

# **BRISTOL**

**TOWN**

**Addison County,**

**Vermont**

## **A Community Profile**



## **A Note to the Reader**

Just as a community is never finished modifying, adapting, and organizing its natural, political, and social environments, an attempt to profile those dynamic processes must be a work in progress. Materials below are organized to reflect community characteristics and resources. Please join us in this profiling effort and call attention to omissions, inaccuracies, and errors of fact.

Thank you,

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<b>Table 1.1 General Town Characteristics</b>	
<b>Town Name</b>	Bristol
<b>County</b>	Addison
<b>Date of Town Charter</b>	1762
<b>Incorporated Village(s)</b>	Bristol Village
<b>Other Villages and Neighborhoods (past and present)</b>	Monkton, Starksboro, Lincoln, Middlebury, New Haven
Sources: Center for Rural Studies / VCGI. 2004. <i>Vermont Indicators Online</i> . <a href="http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators">http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators</a>	

**Table 1.2 Bristol General Planning Characteristics**  
*Vermont Forum on Sprawl Category* 1 - “Traditional Center”

## Section 3. Human Resources

<b>Total Population, 2000</b>	3,788
<b>Total Population, 1990</b>	3,762
<b>Absolute Population Change, 1990 – 2000</b>	26 inhabitants
<b>Percent Population Change, 1990 – 2000</b>	.69%
<b>Persons per Square Mile, 2000</b>	90.69
<b>Persons per Square Mile, 1990</b>	90.06
<b>Area in Square Miles</b>	41.77
<b>Percent Dependent, 2000 (under 18 and over 65)</b>	38.6%
<b>Percent Rural, 2000</b>	100.0%
<b>Percent Rural Farm, 2000</b>	0.2%
<b>Percent Native Born (United States), 2000</b>	98.0%
<b>Percent Reporting French/French Canadian Ancestry, 2000</b>	30.2%
<b>Percent Reporting English Ancestry, 2000</b>	15.3%
<b>Percent Reporting Irish Ancestry, 2000</b>	14.9%
Sources: Center for Rural Studies / VCGI. 2004. <i>Vermont Indicators Online</i> . <a href="http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators">http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators</a> US Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. <i>American FactFinder</i> . <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>	

	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>% Change 1990-2000</b>	<b>2015 Projection</b>
<b>Bristol</b>	3762	3788	.69	3,918
<b>Monkton</b>	1482	1759	18.69	2,028
<b>Starksboro</b>	1511	1898	25.61	2,249
<b>Lincoln</b>	974	1214	24.64	1,403
<b>Middlebury</b>	8034	8183	1.85	8,238
<b>New Haven</b>	1375	1666	21.16	1,933
Sources: Department of Aging and Disabilities and U.S. Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. <i>American Factfinder</i> . <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>				

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	<b>Bristol</b>	<b>Addison County</b>	<b>Vermont</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	3788	35,974	608,827
<b>Not Hispanic/ Latino</b>	99.5 %	98.9 %	99.1 %
<b>White alone</b>	98.0 %	96.2 %	96.2 %
<b>Black or African American Alone</b>	.2 %	.5 %	.5 %
<b>American Indian and Alaskan Native Alone</b>	.1 %	.3 %	.4 %
<b>Asian Alone</b>	.4 %	.7 %	.8 %
<b>Some other race alone</b>	.1 %	0 %	0 %
<b>Two or more races</b>	.7 %	1.2 %	1.1 %
<b>Hispanic/ Latino</b>	.5* %	1.1 %	.9 %
<b>White alone</b>	.4 %	.6 %	.6 %
<b>Some other race alone</b>	.1 %	.2 %	.1 %
<b>Two or more races</b>	0 %	.1 %	.1 %

