

# BENTON

## POPULATION PROFILE

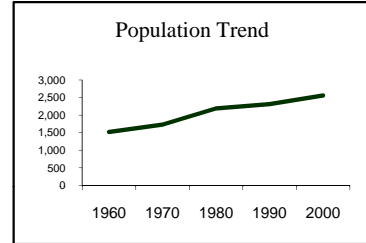
2008 Estimate: 2,781

Rank in County: 17 of 29

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	1,521	1,729	2,188	2,312	2,557
Decennial Growth Rate		13.7%	26.5%	5.7%	10.6%

2030 Population:	Best Estimate:	3,300
	Mathematical Projections:	3,247 3,357

<u>Components:</u>	Net Migration (1990-2000):	138
	Natural Change (90-00):	107
	(2000-date)	36



	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	712	602	635
Over Age 65	188	251	303
Median Age	29	35	38
High School Grads.	881	1,202	1,462
College Grads.	86	141	246
Enrolled in public schools:	517	396	438
2007 Enrollment:	867		

## HOUSING PROFILE

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	520	737	876	1,069
Year-round Occupied Units	496	718	854	1,013
% Owner-occupied	n/a	89.3	89	86.8
Persons per household	3.49	3.05	2.71	2.52
Seasonal Units				
number	n/a	2	6	15
percent		0.3%	0.7%	1.4%
Mobile Homes				
number	n/a	73	160	224
percent		9.9%	18.3%	21.0%
Median Home Value	n/a	\$37,900	\$70,800	\$83,500
Local Property tax on Median Home		\$433	\$746	\$1,283
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:			13%	40%

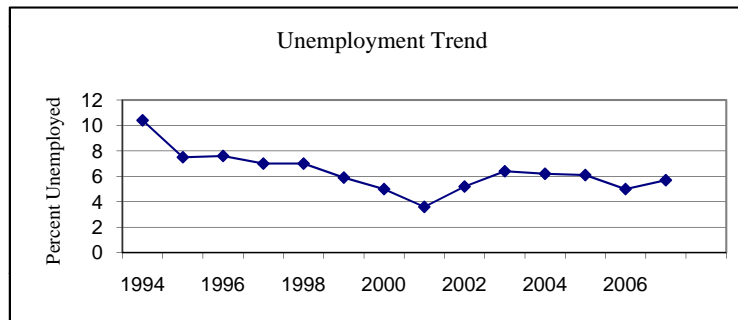
Net change in Housing Units, 2000- 2008	101 Single Family
	0 Multi-family
	39 Mobile Home
	1 Seasonal

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## LOCAL ECONOMY

<i>Income Characteristics:</i>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1999</b>
Median Household Income:	\$15,417	\$30,444	\$38,613
Per Capita Income:	\$5,606	\$11,938	\$18,464
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:		54%	23%
% of population below poverty:	6.9	7.5	10.2
% households paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs:		16.5	21.6

<i>Labor Force:</i>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
Adult population (16 and over)	1,579	1,807	1,948
Percentage in labor force:	66.4	68.5	64.9
Female adult population (16 and over)	n/a	896	966
Percentage of female adults in L.F.	53.1	63.5	61.6
Commuting Balance (work-in-town vs. resident workers):		-871	-664
Average travel time to work (minutes):		19	21.7
Average Annual Unemployment Rate (MDOL):		5.2%	5.0%
<b>2007 Unemployment Rate:</b>	<b>5.7</b>		



<i>Occupational Profile:</i>	<b>1990 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2000 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Executive & Managerial	101	8.2%	272	22.6%
Professional	106	8.6% *		
Sales	111	9.0%	342	28.5%
Administration & Support	166	13.4% *		
Service	166	13.4%	228	19.0%
Farm & Forestry	16	1.3%	14	1.2%
Skilled Labor	206	16.6%	345	28.7%

\* occupational categories recombined in 2000 census

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## ***MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT***

Type of Government: Town Meeting, three selectmen  
Chief Executive Officer: Mark Brown, chair/selectman  
Town Office Hours: 9-4 M,T,W,F 11-6 Th  
Phone: 453-7191 Fax: 453-4428 email: [benstaff@roadrunner.com](mailto:benstaff@roadrunner.com)  
Website: <http://www.hometownusa.com/maine/benton/government/local.html>

### Municipal Facilities:

Police no  
Fire shared w/Fairfield  
Water Kennebec Water District (part)  
Sewer Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (part)  
Other

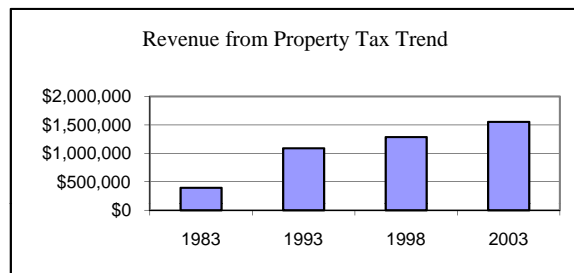
### Local Development Regulations:

2008 Comprehensive Plan  
Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

### Property Tax:

"State" Valuation: \$34.8 million in 1985  
\$82.5 million in 1995  
\$88.0 million in 2000  
\$103.0 million in 2005

	<b>1983</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2003</b>
Full Value Mill Rate:	11.37	13.21	15.65	16.09
Assessment (\$ raised from property tax)	\$395,398	\$1,090,476	\$1,286,569	\$1,555,098



### 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)