Overview

Wilmington has long been a tourist destination, with visitors drawn to the village and nearby ski resorts. The town is also home to Molly Stark State Park.

The north end of the Harriman Reservoir is located in Wilmington. The Reservoir is the result of the Harriman Dam, built in 1923 as part of a hydroelectric power project.

Road classifications (miles) VTrans 2017:

- Class I: 0.00
- Class 3: 54.02
- Class 2: 13.34
- Class 4: 7.14

The population of Wilmington fell by 16% between 2000 and 2010, from 2,225 to 1,876 people.

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

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Since 1990, seasonal housing has remained a fairly constant percentage of total housing in Wilmington. In 2010, seasonal housing accounted for 61.6% of all housing, 52.3% in 2000, and 58.4% in 1990.

From 2000 to 2010, the number of housing units in Wilmington rose from 2,232 to 2,493, a 12% increase, while total households fell from 992 to 866, a 13% decrease.

The median gross monthly rent for the period 2012-2016 was $1,072. In comparison, Windham County’s median gross monthly rent was $849.

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 4.8% 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 5.9%. 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 $52,120. To compare Wilmington’s median income with neighboring towns, see Reference 2 on page 4.

Wilmington’s employment by industry saw the largest increase in the manufacturing sector from the 2008-2012 period to the 2012-2016 period. The construction and arts and entertainment industries experienced the largest decreases.

During the period 2012-2016, 51.1% of Wilmington residents worked in Wilmington, including the 11.4% of residents that worked at home. See Reference 3 on page 4 for details on travel, and Reference 4 for details on Wilmington’s household vehicle ownership.
Sources

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

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