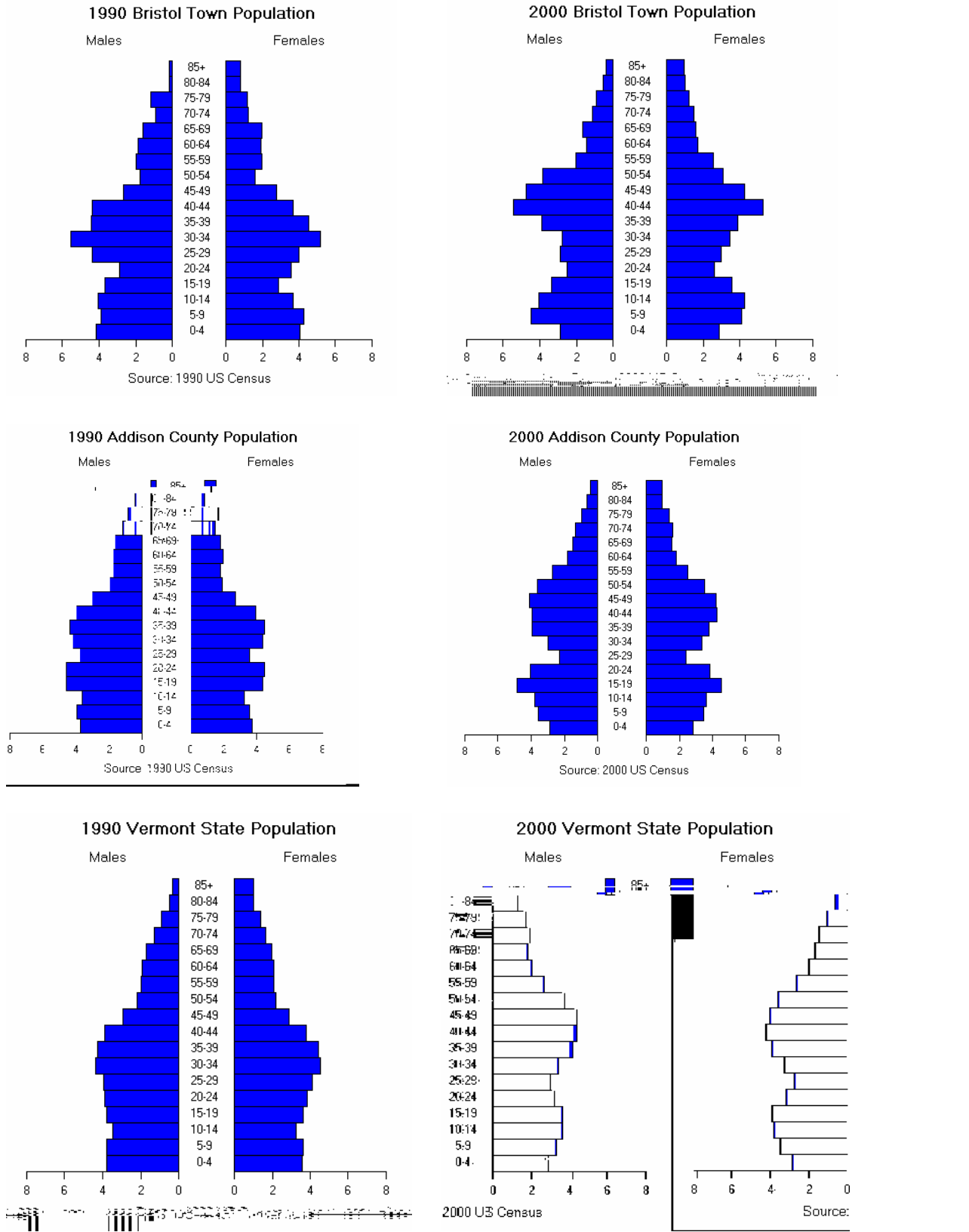
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. *American Factfinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

\* Hispanic race population percentage is **significantly below** state average.  
 (Source:[www.city-data.com/city/Johnson-Vermont.html](http://www.city-data.com/city/Johnson-Vermont.html) 2004).

