

## Chapter II. Population

The goal of the Population Section is to inform users of the Master Plan of the projected population growth possibilities in the Town of New Hampton. This chapter reflects the demographic status of the town of New Hampton through past, present and projected data.

### 2. Introduction

An analysis of changing trends in a town's population is one of the most fundamental aspects of a master planning effort. Any significant changes in the population of a town will consequently affect land use patterns, the town's economic base, and local demand for housing, transportation, human services and community facilities. Shifts in the composition of the population are important, since knowledge of changes in the school age, elderly and seasonal population is a prerequisite to providing for proper education, housing and the timing and tailoring of services for the future.

This chapter examines five facets of population change in New Hampton. First, historic population trends in New Hampton are summarized and contrasted with those of Belknap County and the State of New Hampshire as a whole; also, population projections through the year 2020 are shown. These projections indicate the degree of change to expect for the 20-year span from 2000 to 2020. Second, migration patterns affecting New Hampton population growth are analyzed. Third, selected characteristics of the population are examined (age, gender distributions and education). Fourth, the town's seasonal population and housing is described. The final section of this chapter contains the economic situation (income, types of employment and commuting patterns).

Information used in this chapter was derived from various sources which are noted where used. The Office of State Planning and the Lakes Region Planning Commission developed population projections used in this report.

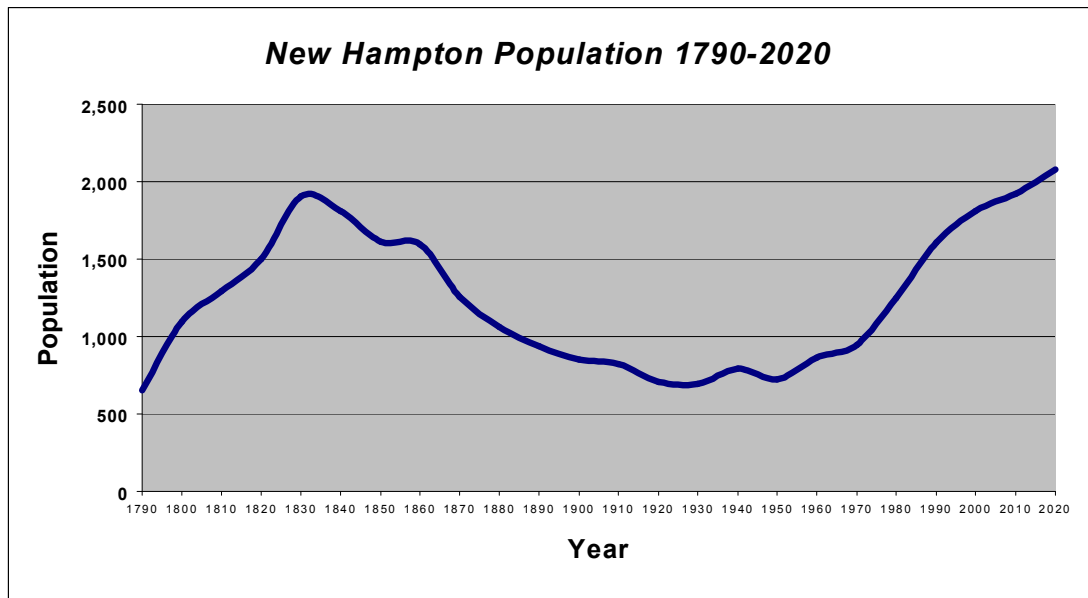
The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic & Statistics Administration, Bureau of the Census provided a report on the "1992 Census of Agriculture" Working Farms, issued April 1995. Unfortunately this census is listed by zip code and New Hampton, with its postal service provided by five different Post Offices, results in almost all of the working farms in New Hampton being listed in neighboring towns; e.g., Ashland, Bristol, Center Harbor, and Meredith. Therefore a definitive count for New Hampton was not available.

## 2.1 Historical Population Trends

The Town of New Hampton was granted in 1775 and settled at about the same time. New Hampton was incorporated in 1777. The town was reduced in size when Center Harbor, which had been part of New Hampton, was incorporated as a separate town in 1797.

