Overview

Bull Creek forms the major valley in Athens, which is bordered by rural agricultural land and dispersed homes. Built in 1817, Athens’s Old Brick Meetinghouse is a prominent historic landmark in the town.

Road classifications (miles) VTrans 2017:
- Class I: 0.00
- Class 2: 6.75
- Class 3: 11.14
- Class 4: 2.96

The population of Athens rose from 340 to 442 people between 2000 and 2010, a 30% increase.

In 2010, the median age of the town was 40, down only one year from 2000. Windham County’s median age was older at 44.9 years. See Reference 1 on page 4 for population distribution by age group.

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Since 1990, seasonal housing as a percentage of total housing has been on a downward trend. In 2010, seasonal housing accounted for 18% of all housing, down from 19% in 2000 and 36% in 1990.

From 2000 to 2010, the number of housing units in Athens rose from 210 to 231, a 10% increase, while total households rose from 142 to 181, a 28% increase.

The median gross monthly rent for the period 2012-2016 was $863. In comparison, Windham County’s median gross monthly rent was $849.

What is a household?
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Housing Structures

2012-2016

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Understanding the American Community Survey

Data published in 2016 are 5 year estimates and do not reflect actual counts like population, age, or sex. These estimates are useful when analyzing trends in small populations, but should be used cautiously when making direct comparisons; they are estimates over a period from 2012 to 2016 and have a relatively large margin of error. The American Community Survey is conducted year round to gather “period” data, unlike the decennial census which is only conducted every ten years and collects “point-in-time” data.

An estimated 24.5% of the town’s population was below the poverty level for the period 2012-2016, a decrease from the 2008-2012 period where it was 28.9%. In comparison, 14.0% of individuals were below the poverty level in Windham County for the period 2012-2016.

Median Household Income

The median estimated household income for the period 2012-2016 showed a slight decrease from the 2008-2012 period to $33,611. To compare Athens’s median income with neighboring towns, see Reference 2 on page 4.

The Athens workforce diversified from the 2008-2012 period to the 2012-2016 period as more residents became employed in agriculture, information, and transportation and warehouse fields. Previously, employment was predominantly in education, health and social care, construction, and manufacturing.

During the period 2012-2016, 14.7% of Athens residents worked in Athens, including the 11.9% of residents that worked at home. See Reference 3 on page 4 for details on travel, and Reference 4 for details on Athens’ household vehicle ownership.

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Source Tables

Population Distribution by Age Group

Travel to Work 2012-2016

Median Household Income Comparison 2012-2016

Household Vehicle Ownership 2012-2016

Sources

MAPS: Windham Regional Commission GIS Service Center


INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey

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