

III. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

Population Characteristics

Geographic Distribution

The 2000 Census reported that 318,556 people lived in the MVPC region, a 10.5% increase over the 1990 Census population of 288,280 people. Census Bureau estimates show the population of the region growing to 325,042 in 2005, an increase of a little more than 2% from the 2000 total. The City of Lawrence contained 21.9% of the region's 2005 population, which constituted a drop in Lawrence's share of the region's population in from 2000 and an over than 3% drop from the City's share as counted in the 1990 Census. Table III-1 shows that there has been relatively more growth in the central/eastern communities in the Merrimack Valley region over the past five years. The communities of Groveland and Georgetown showed estimated population gains of over 9%, while Rowley (6.4%) and Salisbury (5.9%) also showed significant growth. Population growth rates in Greater Lawrence (with the exception of Andover) and in Haverhill were smaller.

**Table III-1
U.S. Census Bureau Results/Estimates of Merrimack Valley Region Population**

<u>Community</u>	<u>1990 Population</u>	<u>2000 Population</u>	<u>Estimated 2005 Population</u>	<u>Percent Change (2000-2005)</u>
Amesbury	14,997	16,450	16,643	1.17%
Andover	29,151	31,247	33,042	5.74%
Boxford	6,266	7,921	8,177	3.23%
Georgetown	6,384	7,377	8,041	9.00%
Groveland	5,214	6,038	6,608	9.44%
Haverhill	51,418	58,969	60,242	2.16%
Lawrence	70,207	72,043	71,314	-1.01%
Merrimac	5,166	6,138	6,360	3.62%
Methuen	39,990	43,789	44,609	1.87%
Newbury	5,623	6,717	7,002	4.24%
Newburyport	16,317	17,189	17,414	1.31%
North Andover	22,792	27,202	27,155	-0.17%
Rowley	4,452	5,500	5,845	6.27%
Salisbury	6,882	7,827	8,284	5.84%
West Newbury	3,421	4,149	4,306	3.78%
TOTAL	288,280	318,556	325,042	2.04%

Age

Table III-2 contains a comparison of the age distribution of the region's population between the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census, which contains the latest information available for population age cohorts. This age distribution of the population has changed in some significant respects. In 1990, the region's population was composed of 18% of persons aged 45-64. By the year 2000, this middle age group of mature workers was estimated to comprise 22% of the region's population. The remainder of the age group percentages all decreased by 1% or 2% between 1990 and 2000. This trend is expected to continue for the foreseeable future as baby boomers approach retirement age. Table III-3 contains a breakdown of the age of the population by community.

**Table III-2
Distribution of Population By Age In The MVPC Region:
1990 And 2000**

% Age 0-24		% Age 25-44		% Age 45-64		% Age 65+		Total Pop.	
1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
36	35	33	31	18	22	13	12	288,280	318,556

Race and Ethnicity

Tables III-4 and III-5 contain the distribution of the population by race and ethnicity. The United States' population is 75.1% White; 12.3% Black; 3.6% Asian; 0.9% American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.1% Native and other Pacific Islander; and 5.5% other; and 2.4% people of two or more races. 12.5 % of the United States population is of Hispanic Origin (of any race). The population of Massachusetts is 84.5% White; 5.4% Black; 3.8% Asian; 0.2% American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.0% Native and other Pacific Islander; and 3.7% other; and 2.3% people of two or more races. 6.8 % of Massachusetts' population is of Hispanic Origin (of any race). The Merrimack Valley Region's population is 83.1% White; 2% Black; 2.2% Asian; 0.3% American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.0% Native and other Pacific Islander; and 10% other; and 2.4% people of two or more races. 17% of the Merrimack Valley population is of Hispanic Origin (of any race).

