wages show the town in 11th place.

Declining personal crimes has the town in 10th place. It is in 8th place for property crimes.

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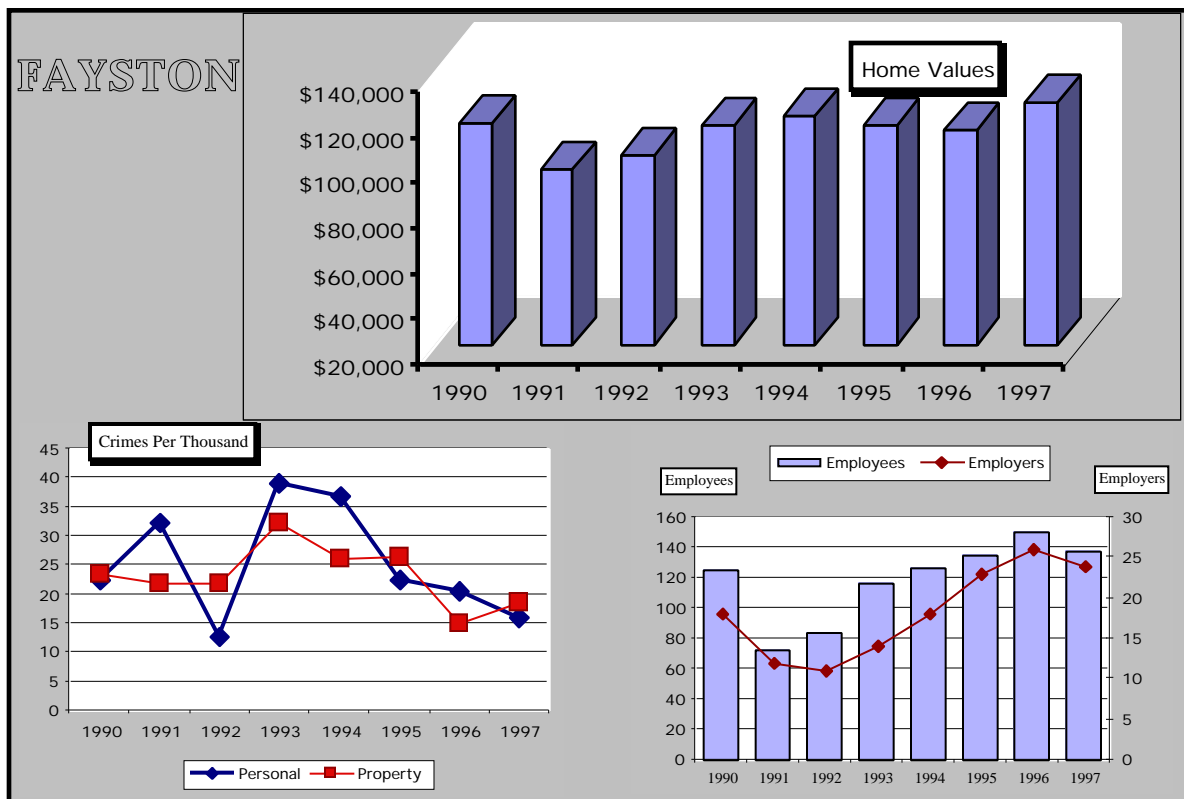
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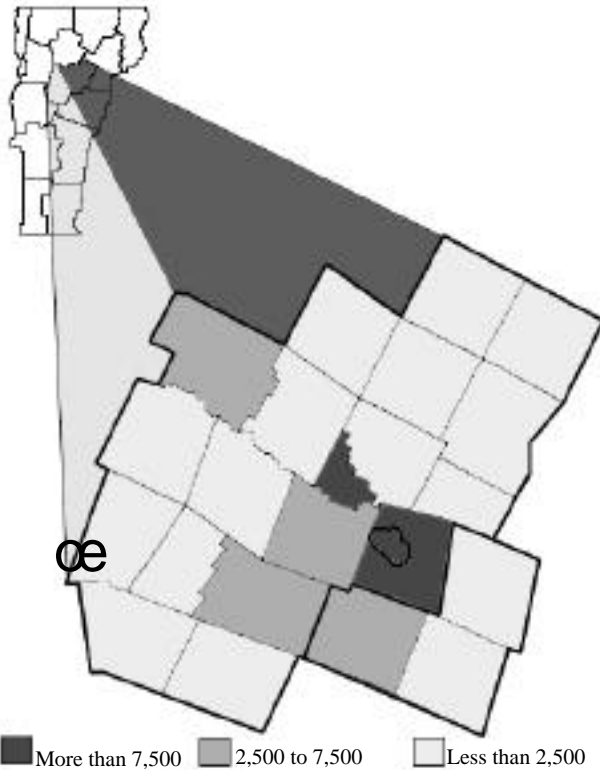
FAYSTON

Home to Sugarbush and Mad River Glen ski areas, the town is dominated by vacation homes and ski-related facilities and services. In summer this picturesque community is a favorite with hikers and cyclists, and it also has an active historical society.

Fayston	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	846	871	864	896	1,033	1,024	1,074	1,070
Births	12	13	10	12	5	11	8	11
Deaths	4	1	0	3	0	4	4	1
Net Migration	N/A	33	5	42	146	-4	57	0
Housing Units	355	363	368	372	477	477	504	504
Avg Home Value	\$117,506	\$97,790	\$103,584	\$117,083	\$120,864	\$116,887	\$114,257	\$127,286
% Ownership	28.77%	28.07%	29.04%	30.24%	35.90%	36.78%	36.69%	39.28%
Avg Household Size	2.38	2.4	2.35	2.4	2.17	2.15	2.13	2.12
Employers	18	12	11	14	18	23	26	24
Employees	125	72	84	116	126	135	150	137
Avg Annual Wage	\$14,980	\$18,184	\$18,986	\$18,010	\$17,830	\$18,083	\$18,290	\$21,180
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.14	1.08	5.09	1.23	1.35	1.39	1.38	1.94
Municipal	0.33	0.3	1.34	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.28
School	0.81	0.78	3.75	0.93	1.05	1.09	1.08	1.11
School Enrollment	133	159	159	160	175	166	178	191
Personal Crimes	19	28	11	35	38	23	22	17
Property Crimes	20	19	19	29	27	27	16	20



FAYSTON



Area (Square miles)	37.7
% of Region	4.59%
Town Employers '97	24
Five Year Change	10
Town Employment '97	137
Five Year Change	21
% Regional Employment	0.46%
Population.....	1,070
Five Year Change	174
% Regional Population.....	1.74%
Year-round Housing Units '97	504
Average Home Value '97	\$127,286
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	0.4%
Zoning Brenda Hausauer	496-6683
Planning Chair	Garth Genge
Regional Planning Rep.....	David Hoyne
Town Clerk Virginia Vasseur	496-2454

Fayston covers about 4.5 % of the region's area, and while seeing steady population growth, is only the 17th most populated.

Moderate growth in housing units puts them in 16th place. They are in 3rd place for home value, with substantial increases in recent years.

The town ranks 16th in both the number of employers and average annual wages. Decreasing crime rates allow the town to boast a safe 18th place for personal crimes, and they are the lowest in the region for property crimes.

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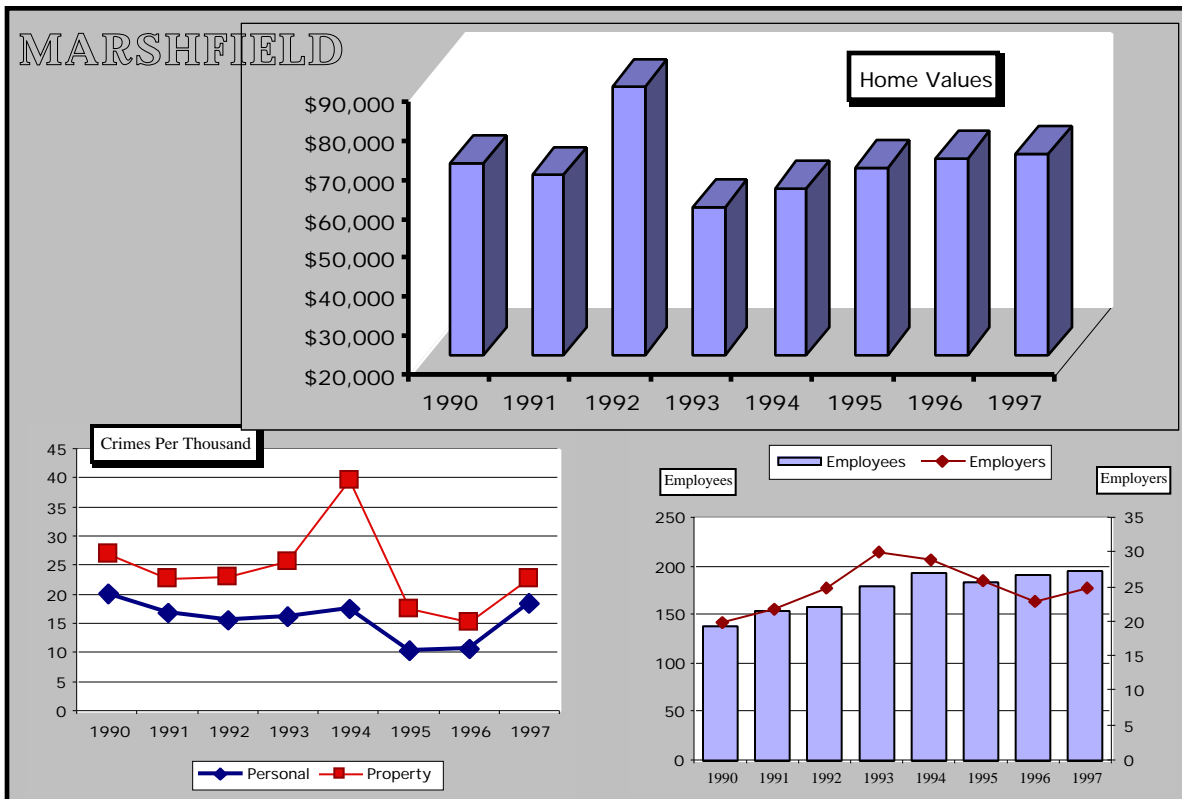
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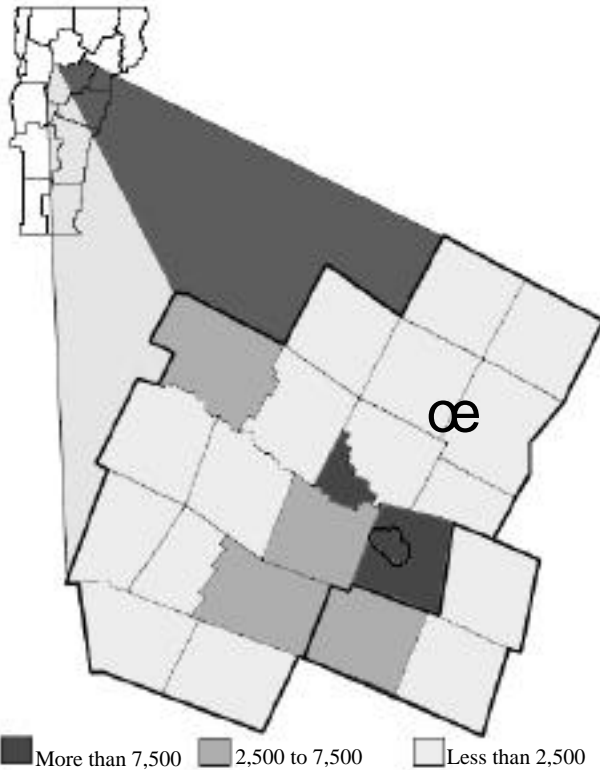
MARSHFIELD

Known for its agriculture, recreation and cottage industries, the town converted an unused school to a multi-use facility for public functions and commercial businesses, Old Schoolhouse Common. Special community events are often held on the grounds.

Marshfield	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,331	1,350	1,342	1,359	1,410	1,530	1,561	1,569
Births	16	20	20	21	25	16	20	21
Deaths	4	4	12	10	5	10	6	11
Net Migration	N/A	31	8	25	62	140	37	22
Housing Units	512	512	520	531	538	621	635	639
Avg Home Value	\$69,240	\$66,112	\$88,686	\$58,053	\$62,875	\$68,077	\$70,362	\$71,354
% Ownership	70.73%	70.81%	71.48%	70.77%	73.06%	73.41%	75.79%	76.48%
Avg Household Size	2.6	2.64	2.58	2.56	2.62	2.46	2.46	2.46
Employers	20	22	25	30	29	26	23	25
Employees	139	154	159	180	194	183	191	195
Avg Annual Wage	\$17,962	\$18,561	\$19,421	\$18,659	\$19,193	\$20,234	\$20,558	\$20,940
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.88	1.67	2.37	1.97	1.79	1.75	2.13	2.43
Municipal	0.55	0.57	0.81	0.65	0.56	0.52	0.5	0.49
School	1.33	1.1	1.56	1.32	1.23	1.23	1.63	1.45
School Enrollment	223	246	238	251	254	270	301	308
Personal Crimes	27	23	21	22	25	16	17	29
Property Crimes	36	31	31	35	56	27	24	36



MARSHFIELD



Area (Square miles)	43.9
% of Region	5.34%
Town Employers '97	25
Five Year Change	-5
Town Employment '97	195
Five Year Change	15
% Regional Employment.....	0.66%
Population.....	1,569
Five Year Change	210
% Regional Population	2.55%
Year-round Housing Units '97	639
Average Home Value '97	\$71,354
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	1.90%
Zoning Admin Bob Light.....	454-7725
Planning Chair	Joe Bongiovanni
Regional Planning Rep.....	Paul Shper
Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe...	426-3305

Marshfield is the 3rd largest area in the region, accounting for nearly 5.5% of the land mass. It is the 9th most populated, following a spark in net migration during the mid 1990's.

Growth in housing units makes them the 12th highest in the region, while they rank 2nd to the lowest in home value, despite a moderate recent increase. The number of employers in the town has seen recent decline, they are 15th, and nearly flat average annual wages place them 18th in the region. The town has the 3rd highest adjusted tax rates. Crime rates, at 11th for personal and 16th for property, have increased in recent years.