	<b>Bristol</b>		<b>Addison County</b>		<b>Vermont</b>	
	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	3,762	3,788	32,953	35,974	562,758	608,827
<b>Percent 0-17 years old</b>	28.5	27.7	26.1	28.9	25.4	24.2
<b>Percent 18-24 years old</b>	8.6	7.0	13.8	12.5	11.3	9.3
<b>Percent 25-44 years old</b>	36.2	30.7	32.7	27.0	33.4	29.0
<b>Percent 45-64 years old</b>	16.6	23.7	17.0	24.3	18.2	24.8
<b>Percent 65+ years old</b>	10.1	10.9	10.4	11.3	11.8	12.7
<b>Median Age</b>	Na	37.1 yrs	Na	36.1 yrs	Na	37.7 yrs
<b>Percent Male</b>	49.8	48.9	49.8	49.4	49.0	49.0
<b>Percent Female</b>	50.2	51.1	50.2	50.6	51.0	51.0

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**Figure 3.1 Vermont State, Addison County, and Bristol Town Age/Sex Pyramids 1990, 2000**





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**Table 3.4 Bristol Housing and Family Characteristics**

	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Number of Families</b>	1009	1013
<b>Number of Households</b>	1376	1460
<b>Average Family Size</b>	Na	3.03
<b>Average Household Size</b>	Na	2.58
<b>Single-Mother Households</b>	87	102
<b>Total Children in Single-Parent Families</b>	196	237
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	1471	1546
<b>Number of Owner-Occupied Housing Units</b>	922	1007
<b>Number of Renter-Occupied Housing Units</b>	454	453
<b>Median Housing Unit Value</b>	\$89,400	\$109,000
<b>Median Gross Rent</b>	441	\$545
<b>Median Gross Rent as Percent of Income</b>	24.0%	21.9%
<b>Percent Increase in Households (1990-2000)</b>	Na	6.1%
<b>Percent Increase in Housing Units (1990-2000)</b>	Na	5.1%
Sources: Center for Rural Studies/VCGI. 2001. <i>Vermont Indicators Online</i> . <a href="http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators/">http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators/</a> U.S. Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. <i>American Factfinder</i> . <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>		

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**Table 3.5 Town, County, and State Income & Poverty Comparisons**

	<b>Bristol</b>	<b>Addison County</b>	<b>Vermont</b>
<b>Annual Average Wage, DET 2002</b>	\$25,495	\$29,556	\$31,041
<b>Per Capita Income, CENSUS 1999</b>	\$19,345	\$19,359	\$20,625
<b>Median Family Income, CENSUS 1999</b>	\$48,458	\$49,351	\$48,625
<b>Median Household Income, CENSUS 1999</b>	\$43,250	\$43,142	\$40,856
<b>Persons for whom Poverty Status was determined, 1999</b>	388	2,891	55,506
<b>Poverty Rate, 1999</b>	10.4%	8.6%	9.4%
<b>Child Poverty Rate (persons under 18 years), 1999</b>	15.69%	2.9 %	2.8%
<b>Elderly Poverty Rate (persons 65 years or over), 1999</b>	11.1%	.1%	1.1%
<b>Percentage of Households with Public Assistance Income, 1999</b>	2.8%	3.8%	4.8%

Sources: Center for Rural Studies / VCGI. 2004. *Vermont Indicators Online*. <http://crs.uvm.edu/indicators>  
 U.S. Census Bureau. 1990, 2000. Summary File 3. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

## **Section 4. Business and Infrastructure Resources**

**Table 4.1 Bristol Employment Characteristics**

**Top Five Industries, 2000 (employed persons 16 years and over)**

1 Education, Health, Social Services	25.7 %
2 Manufacturing	21.2 %
3 Construction	11.3%
4 Retail Trade	10.3 %

## **Section 5. Social Capital**

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**Table 5.1 Bristol Elementary School (K-6): General School Information**

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	State (2002-03)
<b>Total School Enrollment</b>	447	429	405	368	99,978
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	95.6%	95.3%	95.9%	95.4%	95%
<b>Retention Rate</b>	2.3%	1.2%	1.0%	.8%	2.2%
<b>Student/Teacher Ratio</b>	13.7	13.3	12.6	11.9	11.7
<b>Eligible Special Education</b>	11.9%	11.4%	12.8%	12%	12.7%

Source: Center for Rural Studies and VT Department of Education. 2004. *VT School Report*.  
<http://crs.uvm.edu/schlprt>

**Table 5.2 Bristol, Statewide 2003-2004 Elementary and Secondary Public School Enrollment**

	Female	Male	Total Enrollments
<b>Bristol Elementary</b>			

## **Section 6. Sources**

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This Community Profile is an attempt to bring together information from many different sources.

**The internet resources used include:**

**For data:**

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