MWV REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES
A Comparison of Data from the 2012-2016 ACS Survey and the 2007-2011 ACS Survey

American Community Survey data is extracted from household surveys and represents where people live. Totals are approximations.

CHANGES IN POPULATION:
Population increased by 1% (297 people), bringing the estimated total to 31,329 in the later survey. A comparison of data by age group reveals:

- 13% decrease (842 people) in the 17-and-younger age group
- 5% increase (117 people) in the 18-thru-24 age group
- 11% decrease (1,423 people) in the 25-thru-54 age group
- 23% increase (1,061 people) in the 55 through 64 age group
- 26% increase (1,384 people) in the 65-and-older age group

Please see excel sheet labeled 1 – MWV POPULATION and click on the MWV tab to view regional population data by age group for both surveys.

CHANGES IN MARITAL STATUS (15 and Older Population):
The 15 and older population increased by 2% (497 people), bringing the estimated total to 26,850 in the later survey.

- 3% increase in the MWV marriage rate.
  - 8% increase (1,134) in the number of married people. A comparison of data by age group reveals:
    - 5% decrease (65 people) in the 20 – 34 year age group.
    - 14% decrease (392 people) in the 35 – 44 year age group.
    - 4% decrease (148 people) in the 45 – 54 year age group.
    - 22% increase (716 people) in the 55 – 64 year age group.
    - 31% increase (1015 people) in the 65 and older age group.
- 1% decrease in the widowed rate.
  - 15% decrease (243) in the number of widowed people.
  - Women, ages 55 and older comprise 72% of the widowed population in the later survey and 66% of the widowed population in the earlier survey.
- 0% change divorce rate.
  - 2% increase (68) in the number of divorced people. A comparison of the data by age group reveals:
    - 2% increase (4 people) in the 20-34 year age group.
    - 25% decrease (114 people) in the 35 – 44 year age group.
    - 32% decrease (459 people) in the 45 – 54 age group.
    - 34% increase (275 people) in the 55 – 64 age group.
    - 48% increase (358 people) in the 65 and older age group.
Please see excel sheet labeled 2 - **MARITAL STATUS** and click on the **MWV** tab to view regional data from both surveys.

**CHANGES IN EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (18 and Older Population):**

The 18 and older population increased by 4.6% (1,139 people), bringing the estimated total to 25,743 in the later survey.

- 34% decrease (1,003 people) in high school dropouts.
- 3% increase (239 people) in high school graduates.
- 9% increase (639 people) in population with some college, including associates degrees.
- 15% increase (635 people) in bachelor's degrees.
- 35% increase (609 people) in graduate degrees.
  - The age group that accounts for the great majority of increases in educational attainment is 65 and older.
  - The decrease in bachelors and graduate degrees in the 18 to 44 year age group corresponds with the loss of population in that age group.

Please see excel sheet labeled 3 - **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT** and click on the **MWV** tab to view regional data from both surveys.

**CHANGES IN HOUSEHOLD COUNT AND MEDIAN INCOME:**

Household units increased by 2.2% (297 households); bringing the estimated total to 13,479.

- 3.1% increase (265) in family households, bringing the estimated total to 8,691.
- 0.7% increase (32) in non-family households, bringing the estimated total to 4,788.

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- Non-family household median income increased in Brownfield, Albany, Chatham, Conway, Hale's Location, Hart's Location, Jackson, and Madison.
- Non-family household median income decreased in Fryeburg, Bartlett, Eaton, Freedom, Ossipee, and Tamworth.

Please see excel sheet labeled 4 - **HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND BENEFITS** and click on the **MWV** tab to view regional data on estimated household counts.

**CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS (16 years and over):**

Population, 16 years and over, increased by 4.1% (1,044), bringing the estimated total to 26,526.

- Civilian labor force decreased by 1% (152), bringing the available labor force to a total of 16,564 people.
- Employed population increased by 1.7% (271), bringing total employment to 15,842.
- Unemployed population decreased by 37% (423), bringing unemployed workers to 722.
• Number of people, age 16 and older, no longer looking for work increased by 13.6% (1,196), bringing the total to 9,962.

  ➢ Labor participation rate decreased by 4%, bringing participation down to 62%
  ➢ Unemployment rate decreased by 3%, bringing unemployment down to 4%.

*Please see excel sheet labeled 5A - EMPLOYMENT STATUS and click on the MWV tab to view regional data from both surveys.*

**CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY – FULL AND PART TIME:**

Employment increased by 271 workers (1.7%), bringing total employment to 15,842.

• Part-time employment increased by 6.5% (373 workers), bringing the number of part-time workers to 6,124 or 39% of total employment.
• Fulltime employment decreased by 1% (102 workers), bringing the number of fulltime workers to 9,718 or 61% of total employment.

**Industries with the Largest Increases in Employment for All Workers (Full & Part-time):**
1) Healthcare and social assistance increased by 33% (545 workers), bringing total employment to 2,181.
2) Accommodation and food service increased by 13% (278 workers), bringing total employment to 2,344.
3) Finance and insurance increased by 97% (257 workers), bringing total employment to 523.