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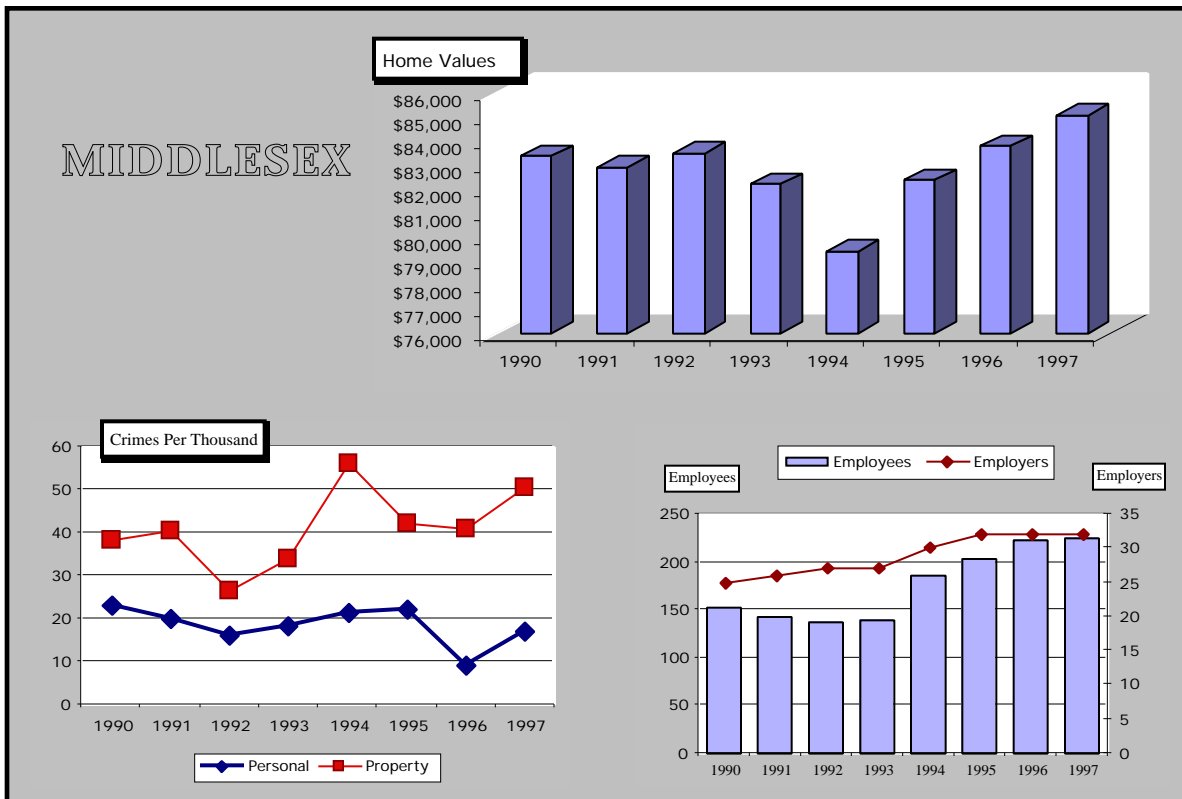
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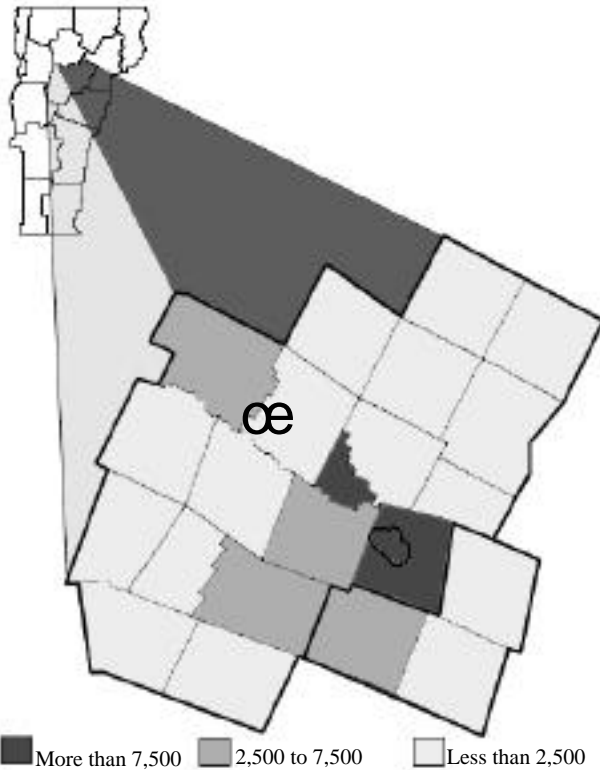
MIDDLESEX

Middlesex is a community working hard to define and develop its local cultural identity. Social and cultural activities are concentrated in the town hall and Rumney Elementary School which provides a link between elderly residents and the town's youth.

Middlesex	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,514	1,559	1,551	1,541	1,557	1,538	1,539	1,552
Births	20	20	18	20	16	15	13	13
Deaths	3	7	6	5	6	7	11	5
Net Migration	N/A	62	5	2	31	-9	9	15
Housing Units	566	586	602	602	602	583	583	609
Avg Home Value	\$83,403	\$82,909	\$83,505	\$82,213	\$79,409	\$82,391	\$83,813	\$85,094
% Ownership	71.46%	73.72%	73.51%	73.75%	71.14%	73.61%	74.46%	74.58%
Avg Household Size	2.67	2.66	2.58	2.56	2.59	2.64	2.64	2.55
Employers	25	26	27	27	30	32	32	32
Employees	152	142	136	138	186	204	222	225
Avg Annual Wage	\$19,471	\$19,421	\$18,479	\$20,100	\$25,056	\$25,321	\$25,709	\$25,530
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.65	1.63	1.78	1.82	2.05	2.22	2.31	3.05
Municipal	0.47	0.45	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.48	0.44	0.49
School	1.18	1.18	1.34	1.4	1.62	1.74	1.87	1.94
School Enrollment	315	310	324	300	318	336	330	319
Personal Crimes	35	31	25	28	33	34	14	26
Property Crimes	58	63	41	52	87	65	63	78



MIDDLESEX



Area (Square miles)	40.5
% of Region	4.93%
Town Employers '97	32
Five Year Change	5
Town Employment '97	225
Five Year Change	87
% Regional Employment.....	0.76%
Population.....	1552
Five Year Change	11
% Regional Population	2.52%
Year-round Housing Units '97	609
Average Home Value '97	\$85,094
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	0.8%
Plan & Zoning Dexter Lefavour	223-7829
Planning Chair	John Christian
Regional Planning Rep.....	Dennis Darrah
Town Clerk June Lakin	223-5915

Middlesex is just under 5% of the area in the region, and 11th in population which has seen only moderate growth. The number of housing units has seen only mild growth, ranking the town in 14th place. Moderate increases in home prices has the town placed 13th. The number of employers remains small but steady, at 14th, and recent nearly static average annual wages has Middlesex 6th in this category.

The town has the highest adjusted tax rate, and can only boast middle ranking for crimes rates, placing 12th in personal crimes and 9th in property crimes. The town has experienced declines in the former, while the latter is increasing.



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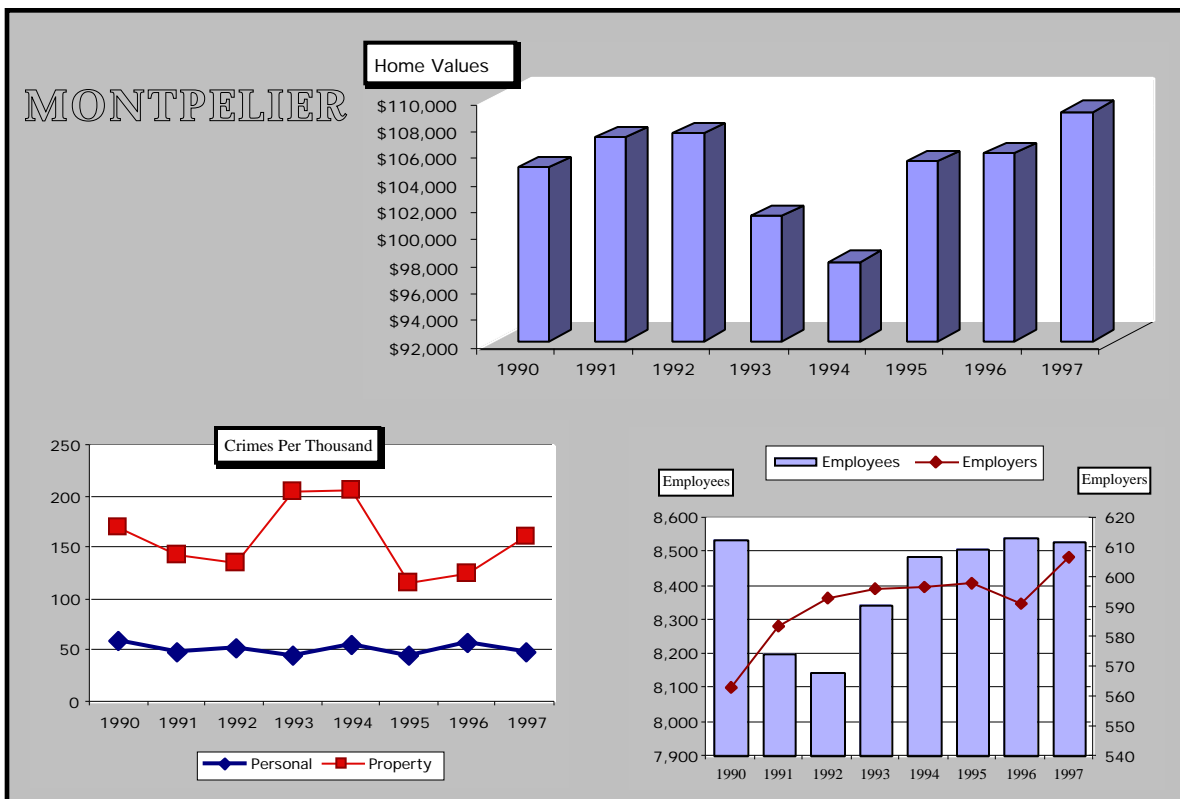
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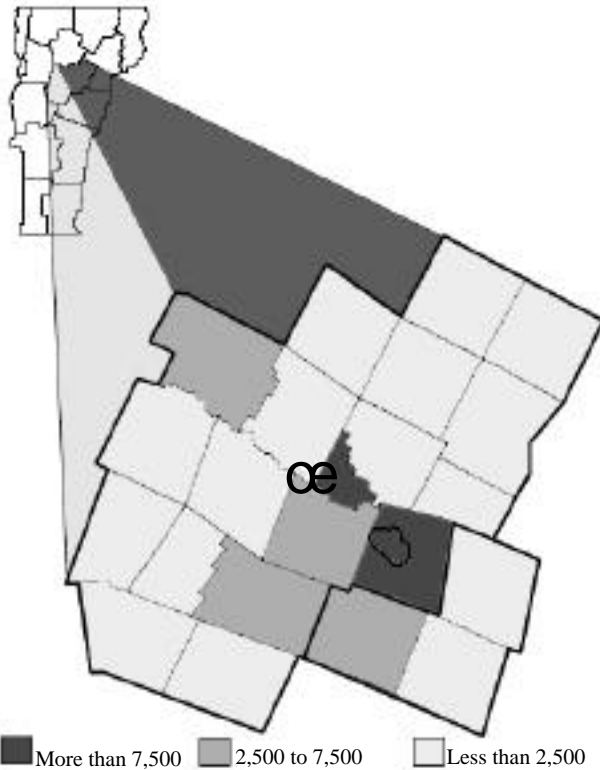
MONTPELIER

The nation's smallest capital city, Montpelier is particularly attractive and historic. The downtown district is a lively, compact center offering a variety of specialty shops. Montpelier is home to state government, colleges and insurance companies, and performing arts are particularly active.

Montpelier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	8,247	8,316	8,757	8,481	8,254	8,392	8,432	8,411
Births	115	83	103	81	89	91	91	92
Deaths	71	79	75	100	85	88	84	103
Net Migration	N/A	113	445	-248	-246	142	43	-14
Housing Units	3,758	3759	4192	4,211	4,178	4,151	4,154	4,182
Avg Home Value	\$104,874	\$107,120	\$107,374	\$101,197	\$97,831	\$105,272	\$105,850	\$108,975
% Ownership	65.05%	68.99%	69.40%	67.89%	69.10%	68.80%	68.27%	76.48%
Avg Household Size	2.19	2.21	2.09	2.01	1.98	2.02	2.03	2.01
Employers	563	584	593	596	597	598	591	607
Employees	8,532	8,199	8,147	8,344	8,486	8,509	8,541	8,527
Avg Annual Wage	\$22,517	\$22,675	\$24,111	\$24,240	\$25,107	\$26,031	\$26,858	\$27,942
Adjusted Tax Rate	2.28	2.2	3.15	2.64	3.45	2.85	3.01	2.09
Municipal	0.9	0.88	1.25	0.98	1.25	0.97	1	1.01
School	1.38	1.32	1.9	1.66	2.2	1.88	2.01	2.04
School Enrollment	1,252	1,259	1,286	1,322	1,290	1,300	1,339	1,273
Personal Crimes	490	414	456	387	465	376	493	406
Property Crimes	1,411	1,189	1,182	1,742	1,709	971	1,052	1,356



MONTPELIER



Area (Square miles)	9.93
% of Region.....	1.13%
City Employers '97	607
Five Year Change	11
City Employment '97	8,527
Five Year Change	183
% Regional Employment	28.87%
Population.....	8,411
Five Year Change	-70
% Regional Population.....	13.65%
Year-round Housing Units '97	4,182
Average Home Value '97	\$108,975
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	4.4%
Planning Office Valerie Capels	223-9706
Planning Chair	Nancy Wasserman
Regional Planning Rep.....	Ed Larson
City Manager William Fraser	223-9502

Montpelier is the 2nd smallest municipality land-wise, with just over 1% of the region's land mass, and is the 2nd most populated. Moderate increases in housing units has it 2nd, while increasing home values ranks it 5th in this category.

The capitol leads the region for number of employers, and ranks 2nd in average annual wages after a decade of steady increases. It falls in the middle of the towns at 11th for tax rate, with the lowest rate of the decade. The City does register the 2nd highest crime rates in both categories, and property crimes are on the increase after a substantial drop in 1995.

