Overview

Vernon has the highest percentage of agricultural soils of any town in the Windham Region. Three black gum swamps are located throughout the J. Maynard Miller Town Forest. The town is also home to the Vernon Dam hydropower plant, and the site of Vermont’s only nuclear power plant.

Road classifications (miles) VTrans 2017:

- Class I: 0.00
- Class 3: 17.03
- Class 2: 7.86
- Class 4: 0.48

The population of Vernon rose from 2,141 to 2,206 people between 2000 and 2010, an increase of 3%.

In 2010, the median age of the town was 45, up six 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 Vernon rose from 784 to 924, an 18% increase, while total households rose from 741 to 865, a 17% increase.

The median gross monthly rent for the period 2012-2016 was $750. In comparison, Windham County’s median gross monthly rent was $849.

Since 1990, seasonal housing has remained a fairly constant percentage of total housing in Vernon at approximately 2%.

### Housing Structures 2012-2016

- 1-unit, detached: 79%
- 5 to 9 units: 4%
- 10 to 19 units: 2%
- 20 or more units: 6%
- Mobile home: 8%

### Housing Units

- **Seasonal**
  - 1990: 19
  - 2000: 32
  - 2010: 40

- **Owner Occupied**
  - 1990: 118
  - 2000: 16
  - 2010: 19

- **Renter Occupied**
  - 1990: 508
  - 2000: 125
  - 2010: 616

- **Vacant**
  - 1990: 666
  - 2000: 27
  - 2010: 19

### 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)
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 8.8%. 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 decreased from 2012 to $59,432. To compare Vernon’s median income with neighboring towns, see Reference 2 on page 4.

The manufacturing field experienced the largest decrease of Vernon residents employed from the 2008-2012 period to the 2012-2016 period. The professional and scientific field saw the largest increase during this period.

During the period 2012-2016, 25.8% of Vernon residents worked in Vernon, including the 4.5% of residents that worked at home. See Reference 3 on page 4 for details on travel, and Reference 4 for details on Vernon’s household vehicle ownership.
References

Sources

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