**Industries With the Largest Decreases in Employment for All Workers:**
1) Retail trade decreased by 16% (472 workers), bringing total employment to 2,411.
2) Construction decreased by 17% (291 workers), bringing total employment to 1,426.
3) Information decreased by 48% (120 workers), bringing total employment to 128.

**Changes in Employment for Top Five Employing Industries for All Workers:**
The top five employing industries employ 62% (9,832) of all workers in the later survey and 61% (9,522) of all workers in the earlier survey.

1) Retail trade employed 15% (2,411) of all workers in the later survey, a decrease from 19% (2,883) of all workers in the earlier survey.
2) Accommodation and food services employed 15% (2,344) of all workers in the later survey, an increase from 13% (2,066) of all workers in the earlier survey.
3) Health care and social assistance employed 14% (2,181) of all workers in the later survey, an increase from 10% (1,636) in the earlier survey.
4) Educational services employed 9% (1,470) of all workers in the later survey, an increase from 8% (1,220) in the earlier survey.
5) Construction employed 9% (1,426) of all workers in the later survey, a decrease from 11% (1,717) in the earlier survey.

**Industries With the Largest Increases in Employment for Fulltime, Year-Round Workers:**
1) Healthcare and social assistance increased by 71% (566 workers), bringing fulltime employment to 1,360.
2) Finance and insurance increased by 134% (270 workers), bringing fulltime employment to 472.
3) Transportation and warehousing increased by 137% (147 workers), bringing full time employment to 254.

**Industries With the Largest Decreases in Fulltime, Year-Round Workers:**
1) Retail trade decreased by 32% (591 workers), bringing fulltime employment to 1,257.
2) Wholesale trade decreased by 42% (186 workers), bringing fulltime employment to 257.
3) Real estate, rental and leasing decreased by 53% (184 workers), bringing fulltime employment to 1,257.

**Change in Employment for Top Five Employing Industries for Fulltime, Year-Round workers:**
1) Healthcare and social assistance employed 14% (1,360) of fulltime workers in the later survey, an increase from 8% (794) in the earlier survey.
2) Retail trade employed 13% (1,257) of fulltime workers in the later survey, a decrease from 19% (1,848) in the earlier survey.
3) Accommodation and food services employed 11% (1,112) of fulltime workers in the later survey, an increase from 10% (1,015) in the earlier survey.
4) Construction employed 10% (965) of fulltime workers in the later survey, a decrease from 11% (1,084) in the earlier survey.
5) Educational services employed 9% (909) of fulltime workers in the later survey, an increase from 8% (782) in the earlier survey.

*Please see excel sheet labeled 5B - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY – FULL AND PART and click on the MWV tab to view regional data from both surveys.*

**CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION:**

**Occupations with the Largest Increases:**
1) Food preparation and serving related occupations increased by 39% (458), bringing the total to 1,631.
2) Education, training, and library occupations increased by 38% (297), bringing the total to 1,070.
3) Fire fighting, prevention, and other protective services increased by 139% (138), bringing the total to 237.

**Occupations with the Largest Decreases:**

1) Construction and extraction decreased by 16% (212), bringing the total to 1,139.
2) Business and financial operations decreased by 37% (155), bringing the total to 259.
3) Production occupations decreased by 15% (151), bringing the total to 845.

**Change in Occupational Employment for the Top Five Employing Occupations:**

1) Sales and related occupations employed 14.4% (2,281) of workers in the later survey, a slight increase from 14.3% (2,267) in the earlier survey.
2) Office and administrative support occupations employed 10% (1,711) of workers in the later survey, a decrease from 11% (1,771) in the earlier survey.
3) Food prep and serving related occupations employed 10% (1,631) of workers in the later survey, an increase from 8% (1,173) in the earlier survey.
4) Management Occupations employed 8% (1,323) of workers in the later survey, a decrease from 9% (1,471) in the earlier survey.
5) Construction and extraction occupations employed 7% (1,139) of workers in the later survey, a decrease from 9% (1,351) in the earlier survey.

*Please see excel sheet labeled 5C–EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION and click on the MWV tab to view regional data from both surveys.*

**HEALTH INSURANCE (Comparison data not yet available.)**

The non-institutionalized population of MWV is 30,967. Of that total:

- 86% (26,781 people) have health insurance.
  - 77% (20,641 people) have private health insurance
  - 42% (11,270 people) have public health insurance
  - 14% (4,186 people) do not have health insurance

The non-institutionalized population under 18 in MWV is 5,586. Of that total:

- 93% (5,204 children) have health insurance.
- 5% (303 children) do not have health insurance.

The uninsured population is 13.5% of the total population or 4,186 people.

- 7% (303) are under 17 years of age.
- 92% (3866) are 18 thru 64 years of age.
- 1% (17) is 65 thru 74 years of age.

*Please see excel sheet labeled 6 - HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE to view regional data from the 2012-2016 ACS Survey.*
Covered employment data is extracted from official unemployment insurance filings reported by businesses, and represents where people work as opposed to where they live.

Total private plus government entities increased by 1.8% (24 businesses), bringing the total number of enterprises in MWV towns to 1,338.