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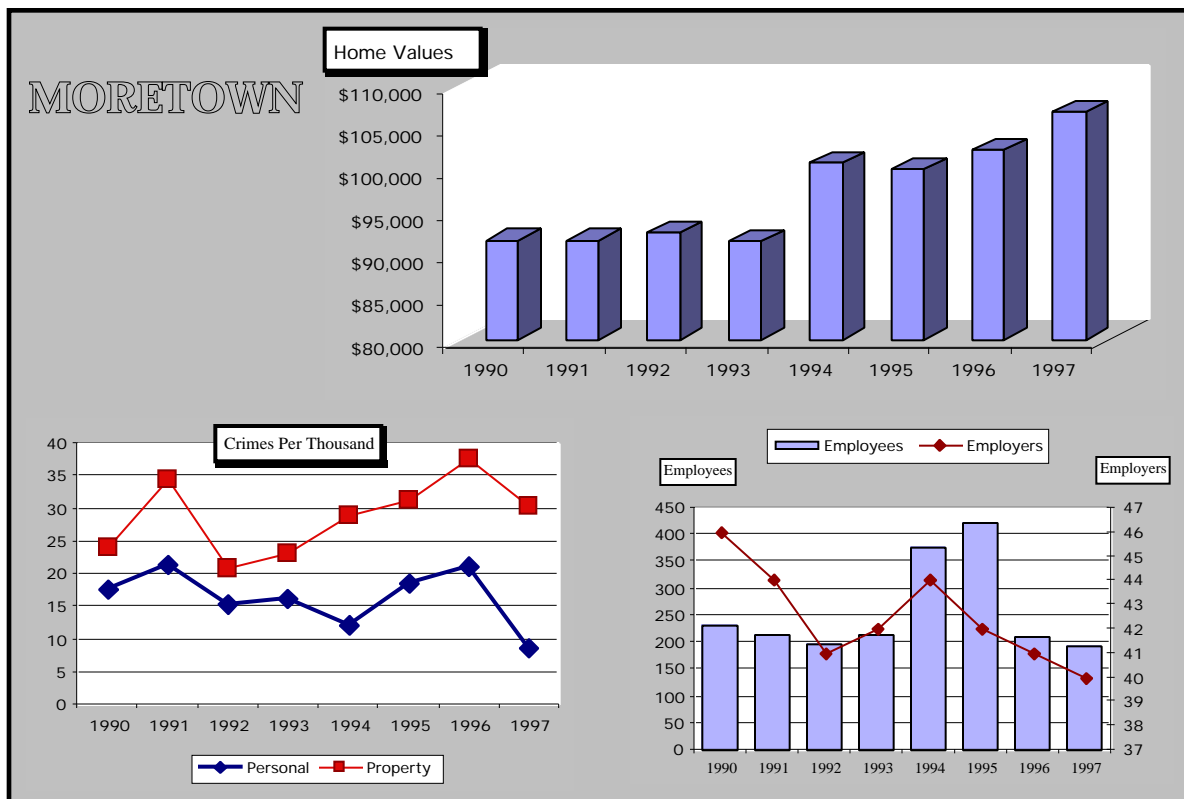
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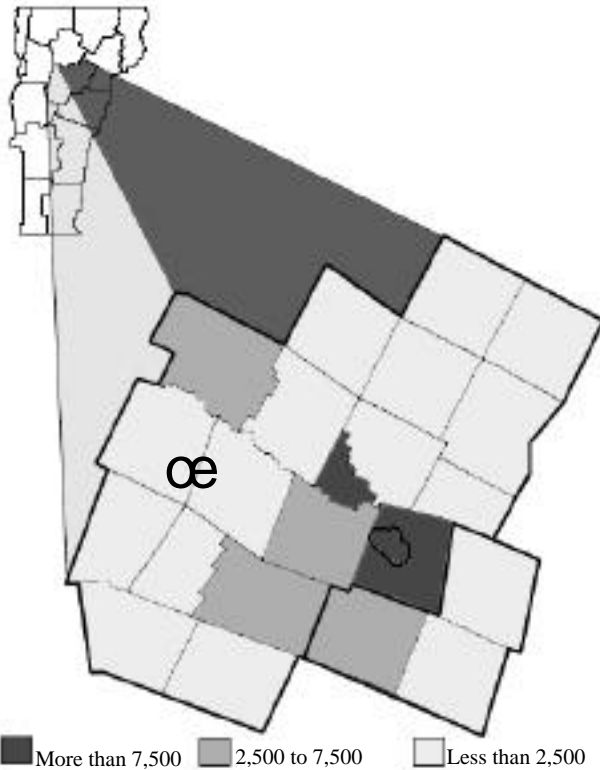
MORETOWN

Moretown is divided by scenic Route 100 as it follows the Mad River north. Its four corners bordered old mill towns which were linked by country roads, valley farms, and hilltop forests. The country landscape has attracted both businesses and residents to the community.

Moretown	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,415	1,454	1,436	1,474	1,480	1,507	1,515	1,511
Births	24	25	17	19	15	24	17	13
Deaths	4	13	8	13	6	14	2	10
Net Migration	N/A	59	-6	47	12	36	18	11
Housing Units	592	602	607	625	632	646	646	646
Avg Home Value	\$91,769	\$91,724	\$92,546	\$91,614	\$100,888	\$100,039	\$102,473	\$106,964
% Ownership	51.35%	62.36%	62.60%	64.43%	64.59%	65.19%	66.89%	66.06%
Avg Household Size	2.39	2.42	2.37	2.58	2.34	2.33	2.35	2.34
Employers	46	44	41	42	44	42	41	40
Employees	232	215	197	214	377	421	211	193
Avg Annual Wage	\$21,659	\$21,769	\$21,400	\$23,415	\$26,106	\$32,349	\$29,773	\$27,981
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.83	1.97	1.77	1.85	2.05	2.08	2.47	2.16
Municipal	0.47	0.46	0.42	0.36	0.45	0.41	0.26	0.07
School	1.36	1.51	1.35	1.49	1.6	1.67	2.21	2.02
School Enrollment	250	295	291	317	312	321	310	322
Personal Crimes	25	31	22	24	18	28	32	13
Property Crimes	34	50	30	34	43	47	57	46



MORETOWN



Area (Square miles)	41.1
% of Region	5.00%
Town Employers '97	40
Five Year Change	-2
Town Employment '97	193
Five Year Change	-21
% Regional Employment.....	0.65%
Population.....	1,511
Five Year Change	37
% Regional Population	2.45%
Year-round Housing Units '97	646
Average Home Value '97	\$106,964
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	0.8%
Plan & Zoning Paula Mastroberardino	496-3646
Planning Chair	Paula Mastroberardino
Regional Planning Rep.....	Robert Arkley
Town Clerk Susan Goodyear	496-3645

Moretown covers 5% of the region, and ranks 13th in population with steady growth. The number of housing units remains constant, placing the town 11th, while increases in home values place it 7th in the region.

Slightly declining employment ranks it 11th, and although average annual wages have slowly declined over the past three years, the town leads the region in this category. Low, and declining crime rates place Moretown 21st in personal crimes, and 14th in property crimes.

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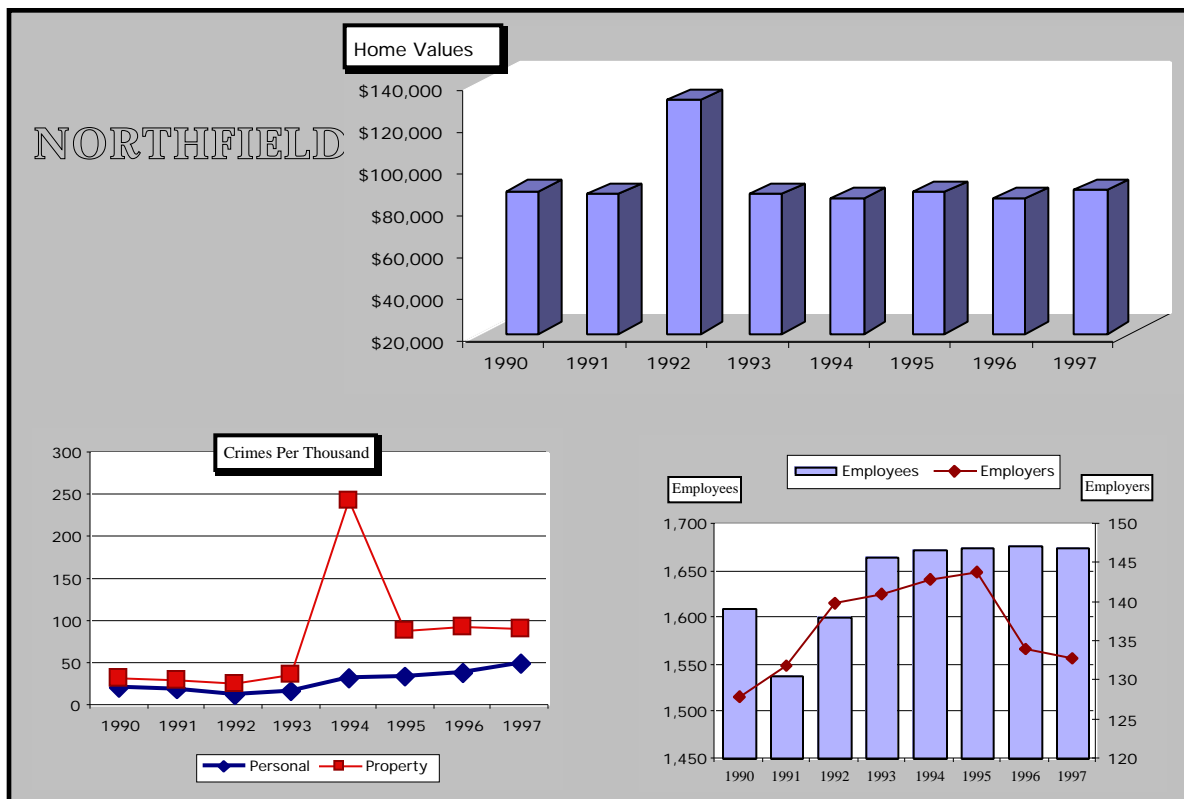
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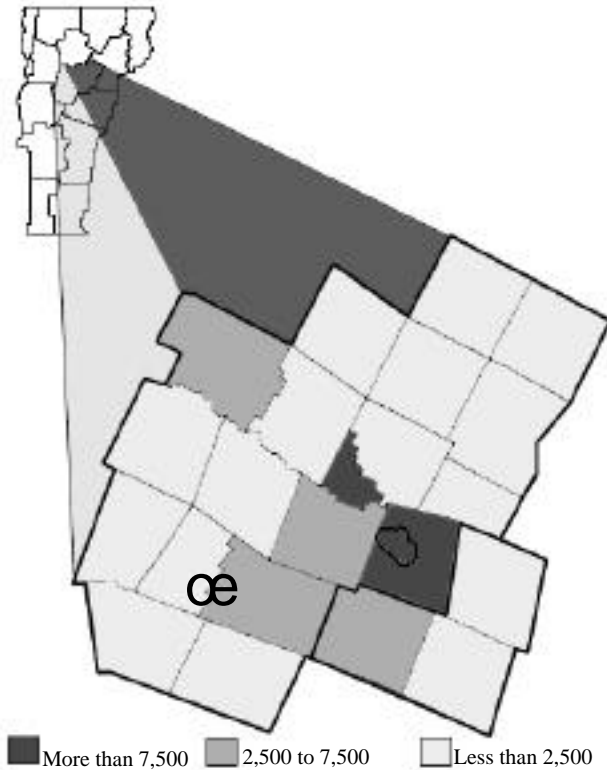
NORTHFIELD

Host to the nation's oldest private military college, Norwich University, the town is a wonderful combination of college town, traditional New England village, and blue-collar community with textile and woodworking businesses.

Northfield	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	5,610	5,707	5,420	5,686	5,647	5,758	5,640	5,756
Births	55	66	60	55	59	56	70	51
Deaths	63	49	47	64	48	62	56	57
Net Migration	N/A	89	-270	279	-48	122	-124	130
Housing Units	1811	1828	1828	1828	1828	1838	1838	1847
Avg Home Value	\$88,073	\$86,430	\$131,861	\$86,515	\$84,378	\$87,761	\$84,740	\$88,345
% Ownership	79.18%	79.96%	80.43%	80.79%	80.75%	80.21%	78.61%	79.68%
Avg Household Size	3.1	3.12	2.96	3.11	3.09	3.13	3.07	3.12
Employers	128	132	140	141	143	144	134	133
Employees	1611	1538	1601	1664	1672	1674	1677	1674
Avg Annual Wage	\$16,590	\$18,350	\$18,476	\$18,343	\$19,059	\$20,304	\$20,917	\$21,575
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.48	1.36	2.94	1.83	2.43	1.9	2.64	2.16
Municipal	0.51	0.5	1.8	0.62	1.13	0.72	1.25	0.86
School	0.97	0.86	1.14	1.21	1.3	1.18	1.39	1.3
School Enrollment	888	899	882	901	901	861	856	848
Personal Crimes	120	112	66	97	183	201	221	285
Property Crimes	182	172	137	215	1372	515	523	526



NORTHFIELD



Area (Square miles)	38.3
% of Region.....	4.66%
Town Employers '97	133
Five Year Change	-8
Town Employment '97	1,674
Five Year Change	10
% Regional Employment	5.67%
Population.....	5,756
Five Year Change	70
% Regional Population.....	9.34%
Year-round Housing Units '97	1,847
Average Home Value '97	\$88,345
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	3.1%
Zoning Admin Steve Hatch.....	485-3345
Planning Chair	Dan Moore
Regional Planning Rep.....	Steve Hatch
Manager Paul McGinley	485-6121

Average in size with just less than 5% of the region's area's land, Northfield is the 4th most populated community. It has the 5th highest number of housing units, unsteady home values place it 12th with the increase in 1997 putting prices barely over what they were in 1990.

Recent declines in number of employers places the town in 7th place, and only incremental increases in average annual wages leaves Northfield in 14th place. The town has the 3rd and 4th highest crime rates in personal and property crimes respectively.

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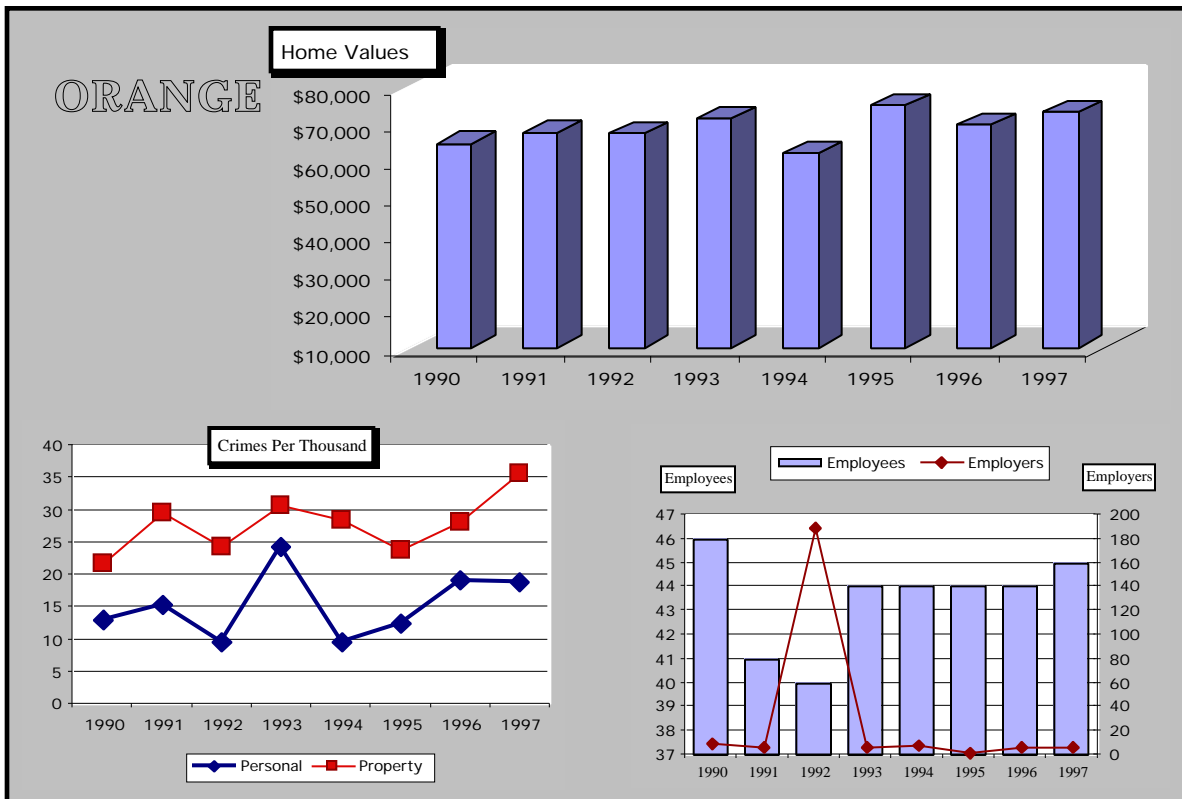
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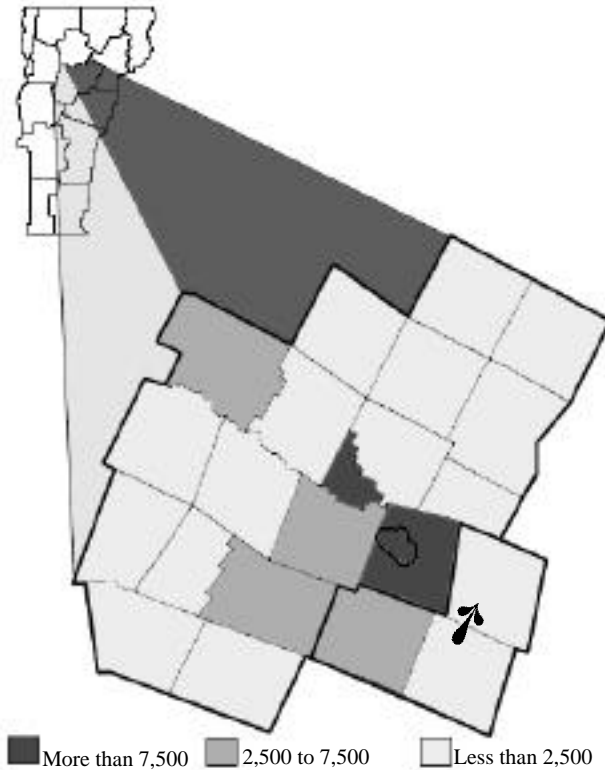
ORANGE