The population grew rapidly to 652 in 1790 and to 1,095 in 1800. This decade was the fastest rate of growth that the town has experienced. Population growth continued at a steady pace for the next 30 years, when it peaked in 1830 at 1,905 people. This trend was reversed for the next 100 years, as the town began a steady decline from 1,905 in 1830 to 1059 in 1880 to 692 in 1930. With the exception of a minor decline (68 people) in the 1940's, New Hampton's population increased steadily in the following decades to 946 in 1970. The 1970's brought the most recent growth spurt to New Hampton, when the population rose 32 percent to 1,249 in 1980; and from 1980 to 1990 the population increased 28.6% to 1,606. *Figures 2-1, 2-2, 2-3 and Tables 2-1, 2-2, 2-3* illustrate the historical, estimated and projected trends of New Hampton's population.

*Figure 2-1*



*Figure 2-2* shows that New Hampton's population steadily declined as a percentage of Belknap County's population from a high of 10.7 percent in 1830 to a low of 2.7 percent in 1950. From 1920 to 1997 and projected to 2020, New Hampton's share of the county population has been and appears to remain very stable, ranging from 2.7 to 3.4

percent. New Hampton represented 2.9 percent of the county's population in 1970 and 1980, 3.3 percent in 1990 and 3.4 in 1995.