- Private industry businesses increased by 2% (26 businesses), bringing private industry units to 1,253.
  - Goods-producing businesses decreased by 4.6% (9 businesses), bringing goods producing units to 184.
  - Service providing businesses increased by 3.4% (33 businesses), bringing service units to 1,010.
- Government businesses decreased by 1% (1 unit), bringing government units to 86.
  - Federal government decreased by 12.5% (3), bringing the total number of units to 21.
  - State government increased by 8% (2), bringing the total number of units to 27.
  - Local government stayed the same at 38 units.

Industries with the Largest Increases in Enterprises:

- Administrative and Support and Waste Service enterprises increased by 37% (15 units), bringing the total to 56.
- Health Care and Social Assistance enterprises increased by 16% (12 units), bringing the total to 85.
- Accommodation and Food Service enterprises increased by 4% (7 units), bringing the total to 196.

Industries with the Largest Decreases in Enterprises:

- Retail trade enterprises decreased by 6% (17 units), bringing the total to 263.
- Construction enterprises decreased by 10% (10 units), bringing the total to 92.
- Wholesale trade enterprises decreased by 17% (8 units), bringing the total to 38.

Industries with Largest Number of Enterprises

1. Retail Trade decreased by 6% (17), bringing the total number of units to 263.
2. Accommodation and Food Services increased by 3.7%, bringing the total number of units to 196.
3. Other Services increased by 3% (3), bringing the total number of units to 95.
4. Construction decreased by 10%, bringing the total number of units to 92.
5. Healthcare and social assistance increased by 16%, bringing the total number of units to 85.
Average annual employment (AAE) for private plus government increased by 0.6% (102), bringing AAE to 15,027.

- Private industry increased by 0.5% (71 workers), bringing AAE to 13,102.
  - Goods-producing workers decreased by 9.4% (180 workers), bringing AAE to 1,716.
  - Service providing workers increased by 1.8% (191 workers), bringing AAE to 10,903.
- Government workers increased by 1.5% (29), bringing AAE to 1,927.
  - Federal government workers increased by 21.5% (17), bringing AAE to 96.
  - State government workers increased by 5% (10), bringing AAE to 201.
  - Local Government workers increased by 0.1% (2), bringing AAE to 1,630.

Industries with the Largest Increases in Average Annual Employment (AAE):
- Accommodation and Food Services increased by 6% (189), bringing AAE to 3,313.
- Health Care and Social Assistance increased by 7% (103), bringing AAE to 1,588.
- Administrative and Support and Waste Services increased by 35% (64), bringing AAE to 245.

Industries with the Largest Decreases in Average Annual Employment (AAE):
- Manufacturing decreased by 19% (214), bringing AAE to 897.
- Arts, entertainment and recreation decreased by 14% (59), bringing the AAE to 365.
- Construction decreased by 9% (53), bringing the AAE to 549.

Industries with the Largest Average Annual Employment (AAE)
1. Accommodation and Food Services increased by 6% (189), bringing AAE to 3,313.
2. Retail Trade increased by 1% (37), bringing AAE to 3,043.
3. Local government increased by 0.1% (2), bringing AAE to 1,630.
4. Healthcare and social assistance increased by 7% (103), bringing AAE to 1,588.
5. Manufacturing decreased by 19% (214), bringing AAE to 897.

Average weekly wages (AWW) increased by 7.4% ($44), bringing AAW to $637.
- Private industry weekly wages increased by 7.5% ($44), bringing AAW to $627.
  - Goods producing weekly wages increased by 3% ($27), bringing AAW to $915.
  - Service providing weekly wages increased by 10% ($53), bringing AAW to $583.
- Government weekly wages increased by 9.3% ($61), bringing AAW to $718.
  - Federal government weekly wages increased by 17% ($147), bringing AAW to $1,004.
  - State government weekly wages decreased by 6% ($52), bringing AAW to $782.
  - Local government wages increased by 8% ($53), bringing AAW to $680.
Industries with the Largest Increases in Average Weekly Wages (AWW):

- Real estate and rental and leasing increased by 36% ($204), bringing AWW to $766.
- Professional and Technical Services increased by 25% ($188), bringing AWW to $944
- Information increased by 13% ($130), bringing AWW to $1,100.

Industries with the Largest Decreases in Average Weekly Wages (AWW):

- Utilities decreased by 100% (982), bringing AWW to $0.
- Management of companies/enterprises decreased by 46% ($513), bringing AWW to $664.
- Finance and insurance decreased by 22% ($315), bringing AWW to $1,103.

Industries Paying the Highest Average Weekly Wages (AWW):

1. Finance and insurance decreased by 22% ($315), bringing AWW to $1,103.
2. Information increased by 13% ($130), bringing AWW to $1,100.
3. Federal government increased by 17% ($147), bringing AWW to $1,004.
4. Wholesale trade increased by 5% ($45), bringing AWW to $970.
5. Manufacturing decreased by 3.5% ($35), bringing AWW to $948.

*Please see excel sheet labeled 7 – COVERED EMPLOYMENT, click on the MWV tab to view regional data.*