A town in transition, Orange is bordered on the west by the Barre City and Town commercial centers, and on the east by very rural towns of Orange County. Although the rural characteristics of the town dominate heavily, continued growth is likely.

Orange	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	915	909	940	941	949	965	997	1,012
Births	9	7	12	4	8	3	2	7
Deaths	9	9	6	8	7	7	6	6
Net Migration	N/A	-6	29	7	4	17	28	11
Housing Units	323	323	323	335	341	346	355	373
Avg Home Value	\$64,876	\$67,771	\$67,393	\$71,464	\$62,013	\$75,067	\$69,693	\$73,186
% Ownership	59.46%	61.14%	61.79%	64.73%	63.24%	69.44%	75.28%	72.87%
Avg Household Size	2.83	2.81	2.91	2.81	2.78	2.79	2.81	2.71
Employers	10	7	189	7	8	2	7	7
Employees	46	41	40	44	44	44	44	45
Avg Annual Wage	\$10,078	\$11,437	\$12,126	\$12,511	\$13,776	N/A	\$15,382	\$15,643
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.66	1.33	1.72	1.57	1.69	1.5	1.86	1.72
Municipal	0.44	0.45	0.58	0.47	0.49	0.44	0.48	0.5
School	1.22	0.88	1.14	1.1	1.2	1.06	1.38	1.22
School Enrollment	176	188	190	193	191	194	199	189
Personal Crimes	12	14	9	23	9	12	19	19
Property Crimes	20	27	23	29	27	23	28	36



ORANGE



Area (Square miles)	39.2
% of Region	4.77%
Town Employers '97	7
Five Year Change.....	0
Town Employment '97	45
Five Year Change.....	1
% Regional Employment.....	0.15%
Population.....	1,012
Five Year Change.....	71
% Regional Population	1.64%
Year-round Housing Units '97	373
Average Home Value '97	\$73,186
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	2.4%
Plan & Zoning Admin.....	None
Planning Chair	David Childs
Regional Planning Rep.....	George Malek
Town Clerk Rita Bisson	479-2673

Orange is just under 5% of the region's area. Despite increases in population and number of housing units, the town only ranks 19th in each. Home values have fluctuated, placing them near the bottom at 21st.

The town has the fewest employers of the region, as well as the lowest average annual wage. Both personal and property crime rates have seen increases, and the town ranks near the middle with 16th and 17th respectively.



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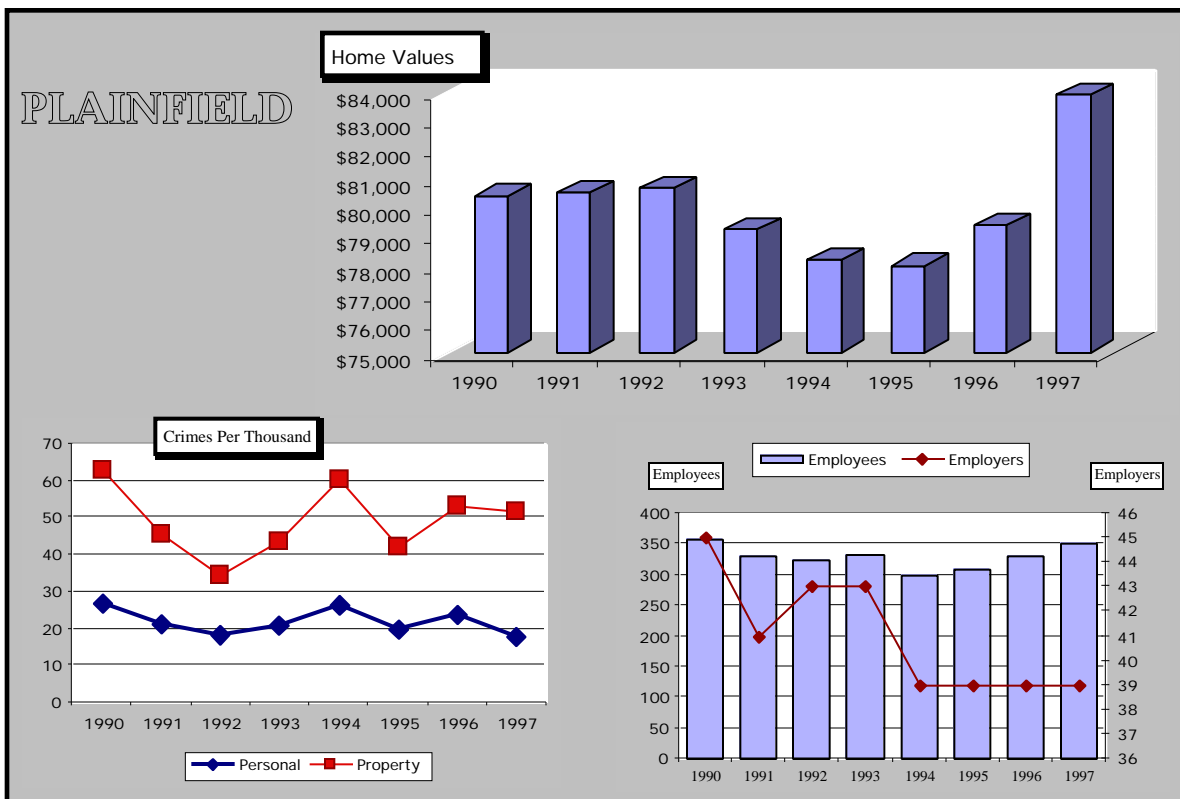
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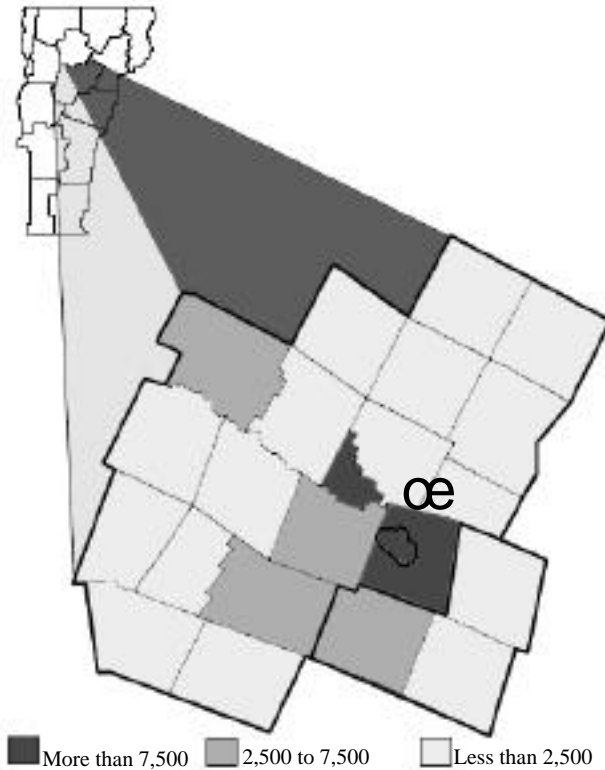
PLAINFIELD

Situated in the rolling hills just a few miles northeast of Barre and Montpelier, Plainfield is noted for its many brick houses which are rare in Vermont. Most of these residences were built between 1825 and 1850 from locally manufactured brick.

Plainfield	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,302	1,320	1,306	1,288	1,287	1,301	1,353	1,349
Births	30	19	14	19	18	14	15	12
Deaths	8	9	10	11	5	13	6	10
Net Migration	N/A	40	-4	-14	7	27	53	5
Housing Units	501	508	515	516	517	513	516	519
Avg Home Value	\$80,392	\$80,506	\$80,636	\$79,256	\$78,214	\$77,990	\$79,373	\$83,913
% Ownership	75.21%	75.19%	74.48%	75.63%	76.22%	77.07%	77.53%	77.62%
Avg Household Size	2.6	2.6	2.54	2.5	2.49	2.54	2.62	2.6
Employers	45	41	43	43	39	39	39	39
Employees	358	331	325	333	298	309	330	352
Avg Annual Wage	\$13,983	\$14,734	\$16,977	\$17,270	\$18,170	\$18,974	\$19,152	\$20,981
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.97	2.12	2.13	2.25	2.17	2.23	2.21	2.06
Municipal	0.78	0.87	0.85	0.96	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.82
School	1.19	1.25	1.28	1.29	1.32	1.37	1.34	1.24
School Enrollment	226	246	249	256	260	259	254	251
Personal Crimes	35	28	24	27	34	26	32	24
Property Crimes	82	60	45	56	78	55	72	70



PLAINFIELD



Area (Square miles)	23.2
% of Region.....	2.82%
Town Employers '97	39
Five Year Change	-4
Town Employment '97	352
Five Year Change	19
% Regional Employment	1.19%
Population.....	1,349
Five Year Change	61
% Regional Population.....	2.19%
Year-round Housing Units '97	519
Average Home Value '97	\$83,913
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	6.2%
Zoning Admin Jane Culver	454-8671
Planning Chair	William Colgan
Regional Planning Rep.....	Betsy Zeigler
Town Clerk Linda Wells.....	454-8461

Plainfield is the 3rd smallest in land area, and ranks 14th in population. The town remains steady in number of housing units at 15th. Increasing home values put them 14th in the region.

It has the 12th most employers, but only modest wage increases leave them 17th in the region in this category. The town remains in the middle in crime as well, ranking 14th in personal crimes and 11th in property crimes.

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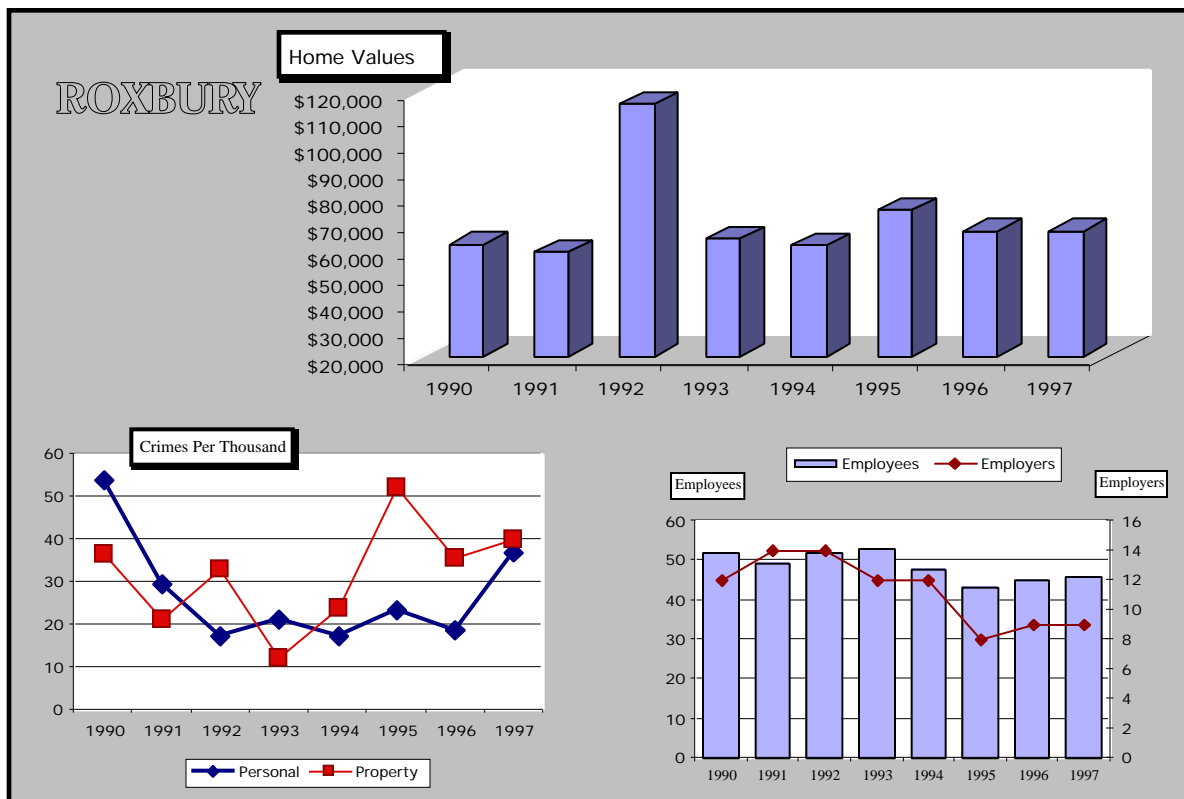
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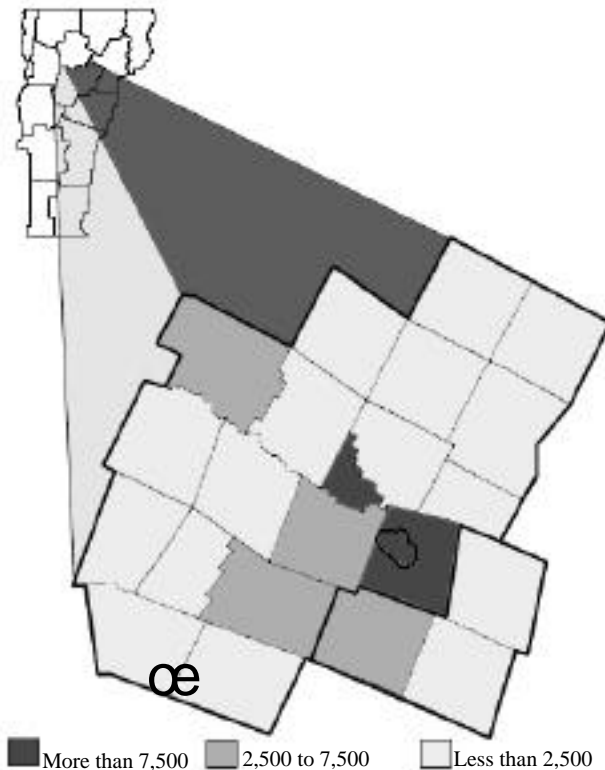
ROXBURY

Roxbury is the southernmost of Washington County's towns, and, physically, one of its largest towns. However, Roxbury is also the region's least populated town with only 625 residents. The town has just 15 residents per square mile.