Figure 2-2

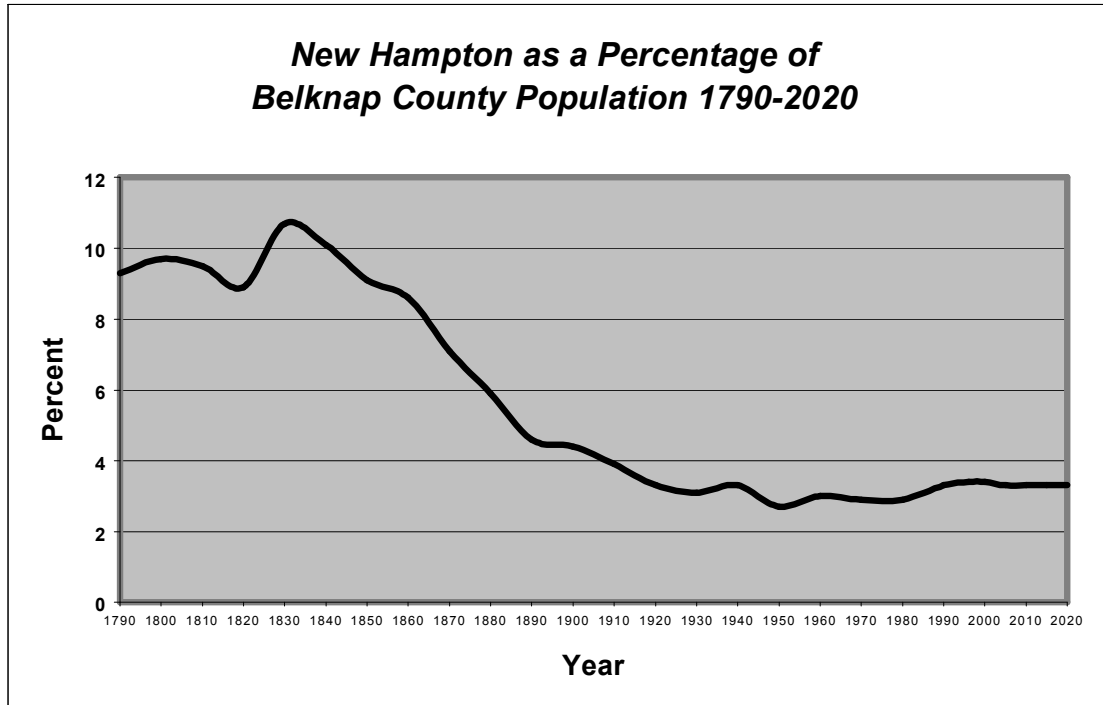


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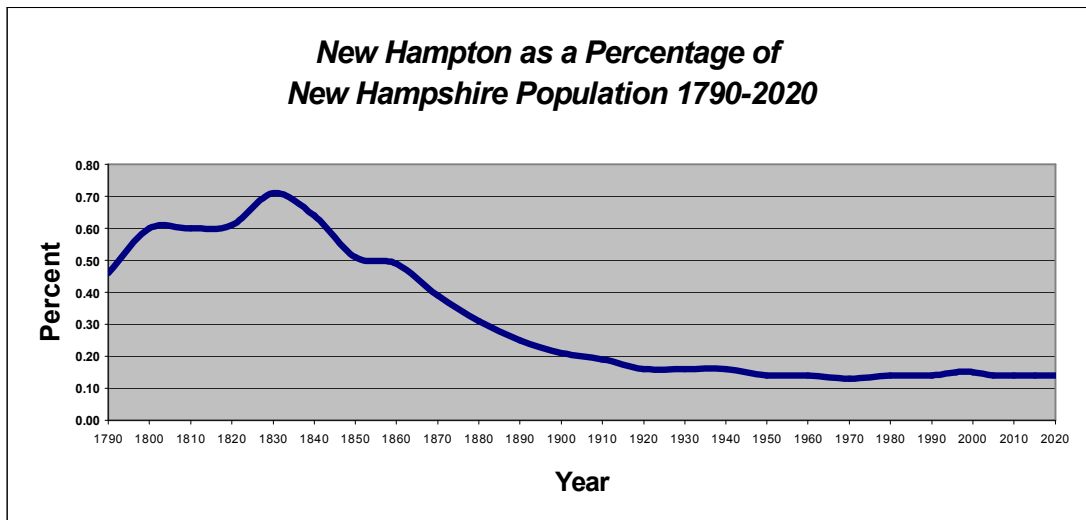


Figure 2-3 shows the relationship of New Hampton's population to New Hampshire's population. Note that the graph is similar to Figure

2-2 showing a peak in 1830, a decline from 1830 to 1930, and a relatively steady relationship from 1930 to 1990 and on.

Table 2-1

**Relative Shares of Population  
New Hampton, Belknap County and NH, 1790-2020**

Year	New Hampton	New Hampton's Percent of Belknap Cty.	New Hampton's Percent of New Hampshire	Belknap County	State of New Hampshire	Belknap County's Percent of New Hampshire
1790	652	9.3%	0.46%	6,985	141,885	4.9%
1800	1,095	9.7%	0.60%	11,296	183,858	6.1%
1810	1,293	9.5%	0.60%	13,560	214,460	6.3%
1820	1,500	8.9%	0.61%	16,937	244,161	6.9%
1830	1,905	10.7%	0.71%	17,747	269,238	6.6%
1840	1,809	10.1%	0.64%	17,988	284,574	6.3%
1850	1,612	9.1%	0.51%	17,721	317,976	5.6%
1860	1,596	8.6%	0.49%	18,549	326,073	5.7%
1870	1,257	7.1%	0.39%	17,681	318,300	5.6%
1880	1,059	5.9%	0.31%	17,948	346,991	5.2%
1890	935	4.6%	0.25%	20,321	376,530	5.4%
1900	852	4.4%	0.21%	19,526	411,588	4.7%
1910	821	3.9%	0.19%	21,309	430,572	4.9%
1920	708	3.3%	0.16%	21,178	443,083	4.8%
1930	692	3.1%	0.15%	22,623	465,293	4.9%
1940	791	3.3%	0.16%	24,328	491,524	4.9%
1950	723	2.7%	0.14%	26,632	533,242	5.0%
1960	862	3.0%	0.14%	28,912	606,921	4.8%
1970	946	2.9%	0.13%	32,367	737,578	4.4%
1980	1,249	2.9%	0.14%	42,884	920,475	4.7%
1990	1,606	3.3%	0.14%	49,216	1,109,117	4.4%
1996	1,748	3.4%	0.15%	51,749	1,162,000	4.5%
2000	1,809	3.4%	0.15%	53,752	1,228,794	4.4%
2005	1,880	3.3%	0.14%	56,142	1,306,638	4.3%
2010	1,922	3.3%	0.14%	57,524	1,358,750	4.2%
2015	2,008	3.3%	0.14%	60,432	1,441,668	4.2%
2020	2,079	3.3%	0.14%	62,847	1,527,873	4.1%

Source: 1790-1990 U.S. Census  
1996 Population Estimates of New Hampshire Cities and Towns, N.H. OSP published 1997  
2000-2020 Population Projections, New Hampshire Office of State Planning published 1997

The rapid population growth experienced in New Hampton and the Lakes Region in recent years has resulted in a change in the appearance of the landscape as the town was developed. *Table 2-3* shows that the average population density in New Hampton rose from 23 persons per square mile in 1960 to 43 in 1990 and to almost 47 in 1996. Although New Hampton remains among the lowest of the Lakes Region towns in population density, the number of persons per square mile has increased 103 percent from 1960 to 1996.

