Overview

Jamaica is the largest town geographically in the Windham Region. The town’s prominent features include Hamilton Falls (one of the state’s larger water falls), Jamaica State Park, and Ball Mountain Dam, each reflective of Jamaica’s rugged topography.

Road classifications (miles) VTrans 2017:

- Class I: 0.00
- Class 2: 6.44
- Class 3: 43.02
- Class 4: 2.95

The population of Jamaica rose from 946 to 1,035 people between 2000 and 2010, an increase of 9%.

In 2010, the median age of the town was 45, up seven years from 2000. Windham County’s median age was 44.9 years. See Reference 1 on page 4 for population distribution by age group.
Housing

From 2000 to 2010, the number of housing units in Jamaica rose from 967 to 1,055, a 9% increase, while total households increased from 416 to 460, an 11% increase.

The median gross monthly rent for the period 2012-2016 was $754. In comparison, Windham County’s median gross monthly rent was $849.

Since 2000, seasonal housing remained a nearly constant percentage of total housing in Jamaica, accounting for just over half of the total housing units.

What is a household?

“A household includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters”.

(U.S. Census Bureau)

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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.

The median estimated household income for the period 2012-2016 decreased from 2012 to $56,719. To compare Jamaica’s median income with neighboring towns, see Reference 2 on page 4.

From the 2008-2012 period to the 2012-2016 period, the education, health and social care fields, along with the public administration, and finance saw the largest decrease in Jamaica residents employed in them. The professional and scientific and construction fields saw the largest increase throughout this period.

During the period 2012-2016, 24.0% of Jamaica residents worked in Jamaica, including the 10.2% of residents that worked at home. See Reference 3 on page 4 for details on travel, and Reference 4 for details on Jamaica’s household vehicle ownership.
Reference Tables

Sources

MAPS: Windham Regional Commission GIS Service Center
INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey

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