Roxbury	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	575	608	635	653	633	595	588	625
Births	9	10	7	6	6	5	7	6
Deaths	4	1	3	6	2	5	4	3
Net Migration	N/A	38	36	22	-20	-34	-7	40
Housing Units	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	257
Avg Home Value	\$62,419	\$59,290	\$115,366	\$64,420	\$62,124	\$75,230	\$67,496	\$67,415
% Ownership	12.49%	46.15%	46.12%	46.21%	47.91%	47.57%	55.41%	55.23%
Avg Household Size	2.49	2.63	2.75	2.83	2.74	2.58	2.55	2.43
Employers	12	14	14	12	12	8	9	9
Employees	52	49	52	53	48	43	45	46
Avg Annual Wage	\$15,627	\$16,908	\$17,411	\$16,628	\$19,270	\$19,353	\$20,618	\$21,525
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.33	1.45	1.6	1.62	1.79	1.7	2.02	1.97
Municipal	0.64	0.62	0.59	0.63	0.64	0.54	0.63	0.57
School	0.69	0.83	1.01	0.99	1.15	1.16	1.39	1.4
School Enrollment	138	135	148	138	134	140	126	138
Personal Crimes	31	18	11	14	11	14	11	23
Property Crimes	21	16	21	8	15	31	21	25



ROXBURY



Area (Square miles)	41.5
% of Region	5.05%
Town Employers '97	9
Five Year Change.....	-3
Town Employment '97	46
Five Year Change.....	-7
% Regional Employment	0.16%
Population.....	625
Five Year Change.....	-28
% Regional Population	1.01%
Year-round Housing Units '97	257
Average Home Value '97	\$67,415
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	4.3%
Plan & Zoning Administrator	None
Planning Chair	Susan D'Amico
Regional Planning Rep.....	Thomas Frazier
Town Clerk Gloria Gerdes.....	485-7840

Roxbury is average for the region in land mass with just over 5%. It has the least population, despite steady growth. The town also has the fewest number of housing units, and the lowest home values in the region.

Roxbury beats only one other town for the number of employers, but the increasing average annual wage places the town in 15th. A recent increase in personal crimes has it ranking 15th, but they remain at 21 for property crimes.

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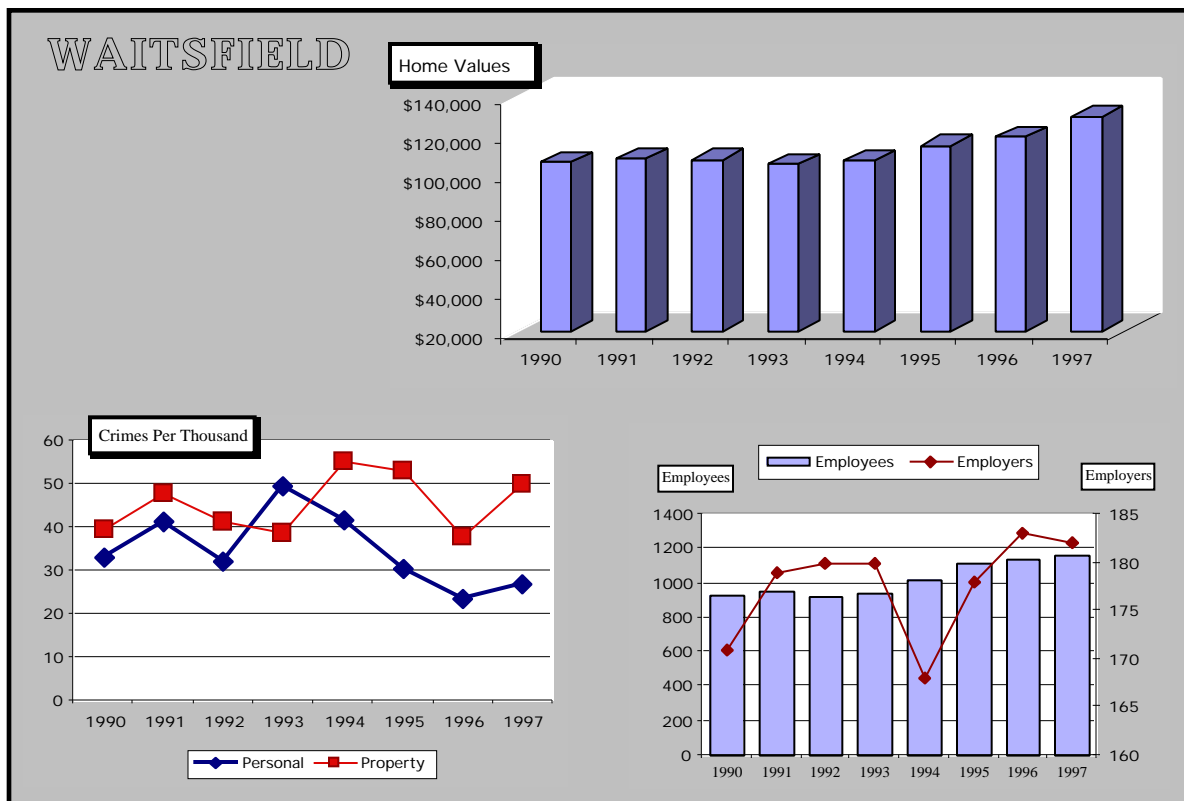


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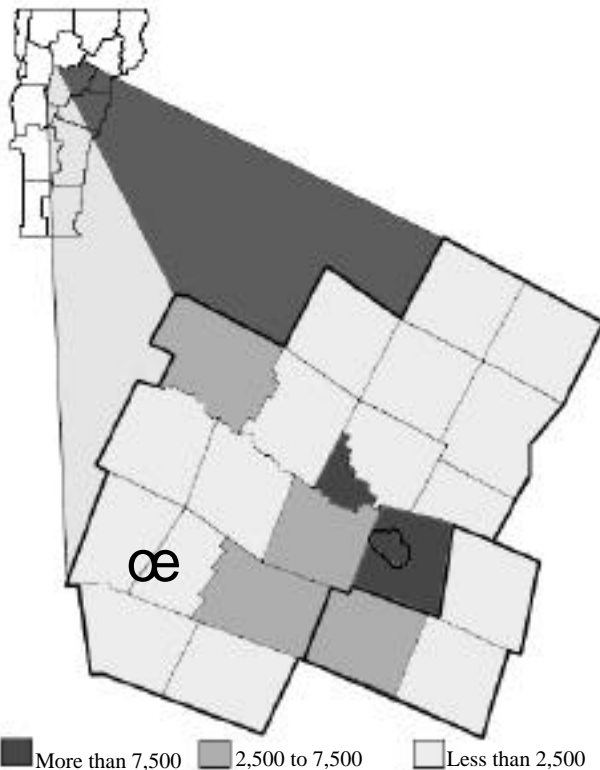
WAITSFIELD

Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston are recognized as the three-town ski resort area of the region. Although most of the condominiums and the ski areas themselves are located in the other two towns, Waitsfield is the area's commercial and retail trade center.

Waitsfield	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,422	1,446	1,431	1,454	1,508	1,505	1,542	1,525
Births	22	19	26	21	29	21	19	24
Deaths	5	6	11	10	8	9	9	8
Net Migration	N/A	41	-2	38	11	18	49	-7
Housing Units	641	652	662	667	683	698	714	714
Avg Home Value	\$106,668	\$108,254	\$107,908	\$105,647	\$107,535	\$114,984	\$119,180	\$130,068
% Ownership	48.96%	50.02%	51.15%	52.26%	52.11%	53.27%	56.87%	55.88%
Avg Household Size	2.22	2.22	2.16	2.18	2.21	2.16	2.16	2.14
Employers	171	179	180	180	168	178	183	182
Employees	932	954	918	938	1014	1113	1135	1158
Avg Annual Wage	\$18,241	NA	NA	\$18,614	NA	\$19,604	NA	\$25,445
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.23	1.27	1.72	1.45	2.03	1.67	1.6	1.74
Municipal	0.34	0.37	0.47	0.39	0.5	0.41	0.38	0.41
School	0.89	0.9	1.25	1.06	1.53	1.26	1.22	1.33
School Enrollment	230	237	252	261	270	240	266	268
Personal Crimes	47	60	46	72	63	46	36	41
Property Crimes	56	69	59	56	83	80	58	76



WAITSFIELD



Area (Square miles)	26.5
% of Region	3.23%
Town Employers '97	182
Five Year Change	2
Town Employment '97	1,158
Five Year Change	220
% Regional Employment.....	3.92%
Population.....	1,525
Five Year Change	71
% Regional Population	2.47%
Year-round Housing Units '97	714
Average Home Value '97	\$130,068
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	3.1%
Plan & Zoning Andrew Flagg	496-2218
Planning Chair	Russ Bennett
Regional Planning Rep.....	Harrison Snapp
Town Clerk Sandra Gallup	496-2218

Waitsfield, with just over 3% of the land mass ranks as the 12th most populated town in the region. The number of housing units are steadily increasing, ranking them 9th. Also increasing are home values, where the town holds the 2nd highest ranking in the region.

The town ranks 5th in number of employers. It has seen increases in average annual wages, where the town ranks 8th. Despite increases in the tax rate, Waitsfield is still near the bottom at 21st. Although crimes against people have seen decreases for three consecutive years, they are still 8th, while increases in property crimes has them at 10th.

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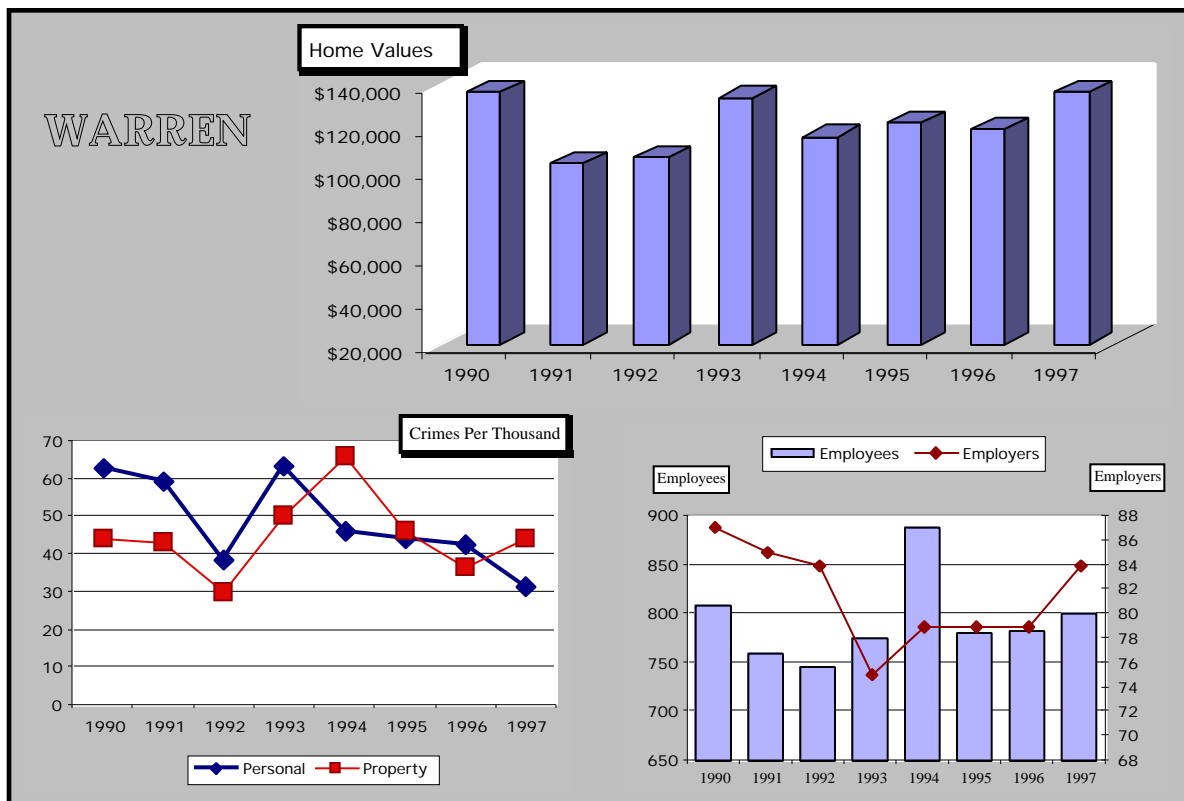
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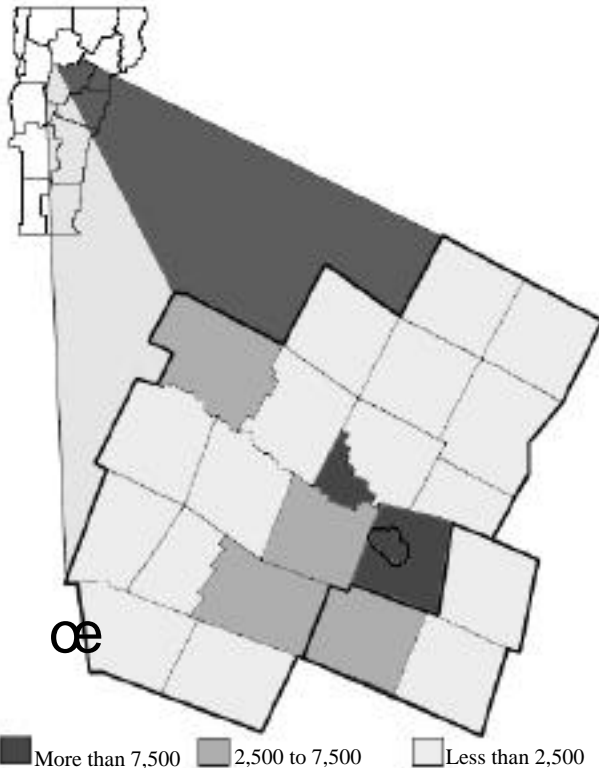
WARREN

Half the town is in the Green Mountain National Forest, site of Sugarbush Ski Resort, which is the region's largest resort. Warren Village is just off Route 100 in the Mad River Valley. The Roxbury Gap to the east and the Lincoln Gap to the northwest traverse the mountains.