Table 2-2

**Historical Population Trends**  
**New Hampton, Belknap County, and NH, 1773-2020**

Year	New Hampton	Percent Change	Belknap County	Percent Change	State of New Hampshire	Percent Change
1773	-	-	1,357	-	-	-
1775	-	-	1,745	28.6%	-	-
1783	-	-	3,346	91.7%	-	-
1786	-	-	3,887	16.2%	-	-
1790	652	-	6,985	79.7%	141,885	-
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2000-2020 Population Projections, NH OSP published 1997						

Table 2-3

**Population Density in Selected  
Lakes Region Communities 1960-2020**

Town	Land Area	Number of Persons Per Square Mile							
	Square Miles	1960	1970	1980	1990	1996	2000	2010	2020
Center Harbor	11.3	45.2	47.8	71.5	88.1	90.8	94.6	101.8	112.1
Franklin	28.1	239.9	260.0	281.2	295.5	298.7	308.0	330.4	358.3
Gilford	38.3	53.3	84.0	126.4	153.2	155.3	161.8	174.0	191.6
Holderness	30.8	24.3	34.0	51.5	55.0	55.8	58.0	60.1	62.8
Laconia	20.3	753.1	733.4	767.2	775.5	840.0	870.1	923.8	993.7
Meredith	39.9	61.0	72.8	116.4	121.2	124.6	129.2	137.7	149.6
<b>New Hampton</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>55.6</b>
Sandwich	91.3	6.8	7.3	9.9	11.7	12.0	13.4	15.5	18.2
Wolfeboro	48.5	55.4	62.6	81.8	99.1	105.0	116.8	135.5	160.0

Source: 1960-1990 U.S. Census  
1996 Estimated Population; N.H. Office of State Planning (October 1997)  
2000-2020 Projected Population, N.H. Office of State Planning (October 1997)

2.2 Natural Increase and Migration

The two major determinates of population change are natural increase and migration. The excess births over the number of deaths in any one period is called natural increase. Migration refers to the number of people who have moved into and out of the town. The population of New Hampton at the close of a period is equal to its population at the start of a period, plus natural increases (the excess of births over deaths) during the period plus the net migration during the period.

Table 2-4

**Births, Deaths and Population Growth  
New Hampton, 1970-1997**

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural +/-	Total Population
1970	17	5	12	946
1980	21	1	20	1249
1990	23	10	13	1660
1996	15	7	8	1748
1997	12	11	1	1850 (est.)

Source: New Hampton Town Reports; US Census; Population Estimates prepared by O.S.P., Aug. 1997

Table 2-5

**Births, Deaths and Population Growth  
New Hampton, 1970-1997**

Period	Natural Increase (births-deaths)	Population Change	Migration In
1970-1980	<b>93</b> (170-77)	<b>403</b> (1249-949)	<b>310</b> (403-93)
1980-1990	<b>93</b> (208-115)	<b>357</b> (1606-1249)	<b>264</b> (357-93)
1990-1997	<b>11</b> (86-75)	<b>244</b> (1850*-1606)	<b>233</b> (244-11)
		* = Estimated	

Source: New Hampton Town Reports; US Census; Population Estimates prepared by O.S.P., Aug. 1997

As can be seen from *Table 2-4 and 2-5* almost two thirds of New Hampton’s population growth between 1970 and 1996 can be attributed to migration into town. Population increase from migration into a town generally occurs three ways: (1) by constructing new homes, (2) by increasing the number of housing units in existing structures, and (3) by converting seasonal homes to year round use.

**2.3 Selected Population Characteristics**

**2.3.1 Age Distribution**

The age composition of a community has great importance in planning for future needs. An increase in the school-age population, for example, indicates the need for greater investment in educational facilities. Likewise, growth in the elderly population requires a different range of services and facilities.

Table 2-6

**Median Age: New Hampton, Belknap County and NH**

	1960	1970	1980	1990
<b>New Hampton</b>	-	<b>28.9</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>34.0</b>
Belknap County	32.4	31.0	32.1	35.0
New Hampshire	32.0	28.0	30.1	32.8

Source: Lakes Region Demographic Profile, June 1993- Page 8  
New Hampshire Office of State Planning

Median ages have steadily increased since 1970 throughout much of the Lakes Region as well as the State of New Hampshire. The high median ages reflect the region’s popularity as a retirement destination as well as the aging of the population in both New Hampshire and the United States. New Hampton’s median age has increased 4.1 years in

the last two decades from 28.9 in 1970 to 34.0 in 1990. New Hampton's median age is thus slightly younger than that of Belknap County and slightly older than that of New Hampshire.

