

# FREEDOM

## POPULATION PROFILE

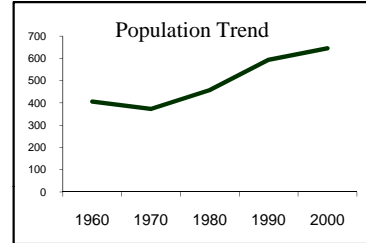
2007 Estimate: 711

Rank in County: 23 of 26

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	406	373	458	593	645
Decennial Growth Rate		-8.1%	22.8%	29.5%	8.8%

2020 Population:	Best Estimate:	850
	Mathematical Projections:	846 903

<u>Components:</u>	Net Migration (1990-2000):	5
	Natural Change (90-00):	47
	(2000-date)	4



	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	144	184	160
Over Age 65	52	63	76
Median Age	30	35	42
High School Grads.	191	292	396
College Grads.	37	56	103
Enrolled in public schools:	105	135	140
2007 Enrollment:	129		

## HOUSING PROFILE

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	138	201	259	321
Year-round Occupied Units	119	158	210	259
% Owner-occupied	n/a	91.1	87	86.5
Persons per household	3.13	2.89	2.85	2.49
Seasonal Units				
number	n/a	15	27	30
percent		7.5%	10.4%	9.3%
Mobile Homes				
number	n/a	18	32	48
percent		8.9%	12.4%	14.8%
Median Home Value	n/a	\$26,500	\$53,500	\$65,000
Local Property tax on Median Home		\$359	\$476	\$1,112
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:			-26%	102%

Net change in Housing Units,  
2000- 2006

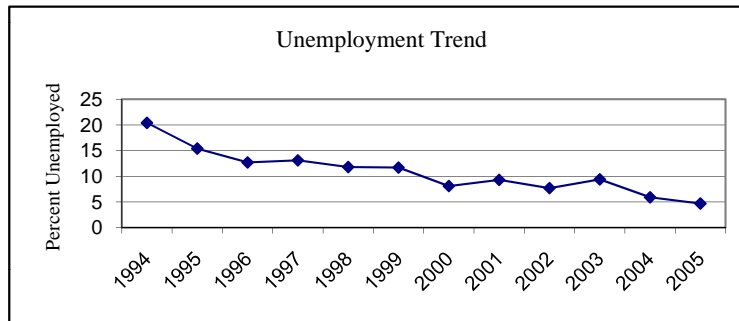
24 Single Family  
0 Multi-family  
14 Mobile Home  
2 Seasonal

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## LOCAL ECONOMY

<i>Income Characteristics:</i>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1999</b>
Median Household Income:	\$10,550	\$20,694	\$33,125
Per Capita Income:	\$3,948	\$13,673	\$15,492
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:		187%	-19%
% of population below poverty:	29.3	19.1	15.4
% households paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs:		25	30.5

<i>Labor Force:</i>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
Adult population (16 and over)	321	442	517
Percentage in labor force:	57.3	60	64.8
Female adult population (16 and over)	n/a	221	245
Percentage of female adults in L.F.	48.8	56.1	62
Commuting Balance (work-in-town vs. resident workers):		-165	-178
Average travel time to work (minutes):		29.3	37.7
Average Annual Unemployment Rate (MDOL):		13.8%	8.1%
<b>2006</b> Unemployment Rate:	6.9		



<i>Occupational Profile:</i>	<b>1990 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2000 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Executive & Managerial	15	5.7%	96	31.0%
Professional	44	16.6% *		
Sales	10	3.8%	76	24.5%
Administration & Support	22	8.3% *		
Service	32	12.1%	50	16.1%
Farm & Forestry	15	5.7%	7	2.3%
Skilled Labor	49	18.5%	81	26.1%

*\* occupational categories recombined in 2000 census*

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## ***MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT***

Type of Government: Three Selectmen, Town Meeting  
Chief Executive Officer: Steven Bennett, Chair/selectmen  
Town Office Hours: 4-8 M, 8-1 Th, 12-6 F  
Phone: 382-6177 Fax: 382-6177  
Website: www.freedomme.org email: townoffice@freedomme.org

### Municipal Facilities:

Police no  
Fire Volunteer  
Water private  
Sewer private  
Other

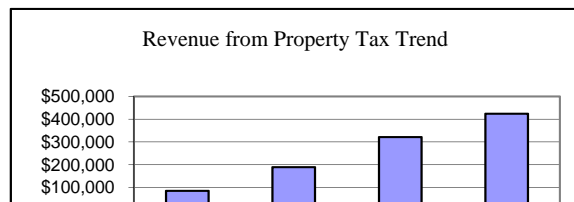
### Local Development Regulations:

Comprehensive plan in progress  
Site Review, Subdivision Ordinances

### Property Tax:

"State" Valuation: \$7.7 million in 1985  
\$18.5 million in 1995  
\$23.3 million in 2000  
\$35.0 million in 2005

	<b>1983</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2003</b>
Full Value Mill Rate: Assessment	11.16	10.24	14.68	12.66
(\$ raised from property tax)	\$85,426	\$189,528	\$321,806	\$424,737



### Information Sources for this profile:

U.S. Census  
Maine Department of Health and Human Services (vital statistics)  
Maine Department of Labor (unemployment statistics)  
Municipal Valuation Returns  
KVCOG  
Maine Municipal Association (local government and taxation data)