Warren	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	1,172	1,229	1,226	1,276	1,263	1,317	1,316	1,299
Births	29	18	35	24	17	19	10	8
Deaths	3	8	7	8	7	4	7	9
Net Migration	N/A	83	7	78	3	64	14	-14
Housing Units	616	626	642	653	653	653	653	653
Avg Home Value	\$136,379	\$103,556	\$106,618	\$133,996	\$116,074	\$122,736	\$119,426	\$136,594
% Ownership	19.12%	19.45%	20.22%	21.26%	22.17%	23.08%	24.37%	29.39%
Avg Household Size	1.9	1.96	1.91	1.95	1.93	2.02	2.02	1.99
Employers	87	85	84	75	79	79	79	84
Employees	808	759	746	775	889	781	783	800
Avg Annual Wage	\$15,958	\$15,382	\$15,568	\$15,661	\$15,004	\$16,698	\$16,736	\$16,973
Adjusted Tax Rate	0.77	0.79	1.09	0.77	1.15	0.96	1.42	1.12
Municipal	0.32	0.3	0.46	0.24	0.34	0.31	0.43	0.32
School	0.45	0.49	0.63	0.53	0.81	0.65	0.99	0.8
School Enrollment	179	223	228	227	245	261	289	298
Personal Crimes	74	73	47	81	58	58	56	41
Property Crimes	52	53	37	64	83	61	48	57



WARREN



Area (Square miles)	43.1
% of Region	5.25%
Town Employers '97	84
Five Year Change.....	9
Town Employment '97	800
Five Year Change.....	25
% Regional Employment.....	2.71%
Population.....	1,299
Five Year Change.....	23
% Regional Population	2.11%
Year-round Housing Units '97	653
Average Home Value '97	\$136,594
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	1.2%
Zoning Admin.....	Miron Malboeuf
Planning Chair	Susan Compton
Regional Planning Rep.....	Mary Gow
Town Clerk Reta K. Goss	496-2709

Warren covers 5.25% of the region's land mass and is experiencing a decline in population, ranking it at 15th. The number of housing units remains steady where they rank at 10th in 1997. Despite fluctuating home values, the town has the highest values in the region.

Warren has had slight increases in the number of employers, and is 8th highest of the region. However, only moderate increases over the years place the town at 22nd in average annual wages. The town has the lowest tax rate of the 23 cities and towns. It is seeing some decline in crimes, where it ranks 9th in personal crimes and 12th in property crimes.

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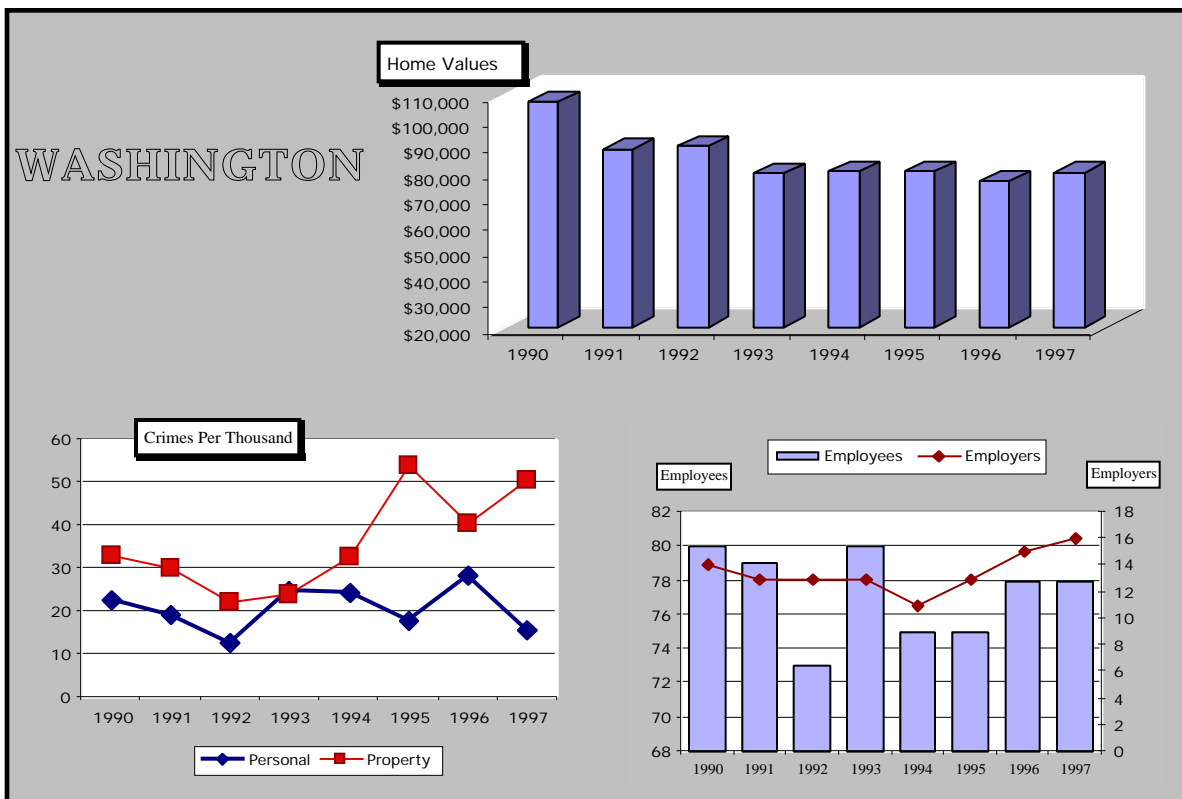
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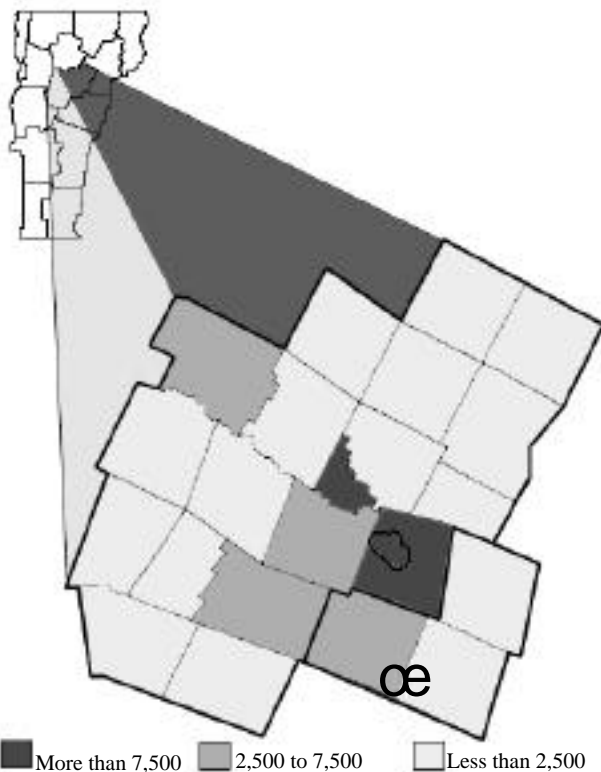
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WASHINGTON

One of three Central Vermont towns in Orange County, the quaint town of Washington is comfortably nestled along scenic Route 110 southeast of Barre. Although among the faster growing towns in the region, Washington maintains a compact village center.

Washington	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	937	939	945	965	981	1,003	987	949
Births	9	6	11	7	14	5	17	6
Deaths	2	4	6	6	5	3	7	5
Net Migration	N/A	9	9	25	17	31	-14	-28
Housing Units	351	358	368	377	377	378	380	359
Avg Home Value	\$107,273	\$89,103	\$90,014	\$79,624	\$80,288	\$80,346	\$76,702	\$80,102
% Ownership	65.18%	65.35%	65.60%	67.06%	66.64%	67.67%	68.91%	68.88%
Avg Household Size	2.67	2.62	2.57	2.56	2.6	2.65	2.6	2.64
Employers	14	13	13	13	11	13	15	16
Employees	80	79	73	80	75	75	78	78
Avg Annual Wage	\$14,195	\$16,625	\$22,126	\$20,025	\$17,928	\$17,378	\$19,146	\$18,912
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.56	1.27	2.76	1.57	1.78	1.92	1.95	1.98
Municipal	0.59	0.45	0.97	0.54	0.55	0.6	0.53	0.57
School	0.97	0.82	1.79	1.03	1.23	1.32	1.42	1.41
School Enrollment	194	216	235	212	218	198	192	191
Personal Crimes	21	18	12	24	24	18	28	15
Property Crimes	31	28	21	23	32	54	40	48





WASHINGTON

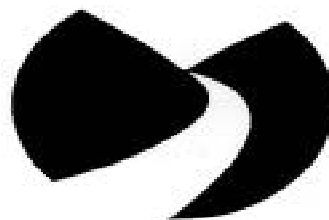
Area (Square miles)	39.5
% of Region	4.81%
Town Employers '97	16
Five Year Change.....	3
Town Employment '97	78
Five Year Change.....	-2
% Regional Employment.....	0.26%
Population.....	949
Five Year Change.....	-16
% Regional Population	1.54%
Year-round Housing Units '97	359
Average Home Value '97	\$80,102
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	3.7%
Plan & Zoning Gary Winders.....	479-1996
Planning Chair	Eleanor Albigese
Regional Planning Rep.....	Carol Davis
Town Clerk Carol Davis.....	883-2218

Washington has the 4th lowest population and is nearly 5% of the region's land mass.

In addition to a recent decline in population, the town has also seen a recent decrease in the number of housing units, according to the Vermont Health Department estimates.

Home values and average annual wages have fluctuated. Moderate growth in the number of employers ranks them at 19th in both employers and average annual wages.

They rank at a safe 19th for personal crimes, but a recent increase in property crimes has them at 13th.



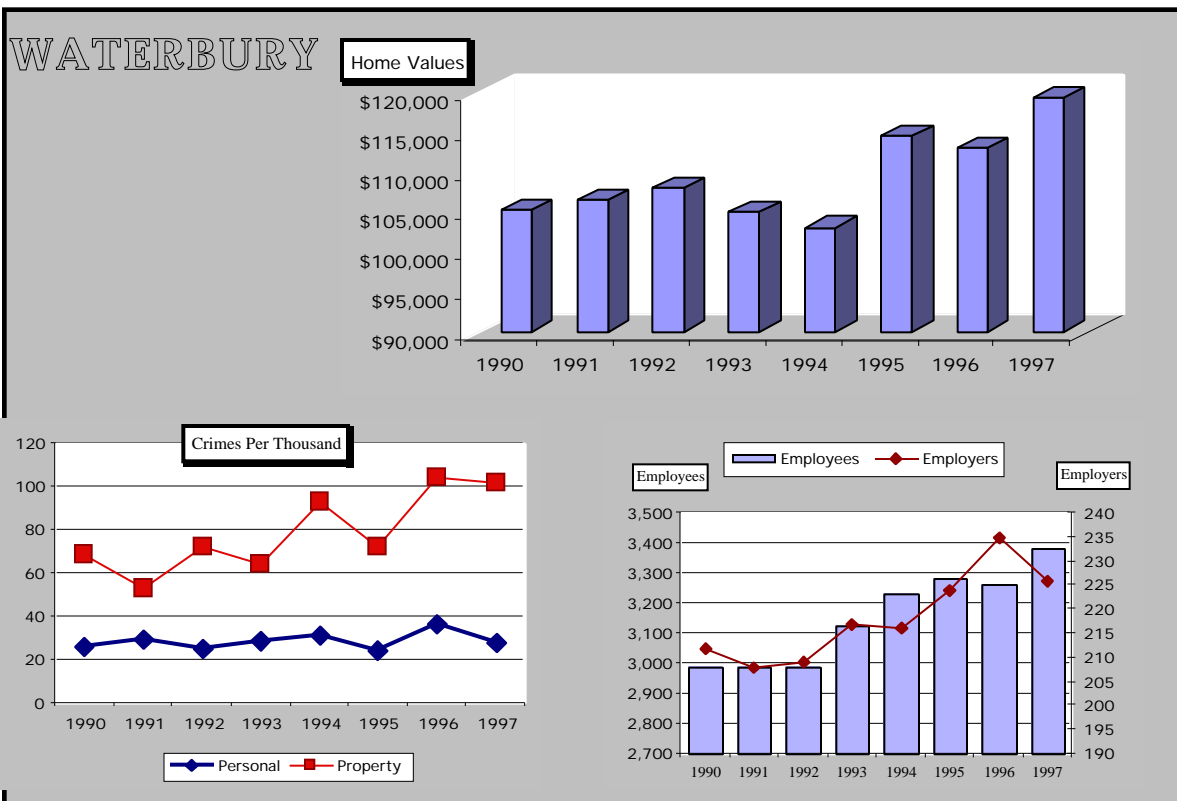
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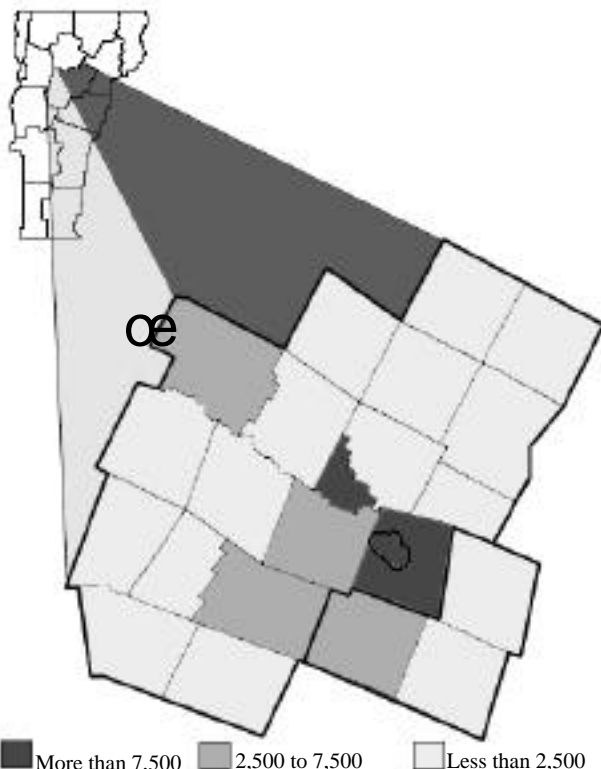
WATERBURY

Often termed the “Recreational Crossroads of Vermont,” Waterbury is about midway between the Sugarbush and Stowe ski areas. The town hosts a number of Vermont products makers, including Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, Cold Hollow Cider Mill and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

Waterbury	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	4,589	4,638	4,589	4,582	4,681	4,639	4,667	4,668
Births	73	65	66	93	66	78	77	54
Deaths	36	37	35	37	28	37	39	41
Net Migration	N/A	86	-21	24	155	-4	69	39
Housing Units	1883	1902	1927	1957	1961	1961	1984	1984
Avg Home Value	\$105,461	\$106,583	\$108,269	\$105,180	\$103,205	\$114,682	\$113,210	\$119,714
% Ownership	70.03%	67.93%	69.07%	69.22%	69.65%	70.45%	70.51%	70.33%
Avg Household Size	2.44	2.44	2.38	2.34	2.39	2.37	2.35	2.35
Employers	212	208	209	217	216	224	235	226
Employees	2986	2987	2986	3124	3233	3283	3262	3382
Avg Annual Wage	\$20,976	\$22,124	\$24,257	\$24,383	\$25,096	\$25,284	\$24,919	\$26,727
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.6	1.57	2.22	1.67	2.21	1.87	2.63	1.99
Municipal	0.38	0.35	0.8	0.31	0.72	0.35	0.77	0.45
School	1.22	1.22	1.42	1.36	1.49	1.52	1.86	1.54
School Enrollment	765	767	768	753	795	791	817	854
Personal Crimes	118	139	116	131	145	113	169	130
Property Crimes	316	246	331	294	435	333	488	476



WATERBURY




Area (Square miles)	49
% of Region.....	5.96%
Town Employers '97	226
Five Year Change	9
Town Employment '97	3,382
Five Year Change	258
% Regional Employment	11.45%
Population.....	4,668
Five Year Change	86
% Regional Population.....	7.57%
Year-round Housing Units '97	1,984
Average Home Value '97	\$119,714
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	2.6%
Planning Office Stephen Lotspeich ..	244-1012
Planning Chair	Charlie Sayah
Regional Planning Rep....	Gunner McCain
Town Clerk Nicole H. Boyden	244-8447

Waterbury encompasses the most land area with nearly 6% of the regional total. It has the 5th highest population and ranks 4th in number of housing units, home values and average annual wages.