Table 2-7

**Grouping by Age & Sex (1990)**

	Total	Male	Female
Under 5 years	120	54	66
5 to 17 years	305	168	137
18 to 64 years	1003	499	504
65 years & over	178	83	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>802</b>

Source: State of New Hampshire New Hampton Town 1990 Census

**2.3.2 New Hampton Students Based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) Reports**

Table 2-8

**New Hampton Students Based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) Reports**

Year	Pre-school	Kindergarten	Elementary (1-4)	Middle (5-8)	High (9-12)	Total
1990-91	3	-	103	82	55	243
1991-92	3	-	105	85	67	260
1992-93	3	-	91	97	72	263
1993-94	4	-	83	90	66	243
1994-95	3	-	86	98	72	259
1995-96	4	27	94	91	74	290
1996-97	6	14	94	99	80	293
1997-98	5	27	63	71	70	236
Projected*						
1998-99	-	23	102	87	96	308
1999-00	-	28	110	94	102	334
2000-01	-	17	107	101	106	331
2001-02	-	15	102	104	92	313
2002-03	-	6	84	112	96	298

Source: SAU #4, Bristol, NH Office Feb. 1998  
\* Source: SAU #4 Bristol, NH Office Nov 1997

2.3.3 Age Distribution (count of persons)

Table 2-9

**Age Distribution**

Year	1970	1980	1990	1997
Pre-School, <5 years	76	108	120	101*
School Age (5-19)	300	295	305	376*
Working Age (20-64)	471	703	1,003	-
Seniors (65 & over)	99	143	178	-
Total	946	1,249	1,606	-

Source: 1983 New Hampton Master Plan; Lakes region Demographic Profiles, June 1993; \* SAU#4 School Census November 1997

Table 2-10

**1997 Ages of New Hampton School Children**

Age	# of Children
Under 4	39
4 to 5	52
6 to 10	137
11 to 14	92
15 to 19	123

Source: SAU #4 Census, November 1997

Table 2-11

**New Hampton Resident Students NOT Attending Regional School System: (1997)**

Home Schooling	10
Sant Bani	9
New Hampton School	4
Outside the District	8
Colleges/Universities	12
Total	43

Source: SAU #4, Bristol, NH Office Feb. 1998

Table 2-12

**Local Resident Enrollment History at New Hampton School**

Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment
1983-84	11	1988-89	7	1993-94	10
1984-85	18	1989-90	4	1994-95	5
1985-86	16	1990-91	10	1995-96	4
1986-87	15	1991-92	7	1996-97	2
1987-88	15	1992-93	10	1997-98	7

Source: SAU#4, Bristol, NH Office Feb. 1998; New Hampton School Office

2.3.5 Kids Count

Table 2-13

**"Kids Count"  
Town of New Hampton Compared with the State of NH**

	1970		1980		1990	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Total Population	946	738,490	1,249	921,614	1,606	1,109,252
Youth < 18 (% of total)	37.3	34.4	28.7	28	26.6	25.1
Med. Family Income	\$21,675	\$27,226	\$24,228	\$28,500	\$35,976	\$41,628
Persons in Poverty (% of total)	5.9	6.7	14.6	8.5	4	6.5
High School Graduates (% of total)	57.9	58	76.9	72.4	80.5	82.3

Sources: 1994 Kids Count Data Book, pages 114, 195-97; US Census Data 1970, 1980, 1990

Table 2-13 Notes:

- 1) Median family income reported in 1990 dollars.
- 2) High school graduates refers to adults 25 years and older.
- 3) Town of New Hampton:  
*Students per teacher; 17 in 1986, 15 in 1993.  
 Post high school education; 46% in 1989, 39% in 1992.  
 High school completion; 75% in 1989, 83% in 1991.*

### 2.3.6 Educational Attainment for Persons 18 years or Older in New Hampton

Table 2-14

#### **Educational Attainment for Persons 18 Years or Older in New Hampton**

Education	# of Persons
<9th Grade	64
HS-No Diploma	181
HS- Graduate	350
Some College	218
Associate Degree	80
Bachelor Degree	214
Graduate or Prof. Degree	72
Total	1179

### 2.3.7 Age Distribution as a Percentage of Total Population

Table 2-15

#### **Age Distribution as a Percentage of Total Population**

Age Group	Year		
	1970	1980	1990
Pre-School <5 years	8.0%	8.6%	7.5%
School Age (5-19)	31.7%	23.6%	19.0%
Working Age (20-64)	49.8%	56.3%	62.4%
Seniors (65 & Over)	10.5%	11.5%	11.1%

Source: Table 1-8

### 2.3.8 Discussion of Age Distribution

#### **Pre-School Population (under 5 years old.)**

The pre-school population in New Hampton has remained fairly stable. After increasing in 1980 slightly over that in 1970, it actually decreased in 1990 to below that of 1970.

