

3. POPULATION

Historical Trends

Raymond's year-round population remained relatively constant for a period of four decades beginning in 1920 and ending in 1960. The Town then experienced rapid growth, growing from 732 people in 1960 to 4,299 people in 2000 (a gain of 3,567 people, or 487%). The Town's growth rate during this period was much higher than that of Cumberland County (45%) and the State (31%). Between 1990 and 2000, the Town's population grew from 3,311 to 4,299 (an increase of 988 people or 30%). Raymond's historical growth patterns are shown in the chart below and are summarized in Table 1 which also shows figures for Cumberland County and the State. It is estimated that Town's population increases to 12,000 people during July and August.

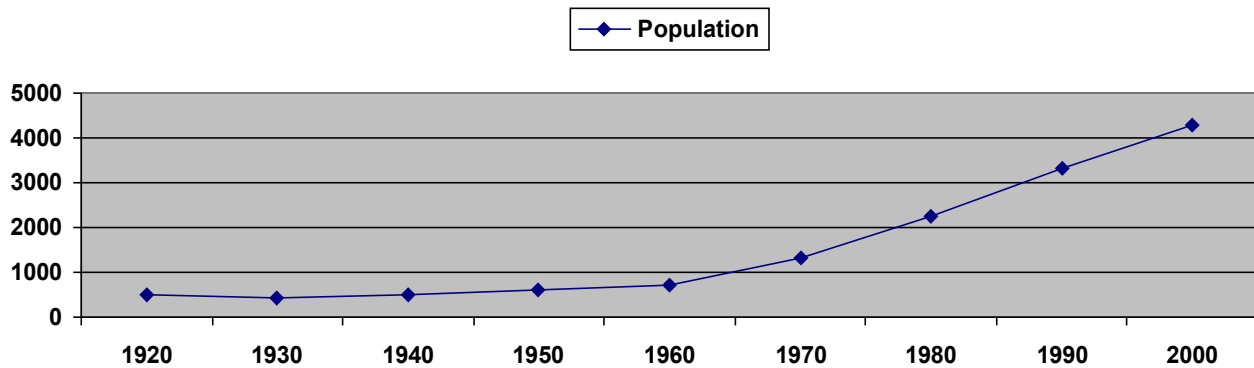


Table 1
Population of Raymond, Cumberland County, And Maine
1920-2000

Year	Raymond	Cumberland County	Maine
1920	500	124,376	768,014
1930	446	134,645	797,423
1940	506	146,000	847,226
1950	620	169,201	914,950
1960	732	182,751	970,689
1970	1,328	192,528	992,048
1980	2,251	215,789	1,124,660
1990	3,311	243,135	1,227,928
2000	4,299	265,612	1,274,923
1970-80 change	70%	12%	13%
1980-90 change	47%	13%	9%
1990-00 change	30%	9%	4%
1960-00 change	487%	45%	29%

Source: U.S. Census

Factors contributing to Raymond's growth between 1960 and 2000 include the national trend to migrate from urban to rural areas, the proximity of Raymond to Portland and other service centers, the Town's lakes and the relatively low cost of land.

Comparative Population Change

Table 2 contains a summary of population changes over the past 30 years for Raymond and a number of nearby communities, as well as Cumberland County and the State. Between 1970 and 1980, Raymond had the fourth highest rate of growth (70%) of any jurisdiction shown in the table. During the 1980's, Raymond's rate of growth (47%) was exceeded only by that of Naples (56%). During the 1990's, Raymond grew at a faster rate (30%) than any other jurisdiction shown in the table. The 1990's rate of growth in all jurisdictions shown has declined since the 1970-80 decade.

Table 2 Comparative Population Change 1970 – 2000							
	1970	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1970-80	% Change 1980-90	% Change 1990-00
Lake Region Towns							
Raymond	1,328	2,251	3,311	4,299	70	47	30
Bridgton	2,967	3,528	4,307	4,883	19	22	13
Casco	1,256	2,243	3,018	3,469	79	35	15
Harrison	1,045	1,667	1,951	2,315	60	17	19
Naples	956	1,883	2,860	3,274	92	56	14
Windham	6,593	11,282	13,020	14,904	71	15	14
Other Towns							
Gray	2,939	4,344	5,904	6,820	48	36	16
New Gloucester	2,811	3,180	3,916	4,803	13	23	23
Poland	2,015	3,578	4,342	4,866	78	21	12
Cumberland County	192,528	215,789	243,135	265,612	12	13	9
Maine	993,722	1,124,660	1,127,928	1,274,923	13	9	4

Source: U.S. Census, 1970, 1980, 1990

Age Distribution

Table 3 contains a summary of age distribution for Raymond, Cumberland County and the State for 2000. Raymond's age distribution in the "under 5," category is the same as the other two jurisdictions. However, the school age category (5-17) is larger than it is in Cumberland County and the State, and the "18-44" (generally, the family formation and child bearing years) and "over 65" categories are smaller. The "middle age" category (45-64) is slightly larger than that of Cumberland County, but is significantly larger than the State's.