The town has the 3rd highest number of employers and ranks 6th in both personal and property crimes.

Waterbury is experiencing growth in most areas, but has seen a recent drop in number of employers, and fluctuation in both average annual wages and crime rates.



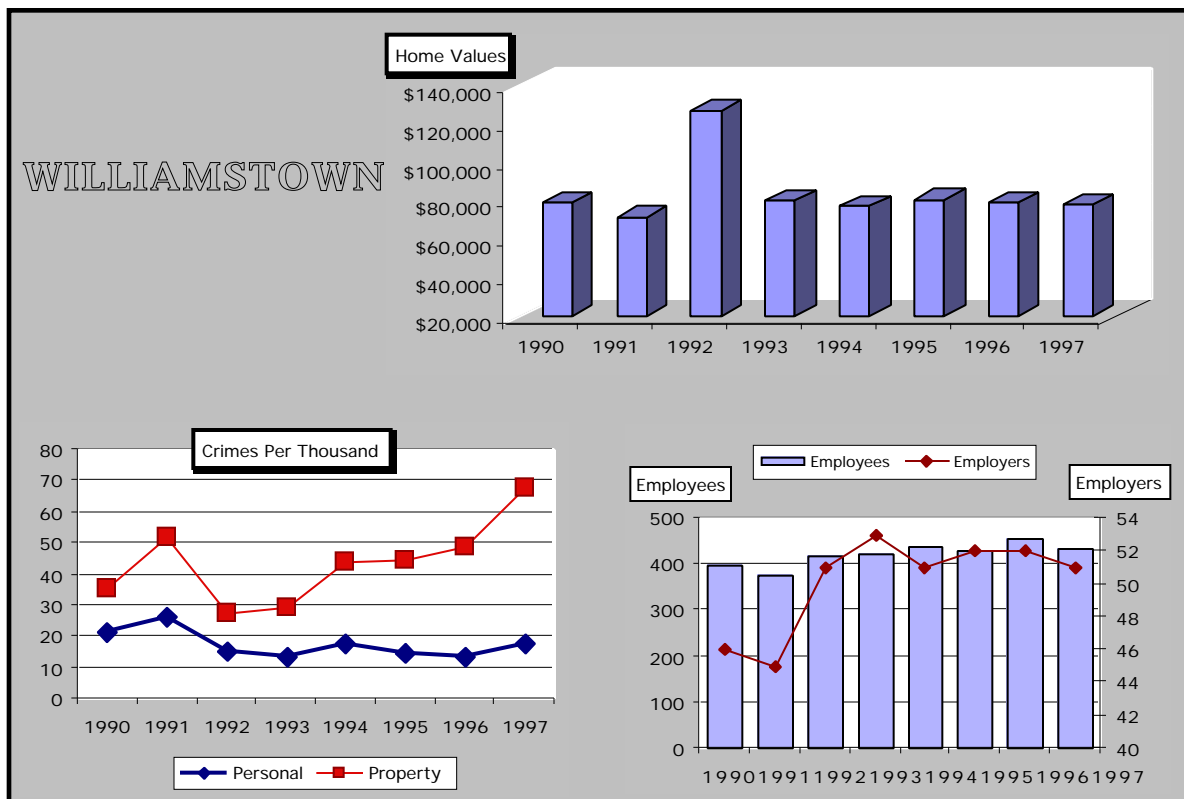
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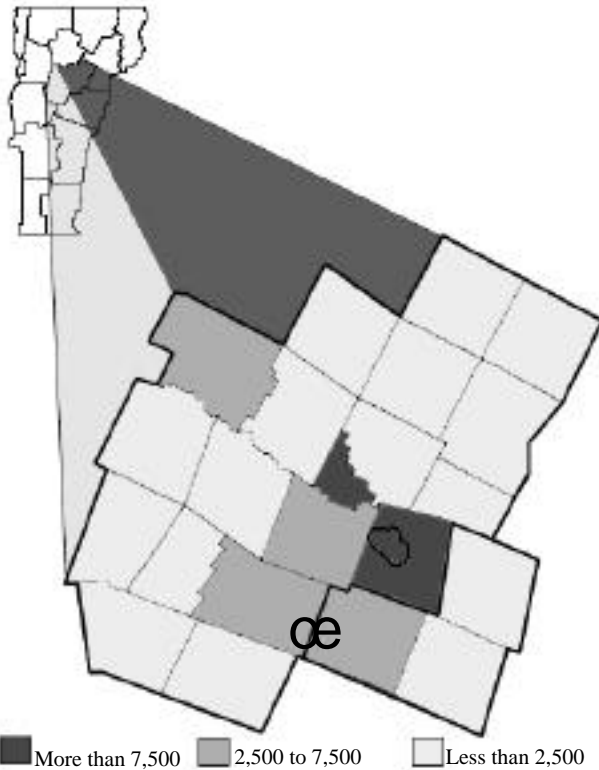
WILLIAMSTOWN

Although it is located in Orange County, Williamstown is just 10 miles from Barre City. The community has developed several commercial-industrial areas adjacent to the village center. Elementary and high schools are located on a plateau outside the village.

Williamstown	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	2,839	2,758	2,739	2,754	2,824	2,811	3,025	2,928
Births	38	40	53	37	29	44	34	46
Deaths	20	24	27	21	24	17	17	24
Net Migration	N/A	-63	-3	41	86	-8	241	-80
Housing Units	1062	1062	1062	1084	1084	1084	1245	1180
Avg Home Value	\$79,307	\$71,789	\$127,819	\$80,098	\$77,214	\$81,021	\$79,568	\$78,741
% Ownership	69.13%	70.46%	75.86%	76.06%	79.52%	75.75%	76.61%	76.51%
Avg Household Size	2.67	2.6	2.58	2.54	2.61	2.59	2.43	2.48
Employers	46	45	51	53	51	52	52	51
Employees	398	375	417	420	440	429	456	433
Avg Annual Wage	\$19,898	\$20,124	\$21,140	\$20,941	\$21,880	\$23,066	\$22,952	\$24,450
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.79	1.64	1.68	1.76	1.84	1.8	2.14	2.04
Municipal	0.53	0.48	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.46	0.58	0.53
School	1.26	1.16	1.16	1.22	1.26	1.34	1.56	1.51
School Enrollment	555	579	578	546	542	550	575	562
Personal Crimes	61	73	41	37	50	41	40	51
Property Crimes	100	143	75	81	124	125	147	198



WILLIAMSTOWN



Area (Square miles)	41.1
% of Region	5.00%
Town Employers '97	51
Five Year Change.....	-2
Town Employment '97	433
Five Year Change.....	13
% Regional Employment.....	1.47%
Population.....	2,928
Five Year Change.....	174
% Regional Population	4.75%
Year-round Housing Units '97	1,180
Average Home Value '97	\$78,741
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	3.3%
Plan & Zoning Admin.....	None
Planning Chair	Bob Chappelle
Regional Planning Rep.....	Larry Hebert
Town Manager Beth Warrell	433-6671

Williamstown is average for the region in acreage with about 5% of the land mass.

The town ranks as the 6th highest in the region for population, despite a substantial decline in 1997. It has the 6th highest number of housing units after a huge increase in 1996. Home values are declining, and the town ranks 18th.

Williamstown ranks 10th in number of employers, which has been steady, and in their fluctuating average annual wage.

Both personal and property crimes have seen increases, and the town ranks 7th in each.

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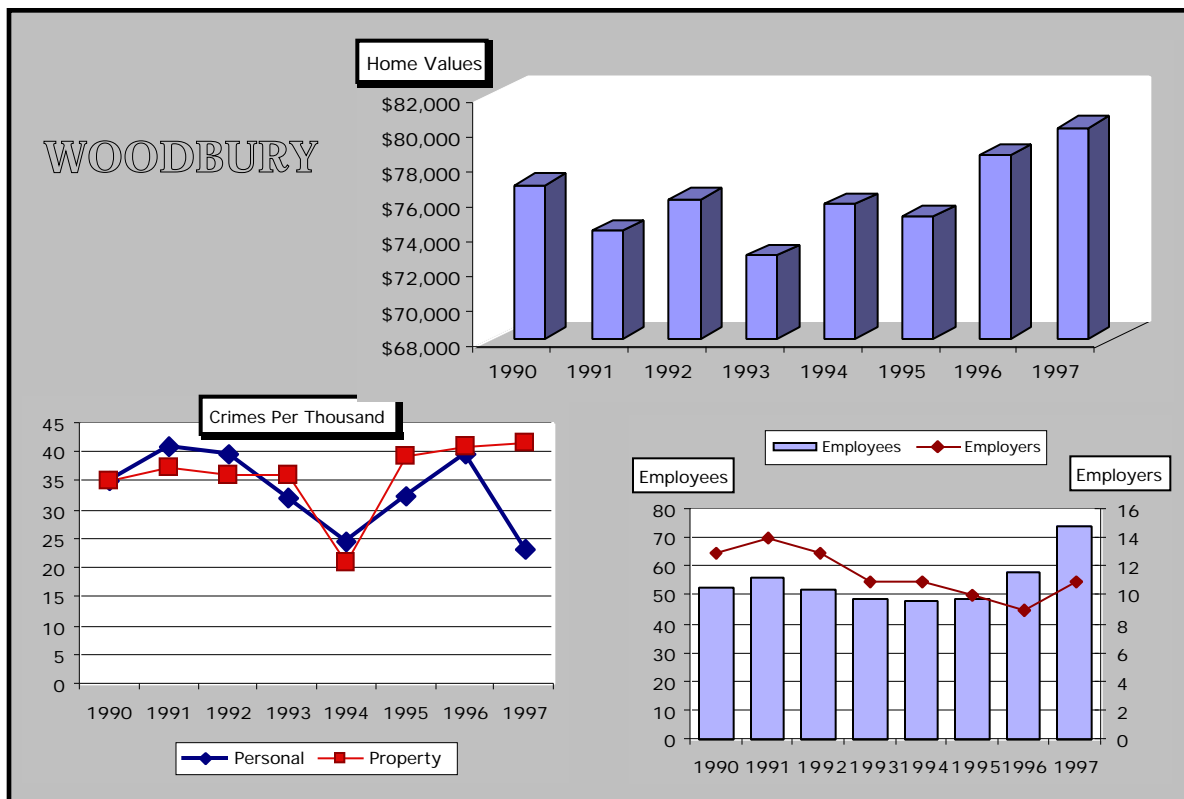
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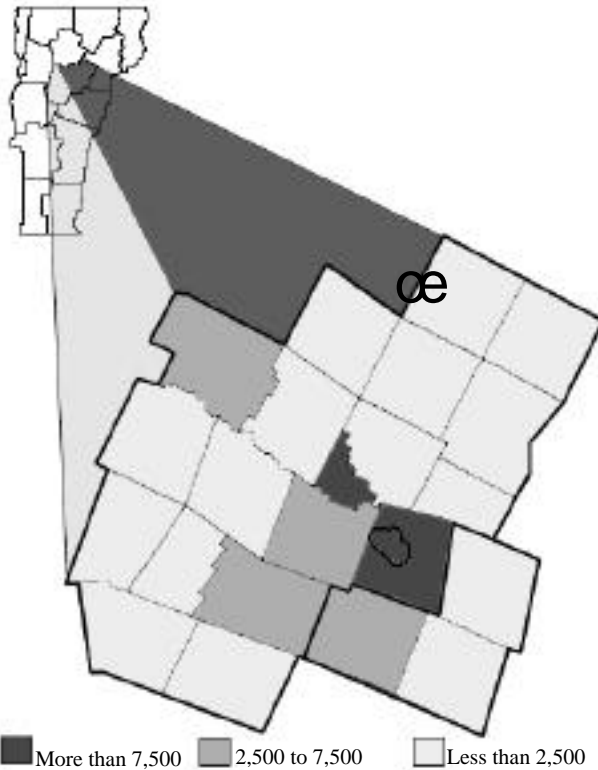
WOODBURY

The northernmost town in Central Vermont, Woodbury lays claim to having the greatest number of lakes and ponds of any town in the state. Woodbury's rural setting, combined with its many bodies of water, provides recreational opportunities for residents and tourists alike.

Woodbury	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Population	766	803	803	804	850	834	827	814
Births	11	16	10	9	14	5	6	9
Deaths	7	3	5	5	3	1	6	3
Net Migration	N/A	41	13	6	50	-12	-3	-13
Housing Units	298	304	308	313	319	329	330	330
Avg Home Value	\$76,896	\$74,242	\$76,072	\$72,785	\$75,794	\$75,072	\$78,636	\$80,214
% Ownership	46.24%	46.89%	48.47%	48.26%	48.29%	48.62%	50.70%	50.93%
Avg Household Size	2.57	2.64	2.6	2.57	2.66	2.53	2.5	2.47
Employers	13	14	13	11	11	10	9	11
Employees	53	56	52	49	48	49	58	74
Avg Annual Wage	\$13,459	\$14,185	\$15,132	\$16,006	\$16,122	\$14,744	\$15,246	\$18,100
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.53	1.38	2.77	1.89	1.98	2.06	2.24	2.31
Municipal	0.29	0.26	0.54	0.35	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.36
School	1.24	1.12	2.23	1.54	1.61	1.7	1.87	1.95
School Enrollment	147	155	149	157	169	170	161	155
Personal Crimes	27	33	32	26	21	27	33	19
Property Crimes	27	30	29	29	18	33	34	34



WOODBURY



Area (Square miles)	39
% of Region	4.75%
Town Employers '97	11
Five Year Change	0
Town Employment '97	74
Five Year Change	25
% Regional Employment	0.25%
Population.....	814
Five Year Change	10
% Regional Population.....	1.32%
Year-round Housing Units '97	330
Average Home Value '97	\$80,214
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	2%
Zoning Admin Diana Peduzzi	472-6698
Planning Chair	Noreen O'Connor
Regional Planning Rep.....	John Brabant
Town Clerk Marcia McGlynn.....	456-7051

Woodbury covers 4.75% of the land mass, and its declining population ranks them as the 2nd lowest in the region. The town also places 22nd for number of housing units, despite some growth.