### **School Age Population**

The school-age population in New Hampton decreased steadily from 31.7% of the total population in 1970 to 19% in 1990. This correlates with national trends toward families having fewer children.

### **Working Age Group**

The working age group (20-64) is often referred to as the labor force although not all persons in this age group are employed or looking for work. In New Hampton this group as a percentage of the total population has increased from 49.8% in 1970 to 56.3% in 1980 to 62.4% in 1990.

### **Elderly Population**

The elderly (senior citizen) population is comprised of persons 65 years of age and over. Although many people in this age group are retired, quite a few are employed full or part-time. There are almost always more women than men in this age group. In New Hampton this age group increased only slightly as a percentage of the total population from 1970 to 1980 and 1990. Table 2-16 shows the elderly population as a percent of the total population for New Hampton, Belknap County and New Hampshire.

*Table 2-16*

### ***Elderly Population as a Percent of Total Population for New Hampton, Belknap County and New Hampshire***

	1970	1980	1990
New Hampton	10.5%	11.5%	11.1
Belknap County	12.6%	13.2%	13.7
New Hampshire	10.6%	11.2%	11.3

Source: US Census 1970, 1980, 1990; Lakes Region Demographic Profile, June 1993, Page 11.

The population of the United States will show a relative increase in the 65-plus age group over the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. New Hampton, Belknap County and New Hampshire will probably feel the effects of this population shift as well. Coupled with the in-migration of seasonal residents, most of whom will be retirees, it was expected that the elderly age group would increase as a percentage of the total population. However, while the number of seniors increased in every municipality of the Lakes Region between 1980 and 1990, the actual percentage of the population older than 65 years actually declined in over twenty communities. This indicates that the major increases in population experienced throughout the region since 1980 was not

driven solely by those of retirement age moving to the area, but instead through a mix of younger and older persons relocating to the region.

## 2.4 Seasonal Population

The following is an extract from the 1983 Master Plan:

*“The size of New Hampton’s seasonal population is largely determined by the number of seasonal homes in the community. The number of seasonal housing units has increased from 31 in 1944 to 133 in 1965 to 152 in 1970 to 161 in 1980. This reflects a large upswing in seasonal-home construction that occurred throughout the State during the 1960’s and early 1970’s. It should be noted that although the number of seasonal homes has increased by less than 20 in the last 20 years, it can be safely assumed that it is not the same housing stock. Typically, many seasonal units are converted to year-round housing as new seasonal homes are developed.*

*The precise number of seasonal residents in New Hampton is difficult to determine. The biggest problem is that many seasonal homes are used for different periods of time. With the winterization of many seasonal homes, many are used throughout the year, but by non-residents. In contrast, some “regular” residents (legally registered voters) are away much of the year – usually in the winter months. A further complication is that a “summer resident may rent his house to a “year-round” resident during the period he is away.*

*The number of seasonal residents obviously varies according to the month and the day. According to a statewide study of seasonal homes conducted in 1968, the average number of persons per seasonal household was 4.87. The study further established that each household had an average of 1.31 guests, for a total occupancy rate of 6.2. Multiplying the number of seasonal homes in 1980 (161) by this rate gives a 1980 seasonal population estimate of 998. However, it seems that the household size has probably declined since 1968. - - - -*

*In projecting the future seasonal population two assumptions have been made. First, the number of seasonal homes will be constant, with the number of conversions offsetting the number of new seasonal units. Secondly, the average size of families occupying seasonal houses will decrease as a reflection of national trends toward smaller family size. Carrying these assumptions through, Table 2-17 indicates that New Hampton’s seasonal population is projected to decrease by 64 persons over the period 1980 to 2000.*

Table 2-17

**Seasonal Population Projections 1980-2000**

Year	Projected Number of Seasonal Housing Units	Projected Average Household Size	Projected Seasonal Population
1980	161	5.4	869
1985	161	5.3	853
1990	161	5.2	837
1995	161	5.1	821
2000	161	5	805

Source: 1983 New Hampton Master Plan, Page 1-12.

