

Worksheet Demographic Profile

Review Chapter 1: Demographic Profile of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan

Issues, Need, Concerns, Comments, Questions

- Waterville needs to attract young people to the region to fill projected job openings.
- Expanding the workforce with young people will attract new business and benefit the economy.
- Waterville needs to plan for those in poverty and residents 65 and older.
- Need to monitor and keep current with ongoing demographic changes and trends.
- Will the recent population gain of 117 persons continue?
- What factors are causing the recent population increase?
- What caused the previous decline in the city's population?
- What segment of the population is attracted to the city?
- Will the previous population shift to neighboring rural communities decrease and/or will some households return to the city?
- What amenities would attract new residents?
- Will older persons (persons 55 years and older) move back into the city?
- What services will the city need to enhance/change/add to respond to new demographic trends?
- How can the city benefit from our current demographic profile and/or trends?
- Median household income (\$33,461) is at least \$12,000 below the median household income for Kennebec County and the State of Maine.
- The percent of families below the federal poverty level (21%) is 7% higher than the county and the state.
- How will the growing segment of older persons affect the city?
- Are there any regional or state strategies to help the city address some of our demographic impacts?