The town's home values are increasing, ranking it 15th in the region. Though the number of employers is steady, the town ranks near the bottom at 21st. Despite a substantial increase in average annual wages in 1997, it still only ranks 20th in this category.

Crime rates have remained fairly steady, where they rank 17th and 18th.



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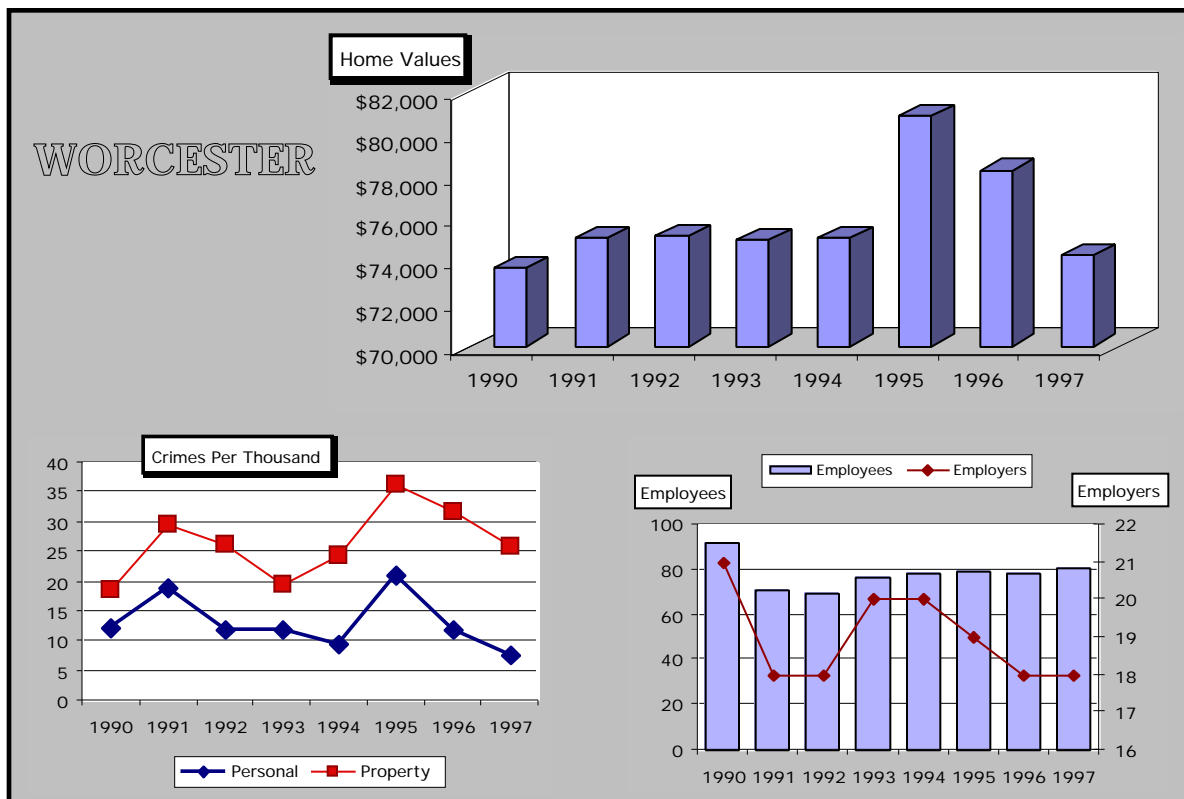
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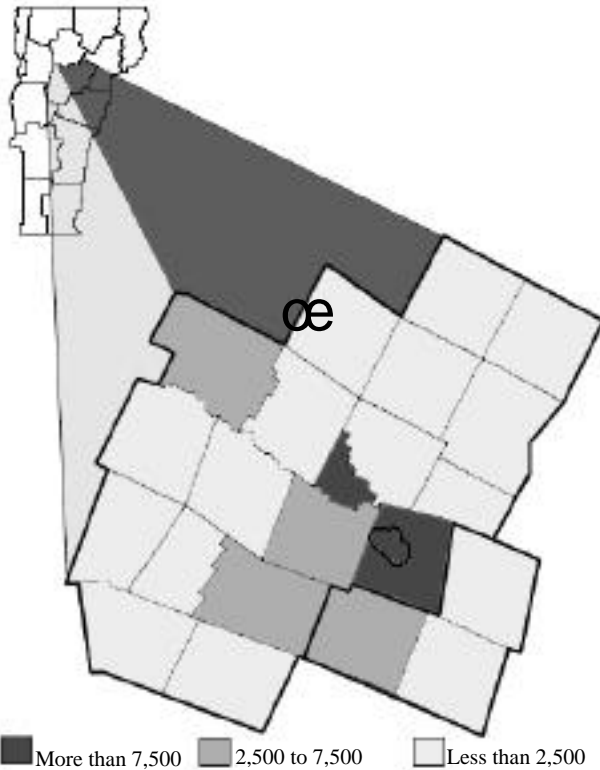
WORCESTER

Worcester is a tightly-knit community whose residents take pride in their ability to forcefully argue town issues before uniting behind the group's decision. A third of the town is state-owned Putnam Forest with abundant wildlife including moose

Worcester	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1992
Williamstown	1990	1991	1992	1993	Williamstown	1995	1996	1997	1992
Population	2,689	2,742	2,718	2,739	Population	2,689	2,689	2,739	2,739
Births	18	18	11	13	Births	18	18	10	53
Deaths	30	40	20	8	Deaths	30	38	40	27
Net Migration	N/A	46	22	15	Net Migration	25	20	24	-3
Housing Units	331	325	327	335	Housing Units	325	327	337	1062
Avg Home Value	\$73,692	\$75,138	\$75,257	\$75,000	Avg Home Value	\$75,153	\$80,929	\$74,344	\$127,819
% Ownership	76.67%	74.92%	76.20%	77.75%	% Ownership	77.75%	80.82%	83.33%	75.86%
Avg Household Size	2.74	2.71	2.8	2.78	Avg Household Size	2.72	2.71	2.71	2.58
Employers	49	41	67	72	Employers	49	40	45	51
Employees	396	373	41	42	Employees	396	398	343	417
Avg Annual Wage	\$16,744	\$17,427	\$19,567	\$23,047	Avg Annual Wage	\$23,206	\$24,355	\$26,123	\$21,140
Adjusted Tax Rate	1.96	1.93	2.27	2.24	Adjusted Tax Rate	2.33	2.6	2.4	1.68
Municipal	0.57	0.56	0.76	0.62	Municipal	0.62	0.62	0.7	0.52
School	1.33	1.37	1.51	1.62	School	1.71	1.71	1.7	1.16
School Enrollment	190	185	205	214	School Enrollment	214	186	172	578
Personal Crimes	11	18	11	11	Personal Crimes	11	11	11	41
Property Crimes	17	26	24	18	Property Crimes	23	32	20	75



WORCESTER



Area (Square miles)	39.4
% of Region	4.79%
Town Employers '97	18
Five Year Change	-2
Town Employment '97	81
Five Year Change	4
% Regional Employment.....	0.27%
Population.....	928
Five Year Change	3
% Regional Population	1.51%
Year-round Housing Units '97	335
Average Home Value.....	\$74,344
% Population receiving ANFC '97.....	4.6%
Plan & Zoning Administration	None
Planning Chair	None at present
Regional Planning Rep.....	Peter Comart
Town Clerk Carolyn Wells.....	223-6942

Worcester, with just under 5% of the region's land area, has the 3rd lowest population and number of housing units, which have both had moderate growth. The town ranks 20th in home values, which continue to drop.

The number of employers remains fairly steady, ranking the town at 18th. Increases in most years in the average annual wage has the town as the 5th highest in the region. Worcester is also the safest town in the region, ranking lowest in personal crimes and next to the lowest in property crimes, and both are dropping.

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Average housing prices in Central Vermont have seen moderate increases in most towns. Barre City, Barre Town, Calais, Roxbury, Williamstown and Worcester have experienced a decrease in 1997 from 1996. Barre City is in steady decline since 1990. Barre Town and Berlin dropped to below 1995 prices.

Average Res. #1 Home Value from Economic Demographic Profile/Tax Dept. Data									
	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Barre City	\$62,274	\$85,997	\$85,479	\$85,513	\$82,490	\$81,281	\$81,976	\$81,165	\$78,023
Barre Town	\$66,477	\$92,835	\$63,418	\$88,311	\$92,869	\$90,071	\$95,511	\$95,440	\$93,004
Berlin	\$69,083	\$99,839	\$97,677	\$97,759	\$98,674	\$96,179	\$103,254	\$98,277	\$101,428
Cabot	\$38,825	\$72,646	\$74,784	\$74,633	\$75,757	\$73,648	\$80,867	\$77,303	\$80,085
Calais	\$59,616	\$81,361	\$86,661	\$87,432	\$84,519	\$93,548	\$93,174	\$96,022	\$90,679
Duxbury	\$59,222	\$83,970	\$78,429	\$79,620	\$85,281	\$85,139	\$87,687	\$90,978	\$93,715
E. Montpelier	\$76,977	\$101,445	\$102,280	\$103,257	\$102,729	\$105,834	\$105,507	\$103,046	\$107,825
Fayston	\$84,682	\$117,506	\$97,790	\$103,584	\$117,083	\$120,864	\$116,887	\$114,257	\$127,286
Marshfield	\$45,824	\$69,240	\$66,112	\$88,686	\$58,053	\$62,875	\$68,077	\$70,362	\$71,354
Middlesex	\$55,596	\$83,403	\$82,909	\$83,505	\$82,213	\$79,409	\$82,391	\$83,813	\$85,094
Montpelier	\$75,827	\$104,874	\$107,120	\$107,374	\$101,197	\$97,831	\$105,272	\$105,850	\$108,975
Moretown	\$61,329	\$91,769	\$91,724	\$92,546	\$91,614	\$100,888	\$100,039	\$102,473	\$106,964
Northfield	\$58,839	\$88,073	\$86,430	\$131,861	\$86,515	\$84,378	\$87,761	\$84,740	\$88,345
Orange	\$52,782	\$64,876	\$67,771	\$67,393	\$71,464	\$62,013	\$75,067	\$69,693	\$73,186
Plainfield	\$53,568	\$80,392	\$80,506	\$80,636	\$79,256	\$78,214	\$77,990	\$79,373	\$83,913
Roxbury	\$36,693	\$62,419	\$59,290	\$115,366	\$64,420	\$62,124	\$75,230	\$67,496	\$67,415
Waitsfield	\$93,865	\$106,668	\$108,254	\$107,908	\$105,647	\$107,535	\$114,984	\$119,180	\$130,068
Warren	\$87,190	\$136,379	\$103,556	\$106,618	\$133,996	\$116,074	\$122,736	\$119,426	\$136,594
Washington	\$55,850	\$107,273	\$89,103	\$90,014	\$79,624	\$80,288	\$80,346	\$76,702	\$80,102
Waterbury	\$81,473	\$105,461	\$106,583	\$108,269	\$105,180	\$103,205	\$114,682	\$113,210	\$119,714
Williamstown	\$53,559	\$79,307	\$71,789	\$127,819	\$80,098	\$77,214	\$81,021	\$79,568	\$78,741
Woodbury	\$42,028	\$76,896	\$74,242	\$76,072	\$72,785	\$75,794	\$75,072	\$78,636	\$80,214
Worcester	\$49,847	\$73,699	\$75,138	\$75,257	\$75,006	\$75,153	\$80,920	\$78,339	\$74,344

The table below shows how Central Vermont compares with other areas of the country as reported by ACCRA for the first quarter of 1999.

City	State	Total	Groc.	House	Utility	Trans.	Health	Misc.
Boston	MA	139	110	194.5	143.4	121.6	135.8	109
San Diego	CA	120	112	147.5	101.3	120.4	122.2	104
Boulder	CO	116	105	152.5	82.9	101.5	122.6	99.8
New Haven	CT	121	116	128.3	159.6	117.1	123.5	107
Barre-Mont	VT	102	105	94	149.1	105	99.4	96
Portland	OR	107	103	118.9	77	109.9	121.8	102
San Antonio	TX	112	109	119	152.2	112.8	88	103
Lancaster	PA	107	101	110.4	107.8	114.4	92.9	106
Billings	MT	102	103	101.3	83.2	109.8	103.2	103
Minneapolis	MN	103	99.6	98.1	100.4	114.3	126.6	102
Boise	ID	103	98	109.8	69.8	104	113.6	104
Baton Rouge	LA	99.5	101	99.4	98.4	104.7	99.5	98
Tucson	AZ	97.3	103	95.6	104.2	97	105.3	93
Orlando	FL	99.6	103	94.1	103.7	99.9	106.4	101
Detroit	MI	98	101	96.7	95.2	99.4	111.1	95.3
U. S. Average		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Central Vermont Must Keep In Touch

Central Vermonters not only need to keep informed of legislative action, but they also need to make sure their representatives are aware of their views. Regular communication with elected officials is the best way to ensure that they know your concerns and desires. Legislators appreciate hearing from the people they represent. Residents often mistakenly believe that legislators are inundated with calls from constituents. Not so! One of the great advantages of a small state like Vermont is that access to public officials can be frequent and personal.

Contact Legislators during the session at: c/o Vermont State House • 115 State Street
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Home mailing addresses and phone numbers for officials and legislators:

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For additional information readers may wish to contact the sources listed below.

CV Economic Development Corporation specializes in development sites and financing programs available to those wishing to do business in the region. For more information contact Richard Angney at 223-4654.

Central Vermont Regional Planning is a data center for the U.S. Bureau of the

Census. Regional Planning's geographic mapping system can help analyze the development potential and/or constraints of sites, and the staff is well acquainted with the town plans of the region's municipalities. For more information call Susan Sinclair at 229-0389.

Department of Employment & Training is the source for information on labor force and employment data as well as job openings. Call Mike Griffin at 828-4153 or Linda Eldredge at 828-4321.

Agency of Human Services tracks a number of social indicators that include health, poverty, the elderly, crime, and more. Jane Kitchel 241-2220.

Department of Taxes collects data on land transfers, property taxes, tax rebates, and grand list values as well as the tax rates on personal income and business transactions. For more information call 828-2524.

Department of Education is the repository for educational information, especially enrollment and financial data. Caitlin Hawkins 828-3151.

Associated Industries of Vermont has commissioned an analysis of Vermont's educational system and some of the factors that drive costs. Sandra Dragon 223-3441.

Town Clerks are the source of all local knowledge. If they can't answer a question, they probably know who can. The phone number for each clerk is included in each town's individual profile.

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