*As stated above, it is expected that some of New Hampton's seasonal homes will be converted to year-round use. The conversion issue is important because (1) the town has no control over conversions; (2) since there are 161 seasonal homes, the town's population could increase by 36 percent without the construction of a single new home; (3) many seasonal homes have poor road access (especially for fire fighting equipment) and septic systems close to the lakes are inadequate for year-round use; and (4) the town's tax base would be changed since homes which once demanded services for only a portion of the year would demand town services (possibly including education) throughout the year.*

*Of the areas with large numbers of seasonal homes, it appears that the conversion of seasonal homes along the western side of Winona Lake and the northwestern half of Pemigewasset Lake may cause the most problems. According to the Lakes Region Planning Commission's Water Quality Management Plan, Winona Lake is already classified as a mesotrophic lake, which means that it is in an intermediate state between an oligotrophic (clean) and a eutrophic state. Excessive nutrient inputs from septic systems will speed up the eutrophication process." (End of quote from 1983 Master Plan.)*

**2.4.1 Housing Units Summary**

Some of the town's population growth since around 1979 has occurred through the conversion of seasonal dwellings to year-round homes. This form of population growth is also occurring in many other Lakes Region communities

## 2.4.2 New Hampton Housing Trends

The source report provides housing supply data broken down into three types; single family, multi-family and manufactured housing with the following definitions:

### **Single Family**

A one-unit structure detached from any other structure; that is, with open space on all four sides. Such structures are considered detached even if they have an adjoining shed or garage. A one family house which contains a business is a considered detached as long as the building has open space on all four sides. Mobile homes or trailers to which one or more permanent rooms have been added or built are also included.

### **Multi-Family**

Includes row houses (sometimes called townhouses), double houses, or houses attached to non-residential structures, where each house is considered a separate, attached structure if the dividing or common wall goes from ground to roof. Also any structure containing two or more housing units. Units classified by the U.S. Census as “ Single Family Attached” are also included in this category.

### **Manufactured Housing**

Both occupied and vacant mobile homes to which no permanent rooms have been added are counted in this category. Mobile homes or trailers used only for business purposes or extra sleeping space and mobile homes or trailers for sale on a dealer’s lot, at the factory or in storage are not included in the housing inventory. **Also:** Within this category are housing units classified as “**other**”. These units are any living quarters occupied as a housing unit that does not fit the previous categories. Examples that fit this category are houseboats, railroad cars, campers and vans.

*Table 2-18*

### ***New Hampton Housing Units***

Year	Total Housing Units	Year Round Units	Seasonal Units
1970	438	399	39
1980	622	476	146
1990	855	673	182
In 1990, owners held 488 units, renters 102 units and 165 units were vacant (including seasonal).			
<small>Source: Lakes Region Demographic Profile, LRPC, June 1993.</small>			

Table 2-19

**New Hampton Housing Trends**

Category	1970	1980	1990
Owner Occupied			488
Renter Occupied			102
Vacant*			265
Year-Round	399	476	673
Seasonal	39	146	182
Single Family Owner			411
Single Family Renter			49
Single Family Vacant			210
Duplex Owner			8
Duplex Renter			10
Duplex Vacant			8
Multi Family Owner			0
Multi Family Renter			8
Multi Family Vacant			10
Manufactured Housing Owner			65
Manufactured Housing Renter			12
Manufactured Housing Vacant			34
Other owner Occupied			4
Other renter Occupied			23
Other Vacant			3
Median Value (\$) of Housing			\$103,900
Owner Occupied Homes:	*	*	*
Number of Households	281	453	590
Persons in Households	903	1,242	1,606
Persons per Household	3.21	2.74	2.72
Age of Housing Stock:	*	*	*
Built before 1939			300
Built Since 1985			152
Median Year Built			1967
Homes without adequate plumbing facilities.	57	37	24

Source: Lakes Region Demographic Profile, LRPC, June 1993. Pages 16,17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24.

Table 2-20

**Estimated Number of New Hampton Households by Structure Type**

Single family	Multi-family	Mobile Home	Total Households	Household Size
507	37	108	652	2.7

Source: New Hampshire Office of State Planning Published: September 1997

To the extent possible, the figures presented in the above table represent the total housing units. In prior years, the data represented year-round housing units. This change was made because it has become impossible to distinguish between year-round and seasonal units. All units are included in the census and permit data. Some housing units have all the characteristics of year-round units, but are in fact used on a seasonal or leisure time basis. These units often are placed in the census category, "other vacant". This misclassification can be significant in communities with large amounts of frontage on water bodies.

