

# Southern Windsor County and the 2010 Census



## While a picture is worth a thousand words,

*we often rely on numbers to describe where we live. Numbers are particularly useful as we compare one community to another and highlight the strengths of our towns. Prior to 2010, the Census had a “short form” and a “long form” (which had most of the more interesting information). In 2010 the decennial census only counted people and housing units, and collected limited demographic information (race, age, sex). With the elimination of the “long form” part of the Census survey, data in the upcoming years will be coming from some slightly different sources. This technical bulletin is intended as a quick overview of the data which has currently been released from the 2010 US Census.*

### A snapshot of our region according to the 2010 Census

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On February 11, 2011 the first data from the 2010 Census became available for individual communities in Vermont. As reported in SWCRPC’s Spring 2011 newsletter, overall our population has decreased slightly from 25,105 to 24,711. This occurred despite notable increases in population in Springfield and Chester (and small increases in Weathersfield and West Windsor). Springfield moved up in the ranking from 11<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> largest town in the state.

Since SWCRPC’s Spring Newsletter additional information about age, sex, race, and household types has been released. Overall the region’s

population is aging, rising an average of 5.07 years over the past decade. However, this was not always due to a higher percentage of people over 65 since both Springfield and Windsor experienced a reduction in the percentage of over 65s in their communities. The average household size has decreased in all the region’s communities, now ranging from a low of 2.06 people in Ludlow to 2.71 in Baltimore. The region has a roughly even mix of men and women, with 50.7% of the population being female (almost exactly matching the state proportion).

For housing the region saw a 7.4% increase in the total number of housing units, with small increases

in total housing units in nearly all towns. The majority of the housing units in the region were occupied – 70% of the total number of units. For most towns occupancy rates were above 60%

with some town occupancy rates as high as 87% or above (Springfield, Windsor, Weathersfield and Baltimore). Ludlow had the lowest occupancy rate at 28.3%, down from 35.3% in 2000.

## Population data

Place	Total Population			Population Change		VT Town Ranking		Sex		Average Household Size	
	1990	2000	2010	1990-2000	2000-2010	2000	2010	Male	Female	2000	2010
ANDOVER	373	496	<b>467</b>	33.0%	-5.8%	211	218	49.7%	50.3%	2.31	2.14
BALTIMORE	190	250	<b>244</b>	31.6%	-2.4%	234	234	54.5%	45.4%	2.72	2.71
CAVENDISH	1,323	1,470	<b>1,367</b>	11.1%	-7.0%	108	115	49.8%	50.2%	2.37	2.26
CHESTER	2,832	3,044	<b>3,154</b>	7.5%	3.6%	56	53	48.1%	51.9%	2.35	2.25
LUDLOW	2,302	2,449	<b>1,963</b>	6.4%	-19.8%	73	87	48.6%	51.4%	2.26	2.06
READING	614	707	<b>666</b>	15.1%	-5.8%	191	202	48.6%	51.4%	2.47	2.30
SPRINGFIELD	9,579	9,078	<b>9,373</b>	-5.2%	3.2%	11	10	49.8%	50.2%	2.31	2.28
WEATHERSFIELD	2,674	2,788	<b>2,825</b>	4.3%	1.3%	63	60	51.0%	49.0%	2.39	2.25
WEST WINDSOR	923	1,067	<b>1,099</b>	15.6%	3.0%	152	153	48.1%	51.9%	2.34	2.20
WINDSOR	3,714	3,756	<b>3,553</b>	1.1%	-5.4%	41	44	48.0%	52.0%	2.29	2.25
<b>Southern Windsor County Region</b>	<b>24,524</b>	<b>25,105</b>	<b>24,711</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>			<b>49.3%</b>	<b>50.7%</b>		
<i>Town Average</i>	<i>2,207</i>	<i>2,388</i>	<i>2,454</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>						
<i>Town Median</i>	<i>1,107</i>	<i>1,222</i>	<i>1,271</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>						
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>562,758</b>	<b>608,827</b>	<b>625,741</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>			<b>49.3%</b>	<b>50.7%</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>2.34</b>

Source: 2010 Decennial U.S. Census.

## Housing data

Place	Total Housing Units			Occupied Housing Units		Vacant Housing Units		Percentage of Housing Units Occupied	
	2000	2010	Difference	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
ANDOVER	347	<b>408</b>	61	215	218	132	190	62.0	53.4
BALTIMORE	105	<b>100</b>	-5	92	90	13	10	87.6	90.0
CAVENDISH	860	<b>965</b>	105	617	598	243	367	71.7	62.0
CHESTER	1,611	<b>1,793</b>	182	1,296	1,402	315	391	80.4	78.2
LUDLOW	3,001	<b>3,285</b>	284	1,060	930	1,941	2,355	35.3	28.3
READING	407	<b>448</b>	41	286	290	121	158	70.3	64.7
SPRINGFIELD	4,232	<b>4,324</b>	92	3,886	3,903	346	421	91.8	90.3
WEATHERSFIELD	1,315	<b>1,427</b>	112	1,167	1,253	148	174	88.7	87.8
WEST WINDSOR	716	<b>799</b>	83	456	499	260	300	63.7	62.5
WINDSOR	1,611	<b>1,712</b>	101	1,520	1,492	91	220	94.4	87.1
<b>Southern Windsor County Region</b>	<b>14,205</b>	<b>15,261</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>10,595</b>	<b>10,675</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>4,586</b>		<b>69.9</b>
Windsor County as a whole	31,621	34,118	2,497	24,162	24,753	7,459	9,365	76.4	72.6
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>294,382</b>	<b>322,539</b>	<b>28,157</b>	<b>240,634</b>	<b>256,442</b>	<b>53,748</b>	<b>66,097</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>79.5</b>