TABLE III-3

Age of the Population in the MVPC Region by Community: 1990 and 2000

Community	Children & Students (0-24)		Primary Workers (25-44)		Mature Workers (45-64)		Retired Workers (65+)		Total Population	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Amesbury	5,331 36%	5,301 32%	5,429 36%	5,557 34%	2,422 16%	3,623 22%	1,815 12%	1,969 12%	14,997	16,450
Andover	10,039 34%	10,450 33%	9,353 32%	8,603 28%	6,648 23%	8,363 27%	3,111 11%	3,831 12%	29,151	31,247
Boxford	2,242 36%	2,881 36%	1,921 31%	2,040 26%	1,648 26%	2,260 29%	455 7%	740 9%	6,266	7,921
Georgetown	2,204 35%	2,482 34%	2,240 35%	2,350 32%	1,320 21%	1,854 25%	620 10%	691 9%	6,384	7,377
Groveland	1,795 34%	2,091 35%	1,816 35%	1,874 31%	1,089 21%	1,454 24%	514 10%	619 10%	5,214	6,038
Haverhill	17,674 34%	19,686 33%	18,263 36%	19,729 33%	8,174 16%	12,007 20%	7,307 14%	7,547 13%	51,418	58,969
Lawrence	30,051 43%	31,050 43%	21,752 31%	21,860 30%	9,556 14%	12,058 17%	8,848 13%	7,075 10%	70,207	72,043
Merrimac	1,771 34%	2,085 34%	1,780 34%	1,928 31%	1,059 20%	1,450 24%	556 11%	675 11%	5,166	6,138
Methuen	13,106 33%	14,028 32%	12,887 32%	13,587 31%	7,370 18%	9,455 22%	6,627 17%	6,719 15%	39,990	43,789
Newbury	1,823 32%	2,107 31%	2,015 36%	2,018 30%	1,145 20%	1,871 28%	640 11%	721 11%	5,623	6,717
Newburyport	4,704 29%	4,315 25%	6,066 37%	5,613 33%	3,238 20%	4,847 28%	2,309 14%	2,414 14%	16,317	17,189
North Andover	8,449 37%	9,498 35%	7,134 31%	7,919 29%	4,399 19%	6,141 23%	2,810 12%	3,644 13%	22,792	27,202
Rowley	1,555 35%	1,861 34%	1,730 39%	1,790 33%	754 17%	1,334 24%	413 9%	515 9%	4,452	5,500
Salisbury	2,299 33%	2,348 30%	2,370 34%	2,509 32%	1,398 20%	2,039 26%	815 12%	931 12%	6,882	7,827
West Newbury	1,212 35%	1,424 34%	1,187 35%	1,120 27%	741 22%	1,240 30%	281 8%	365 9%	3,421	4,149
MVPC	104,255 36%	111,607 35%	95,943 33%	98,497 31%	50,961 18%	69,996 22%	37,121 13%	38,456 12%	288,280	318,556
Essex County	224,585 34%	236,443 33%	222,225 33%	219,445 30%	128,596 19%	167,225 23%	94,674 14%	100,306 14%	670,080	723,419
Mass.	2,062,174 34%	2,079,392 33%	2,019,817 34%	1,989,783 31%	1,115,150 19%	1,419,760 22%	819,284 14%	860,162 14%	6,016,425	6,349,097

Sources: Data from the 1990 and 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1, State Data Center, Massachusetts Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
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TABLE III-4