Table 2-21

**Current Estimates and Trends in New Hampshire Housing  
Supply extracted for New Hampton 1995**

Category	1990 Census	Residential Permits, Net Change of Units						
		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	Total 1995
Single Family	666	16	13	8	10	12	12	737
Multi-Family	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	49
Manufactured*	141	3	1	2	2	4	3	156
Total Housing	855	19	14	10	12	16	16	942

\* 1990 Census: manufactured Housing Equals Manufactured + "All Other" Housing.  
Source: New Hampshire Office of State Planning, December 1996.

Table 2-22

**Building Permits Issued for New Dwelling Units in  
New Hampton**

(Minus Demolitions for each Calendar Year)

Year	Single Family	Multi-Family	Mobile Home	Total Units
1990	16	0	3	19
1991	13	0	1	14
1992	8	0	2	10
1993	10	0	2	12
1994	12	0	4	16
1995	12	1	3	16
1996	8	0	3	11
1997	12	0	7	19

Source: Data Review for 1996 Population Estimates, New Hampshire Office of State Planning and New Hampton Town Reports.

The problem of distinguishing between seasonal and year-round units also applies to permit data. Building permits usually do not request information regarding intended use. For this reason, all permits issued for new dwelling are included in *Table 2-22*.

## 2.5 New Hampton Economic Trends

### 2.5.1 Median Income Characteristics: 1979 and 1989

The U.S Census presents income data by family, household and per capita. Families are defined as consisting of a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage or adoption. In contrast, a household includes all persons who occupy a particular housing unit whether related or not. Median income figures for families and households consider the sum of income of all person's 15 years or older living in the housing unit. Per capita income also applies only to person's 15 years or older. *Table 2-23* presents the Median Income Characteristics for New Hampton for 1979 and 1989.

*Table 2-23*

### ***Median Income Characteristics New Hampton, NH and Belknap County.***

	1979	1989		
	Family	Family	Household	PerCapita
New Hampton	\$12,865	\$35,976	\$33,487	\$13,936
Belknap County	\$15,900	\$36,260	\$31,474	\$14,439
New Hampshire	\$15,972	\$41,268	\$36,329	\$15,959

Sources: 1980-1990 U.S. Census. Lakes Region Demographic Profile, LRPC, June 1993, Page 25.

#### **Notes:**

1) The US Census asked questions regarding income of all persons 15 years or more. Problems with the reporting of the data were encountered because of under-reporting of income due to many persons forgetting to report minor or irregular income. It should also be noted that only wages are tabulated, thus many living on savings would be reported in the lowest income group.

2) The Family Income data for 1979 does not agree with that reported in the 1983 New Hampton Master Plan, which states, "The 1980 census estimates the median family income in New Hampton (1979)

to be \$16,767. This compares with \$17,824 for Belknap County and \$19,724 for the State of New Hampshire.

2.5.2 Taxable Valuation per Person 1980 to 1985

Table 2-26

**New Hampton Taxable Valuation  
per Person 1980 to 1995**

1980	1990	1995
25,524	61,736	54,345
Source: New Hampshire office of State Planning, February 1997		

2.5.3 Commercial Properties in New Hampton: 1997

There were 51-zoned commercial properties in New Hampton in 1997. Of these 29 are active businesses, 3 are manufacturers and 7 are gravel pits. There are 582.4 commercial acres in New Hampton with the land valued at \$5,167,370 and buildings at \$7,590,650. (Source: Town Office November 1997)

2.5.4 Commuting Patterns of New Hampton Residents: 1989

In 1989, 226 residents worked in town and 683 residents commuted to work out of town. 83.3% of these used a car, truck, or van to commute to work and 16.3% used a car pool. Numbers and commuting destinations were:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Number of Commuters</b>
Laconia	121
Bristol	100
Meredith	64
Ashland	56
Concord	43
Plymouth	34
Manchester	8

Derived from the 1990 U.S. Census, the data indicates that out of 518 persons who worked in New Hampton, 145 or 26% were town residents.

(Sources: U.S. Census 1990, Lakes Region Demographic Profile, June 1993, pages 36, 37 and 38).