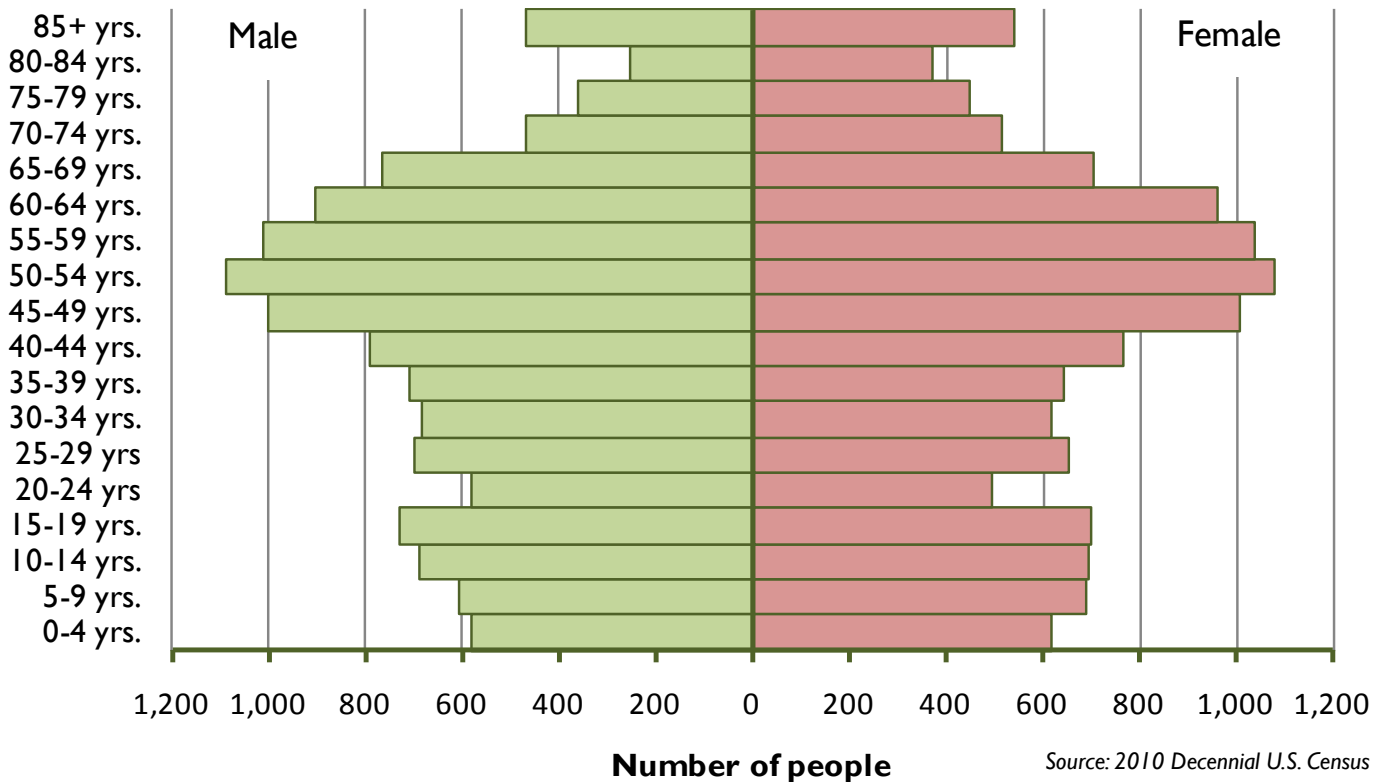
Source: 2010 Decennial U.S. Census

## Population Age data

Place	Median Age		Under 18		Under 20	20-34	36-49	50-64	Over 65	
	2000	2010	Number	%					Number	%
ANDOVER	44.6	51.8	70	15.0	77	48	94	132	116	24.8
BALTIMORE	37.0	42.6	54	22.1	61	33	69	51	30	12.3
CAVENDISH	42.3	47.5	268	19.6	294	173	279	362	259	18.9
CHESTER	41.9	47.3	632	20.0	715	422	571	877	569	18.0
LUDLOW	43.2	49.5	329	16.8	358	299	344	511	451	23.0
READING	41.2	47.9	125	18.8	138	80	143	175	130	19.5
SPRINGFIELD	41.6	43.8	1,937	20.7	2,119	1,590	1,915	2,083	1,666	17.8
WEATHERSFIELD	43.5	49.0	484	17.1	541	339	583	774	588	20.8
WEST WINDSOR	45.3	49.8	200	18.2	216	92	245	325	221	20.1
WINDSOR	40.8	42.9	714	20.1	784	659	677	793	640	18.0
<b>Southern Windsor County Region</b>			<b>4,813</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>3,735</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>6,083</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>18.9</b>
VERMONT	37.7	41.5	129,233	20.7	150,255	113,473	128,469	142,466	91,078	14.6
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Source: 2010 Decennial U.S. Census

## Age-sex pyramid for the Southern Windsor County Region



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