**Table 3
Population by Age Category, 2000**

	Raymond		Cumberland County		Maine	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 5	250	6	15,443	6	70,726	6
5-17	884	21	46,519	18	230,512	18
18-44	1,644	38	105,577	40	583,894	46
45-64	1,103	26	62,749	24	206,389	16
65 and over	448	10	35,324	13	183,402	14
Total	4,299	101	265,612	101	1,274,923	100

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Table 4 provides an overview of how the Town's population changed during the 1990-2000 decade. The Town actually lost population in the "under 5" category. The largest gains were in the "45-64" category and in the "5-17" category.

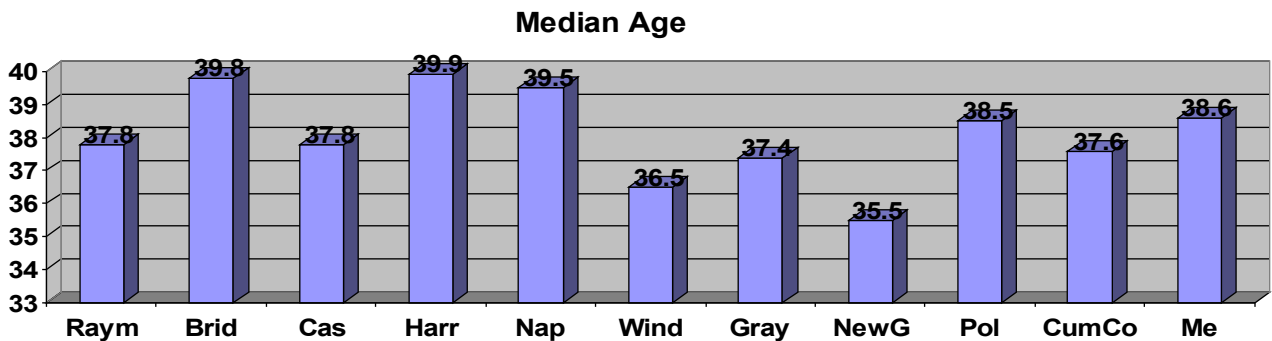
**Table 4
Raymond Population Growth by Age Category, 1990-2000**

	1990	2000	1990-2000 Change	
			#	%
Under 5	287	250	-37	-4
5-17	643	884	241	24
18-44	1,437	1,614	177	18
45-64	614	1,103	489	49
65 and over	330	448	118	12
Total	3,311	4,299	988	99

Source: US Census, 1990, 2000

Median Age

According to the 2000 Census, the median age in Raymond (37.8) is the same as Casco, slightly above Cumberland County (37.6), and somewhat lower than the State median (38.6).



Household Size

The average household size in Raymond (2.66) has been declining since 1980, as it has in Cumberland County, the State of Maine and nearby comparison communities (see Table 5). In the year 2000, the number of persons per household in Raymond was greater than at either the County or State level, and greater than all comparison communities except New Gloucester. In general a higher number of persons per household reflects a higher number of school age children in the general population.

Table 5				
Comparative Household Size, 1980-2000				
	1980	1990	2000	1990-2000 % change
Lake Region Towns				
Raymond	2.94	2.85	2.66	-7
Bridgton	2.62	2.54	2.50	-9
Casco	2.99	2.83	2.58	-9
Harrison	2.68	2.78	2.52	-6
Naples	2.71	2.65	2.52	-7
Windham	2.97	2.73	2.58	-6
Other Towns				
Gray	2.83	2.74	2.57	-6
New Gloucester	3.01	2.96	2.71	-8
Poland	3.12	2.80	2.63	-6
Cumberland County				
Maine	2.75	2.56	2.39	-6

Source: U.S. Census, 1980-2000

Household Type

Table 6 contains a summary of households by type for Raymond and the State of Maine, as shown in the 2000 Census. Raymond has a much higher percentage of family households (77.7%) than the State (65.7%), as well as married couple families (64.7% vs. 52.5%). Conversely, the Town has a lower percentage of female householders (8.8% vs. 9.5%), non-family households (22.3% vs. 34.3%) and householders 65 years and over (4.8% vs. 10.7%). There is only one person in Raymond reported to be in group quarters.

