

# MERCER

## POPULATION PROFILE

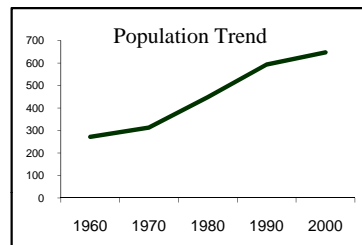
2008 Estimate: 680

Rank in County: 22 of 27

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population History	272	313	448	593	647
Decennial Growth Rate		15.1%	43.1%	32.4%	9.1%

2030 Population:	Best Estimate:	900
	Mathematical Projections:	862 943

<u>Components:</u>	Net Migration (1990-2000):	45
	Natural Change (90-00):	9
	(2000-date)	-5



	1980	1990	2000
Under Age 18	132	175	157
Over Age 65	47	66	80
Median Age	31	35	42
High School Grads.	200	254	404
College Grads.	56	60	68
Enrolled in public schools:	74	108	81
2007 Enrollment:	79		

## HOUSING PROFILE

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Housing Units	185	279	326	366
Year-round Occupied Units	102	150	209	256
% Owner-occupied	n/a	91.3	87	86.3
Persons per household	3.07	2.99	2.84	2.53
Seasonal Units				
number	n/a	93	97	91
percent		33.3%	29.8%	24.9%
Mobile Homes				
number	n/a	37	40	44
percent		13.3%	12.3%	11.9%
Median Home Value	n/a	\$31,900	\$53,300	\$62,100
Local Property tax on Median Home		\$453	\$432	\$862
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:			-64%	68%

Net change in Housing Units,  
2000- 2008

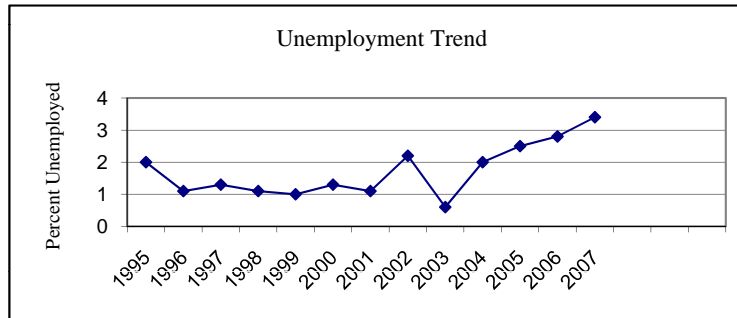
24 Single Family  
0 Multi-family  
2 Mobile Home  
1 Seasonal

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## LOCAL ECONOMY

<i>Income Characteristics:</i>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1999</b>
Median Household Income:	\$15,357	\$30,750	\$37,500
Per Capita Income:	\$5,383	\$10,864	\$18,068
Decennial Inflation-adjusted change:		43%	34%
% of population below poverty:	6.4	12	12.6
% households paying more than 30% of Income for Housing Costs:		16	18.2

<i>Labor Force:</i>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
Adult population (16 and over)	345	457	554
Percentage in labor force:	63.2	68.7	64.4
Female adult population (16 and over)	n/a	221	273
Percentage of female adults in L.F.:	51.7	63.3	59.3
Commuting Balance (work-in-town vs. resident workers):		-206	-292
Average travel time to work (minutes):		27.5	31.9
Average Annual Unemployment Rate (MDOL):		2.1%	1.3%
<b>2007 Unemployment Rate:</b>	3.4		



<i>Occupational Profile:</i>	<b>1990 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2000 #</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Executive & Managerial	24	7.6%	81	23.3%
Professional	49	15.6% *		
Sales	21	6.7%	93	26.8%
Administration & Support	35	11.1% *		
Service	30	9.6%	52	15.0%
Farm & Forestry	9	2.9%	8	2.3%
Skilled Labor	45	14.3%	113	32.5%

\* occupational categories recombined in 2000 census

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## ***MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT***

Type of Government: Three selectmen, Town Meeting  
 Chief Executive Officer: Lenore Morey, First Selectman  
 Town Office Hours: 9-3 M, W, Th, 6-8 PM T, W  
 Phone: 587-2911 Fax: 587-2911  
 Website: [www.mercerme.us](http://www.mercerme.us) email: townoffice@mercerme.us

### Municipal Facilities:

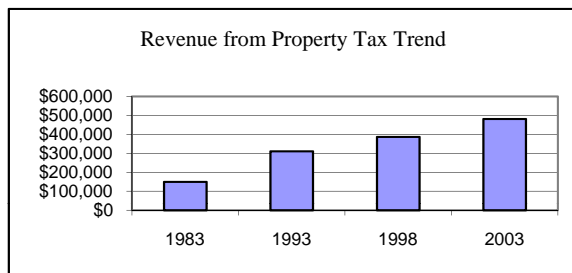
Police no  
 Fire by agreement with neighboring towns  
 Water private  
 Sewer private  
 Other

Local Development Regulations:  
 none

### Property Tax:

"State" Valuation: \$9.8 million in 1985  
 \$25.4 million in 1995  
 \$26.4 million in 2000  
 \$41.1 million in 2005

	<b>1983</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2003</b>
Full Value Mill Rate:	15.34	12.28	15.42	12.32
Assessment (\$ raised from property tax)	\$149,639	\$311,412	\$387,485	\$481,900



### 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)