TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
Town Profile 2018

Overview

Townshend serves as the central Windham Region’s economic hub, as it provides the area with multiple healthcare facilities, a regional high school, and many businesses.

Additionally, Townshend State Park and Townshend Lake Recreation area are hubs for outdoor activities.

Road classifications (miles) VTrans 2017:

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<th>Class</th>
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<td>Class 1</td>
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<td>44.88</td>
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The population of Townshend rose from 1,149 to 1,232 people between 2000 and 2010, an increase of 7%.

In 2010, the median age of the town was 40, only down two years 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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<td>Townshend</td>
<td>1,019</td>
<td>1,149</td>
<td>1,232</td>
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<tr>
<td>Athens</td>
<td>313</td>
<td>340</td>
<td>442</td>
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<td>30%</td>
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<td>Brookline</td>
<td>403</td>
<td>467</td>
<td>530</td>
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<td>Grafton</td>
<td>602</td>
<td>649</td>
<td>679</td>
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<td>Newfane</td>
<td>1,555</td>
<td>1,680</td>
<td>1,726</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Wardsboro</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>854</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Jamaica</td>
<td>754</td>
<td>946</td>
<td>1,035</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Windham</td>
<td>251</td>
<td>328</td>
<td>419</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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Seasonal housing decreased sharply as a percentage of total housing from 1990 to 2000, but has remained a constant since then. In 2010, seasonal housing accounted for 22.9% of all housing, 23.8% in 2000, and down from 42.0% in 1990.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Seasonal/Recreational</th>
<th>Total Units</th>
<th>% of Total Housing for Seasonal Use</th>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>318</td>
<td>758</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>668</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>179</td>
<td>783</td>
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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)
Income & Employment

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 13.5% of the town’s population was below the poverty level for the period 2012-2016, an increase from the 2008-2012 period where it was 7.8%. In comparison, 14.0% of individuals were below the poverty level in Windham County for the period 2012-2016.

The median estimated household income for the period 2012-2016 slightly increased from 2012 to $61,591. To compare Townshend’s median income with neighboring towns, see Reference 2 on page 4.

Townshend’s resident employment by industry saw increases in the construction and other services sectors from the 2008-2012 period to the 2012-2016 period. The arts and entertainment sector saw the largest decrease during this period.

For the period 2012-2016, 36.0% of Townshend residents worked in Townshend, including the 15.1% of residents that worked at home. See Reference 3 on page 4 for details on travel, and Reference 4 for details on Townshend’s household vehicle ownership.

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Sources

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

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