**Table 6
Household By Type 2000**

	Raymond		Maine	
	#	%	#	%
All Households	1,616	100.0	518,200	100.0
Family Households	1,256	77.7	340,685	65.7
Married couple Families	1,046	64.7	272,152	52.5
Female Householder	143	8.8	49,022	9.5
Non-Family Households	360	22.3	177,515	34.3
Householder Living Alone	254	15.7	139,969	27.0
Householder 65+	78	4.8	55,483	10.7
Persons in Households	4,298	100.0	1,240,011	97.3
Persons in Group Quarters	1	-	34,912	2.7
Institutionalized	0	-	13,091	1.0
Other	1	-	21,821	2.7

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Educational Attainment

Based on 2000 Census data, the population of Raymond that is 25 years and older has had slightly less formal education than the population of Cumberland County, but more than for the State as a whole. Approximately 89% of the Town's population had at least a high school diploma, and at least 23% had at least a bachelor's degree.

**Table 7
Educational Attainment 2000**

	Total # of Persons 25+ Years	% High School Grad or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Raymond	2,940	89%	34%
Cumberland County	181,276	90%	34%
Maine	869,893	85%	23%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Median Household Income and Poverty

Based on the 2000 Census, the median household income in Raymond (\$52,224) is significantly higher than in Cumberland County (\$44,048) and the State (\$37,240), and the percentage of the Town's population living below the poverty level (3.4%) is lower than in the County (8.3%) or in Maine (7.8%).

Population Projections

In January of 2002, the State Planning Office released population projections by age category for every community in the State. These projections show very little growth in the “under 5” category, and very modest growth in all other categories except the “45-64” category, which shows a dramatic increase, from a level of 1,103 people in 2000 to 1,795 people in 2013, a gain of 692 people or 63%.

Age Group	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
0-4	250	250	250	250	250	250	251	253	254	255	256	257
5-17	884	903	906	910	913	914	913	917	922	929	937	947
18-44	1,614	1,664	1,677	1,685	1,687	1,691	1,693	1,693	1,696	1,705	1,718	1,731
45-64	1,103	1,331	1,400	1,469	1,538	1,599	1,650	1,699	1,745	1,779	1,790	1,795
65+	448	479	486	493	500	509	523	536	549	561	583	605
Total	4,299	4,627	4,719	4,807	4,888	4,963	5,030	5,098	5,166	5,229	5,284	5,335

Source: Maine State Planning Office

Table 9 shows how Raymond’s population is expected to change between the year 2000 and 2013, and the extent to which the older age categories will dominate the anticipated increases. Growth in the “45-64” category will account for two thirds of the population increase during that period, and the growth of the combined “45-64” and “65+” categories will account for 82% of the Town’s future growth. There will be a negligible increase in the “under 5” population. The growth in the “5-17” (school age) population (63) will create a gross demand for about three additional classrooms in the system. The large increase in the older population may mean that people moving to Raymond will be more affluent, and will have a greater ability to choose where they want to live.

	2000 Population		2013 Population		Change, 2000-2013	
	#	%	#	%	#	% of Total
Under 5	250	6	257	5	7	1
5-17	884	21	947	18	63	6
18-44	1,614	38	1,731	32	117	11
45-64	1,103	26	1,795	34	692	67
65+	448	10	605	11	157	15
Total	4,299	101	5,335	100	1,036	100

Source: US Census, 2000 and Maine State Planning Office

The final table provides a comparison of Raymond’s future population with that of Cumberland County and the State of Maine in the year 2013. Despite modest growth in Raymond’s school-age population, it will still comprise a greater percentage of the population than in either Cumberland County or the State. The “18-44” and “65 and over” categories will continue to be smaller than at the

County or State level (as was the case in the year 2000), and the “45-64” category will continue to be larger.

Table 10
Projected Population by Age Category, 2013

	Raymond		Cumberland County		Maine	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 5	257	5%	17,098	6%	72,939	5%
5-17	947	18%	44,583	15%	201,021	15%
18-44	1,731	32%	104,215	36%	453,242	34%
45-64	1,795	34%	84,401	29%	411,107	30%
65 and over	605	11%	41,310	15%	215,377	16%
Total	5,335	100.0	291,607	100.0	1,353,686	100.0

Source: Maine State Planning Office