Population By Race & Ethnicity In The MVPC Region, By Community: 2000

Area	Total Population	Persons of One Race							Persons of Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin (of any Race)
		Subtotal (One race)	White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native and Other Pacific Islander	Other		
US	281,421,906	274,595,678	211,460,626	34,658,190	2,475,956	10,242,998	398,835	15,359,073	6,826,228	35,305,818
MA	6,349,097	6,203,092	5,367,286	343,454	15,015	238,124	2,489	236,724	146,005	428,729
Essex County	723,419	707,872	625,320	18,777	1,694	16,916	288	44,877	15,547	79,871
MVPC	318,556		264,692	6,295	982	7,104	123	31,753	7,607	54,253
Amesbury	16,450	16,269	15,988	105	37	95	4	40	181	156
Andover	31,247	30,938	28,621	234	19	1,791	11	262	309	567
Boxford	7,921	7,870	7,713	27	9	96	2	23	51	67
Georgetown	7,377	7,343	7,268	11	10	31	-	23	34	47
Groveland	6,038	6,011	5,941	21	8	36	-	5	27	28
Haverhill	58,969	57,781	52,878	1,419	129	801	18	2,536	1,188	5,174
Lawrence	72,043	67,542	35,044	3,516	583	1,910	71	26,418	4,501	43,019
Merrimac	6,138	6,098	6,032	24	7	17	-	18	40	55
Methuen	43,789	42,990	39,126	591	97	1,040	5	2,131	799	4,221
Newbury	6,717	6,688	6,604	25	9	30	1	19	29	61
Newburyport	17,189	17,092	16,864	73	21	105	2	27	97	151
North Andover	27,202	26,972	25,481	196	14	1,078	2	201	230	541
Rowley	5,500	5,478	5,411	13	14	25	-	15	22	47
Salisbury	7,827	7,745	7,635	32	24	27	7	20	82	92
West Newbury	4,149	4,132	4,086	8	1	22		15	17	27

Sources: Data from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1, State Data Center, Massachusetts Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Note: 1990 Census Data had different categories and therefore cannot be compared.)
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TABLE III-5

Percent Population By Race & Ethnicity In The MVPC Region, By Community: 2000

Area	Total Population	Persons of One Race							Persons of Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin (of any Race)
		Subtotal (One race)	White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native and Other Pacific Islander	Other		
US	281,421,906	274,595,678	75.1%	12.3%	0.9%	3.6%	0.1%	5.5%	2.4%	12.5%
MA	6,349,097	6,203,092	84.5%	5.4%	0.2%	3.8%	0.0%	3.7%	2.3%	6.8%
Essex County	723,419	707,872	86.4%	2.6%	0.2%	2.3%	0.0%	6.2%	2.1%	11.0%
MVPC	318,556		83.1%	2.0%	0.3%	2.2%	0.0%	10.0%	2.4%	17.0%
Amesbury	16,450	16,269	97.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%	0.9%
Andover	31,247	30,938	91.6%	0.7%	0.1%	5.7%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%	1.8%
Boxford	7,921	7,870	97.4%	0.3%	0.1%	1.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
Georgetown	7,377	7,343	98.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
Groveland	6,038	6,011	98.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%
Haverhill	58,969	57,781	89.7%	2.4%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	4.3%	2.0%	8.8%
Lawrence	72,043	67,542	48.6%	4.9%	0.8%	2.7%	0.0%	36.7%	6.2%	59.7%
Merrimac	6,138	6,098	98.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.9%
Methuen	43,789	42,990	89.4%	1.3%	0.2%	2.4%	0.0%	4.9%	1.8%	9.6%
Newbury	6,717	6,688	98.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%
Newburyport	17,189	17,092	98.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%
North Andover	27,202	26,972	93.7%	0.7%	0.1%	4.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	2.0%
Rowley	5,500	5,478	98.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%
Salisbury	7,827	7,745	97.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	1.2%
West Newbury	4,149	4,132	98.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%

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Number of Households/Household Size

The number of households in the region increased by 12.6% between 1990 and 2000, this is greater than the increase in population of 10.5% because household size is getting smaller. The number of persons per household continues to decrease and now stands at 2.67 for the region, down from 2.71 in 1990 but still higher than for Massachusetts (2.51). Table III-6 contains a summary of household statistics.

**Table III-6
Household Size In The MVPC Region: 1990 And 2000**

Community	Total Number of Households		Number of Persons in Households		Persons Per Household	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Amesbury	5,522	6,380	14,593	16,094	2.64	2.52
Andover	10,415	11,305	29,116	30,948	2.8	2.74
Boxford	2,016	2,568	6,264	7,921	3.11	3.08
Georgetown	2,178	2,566	6,327	7,358	2.9	2.87
Groveland	1,770	2,058	5,200	6,038	2.94	2.93
Haverhill	19,575	22,976	49,970	57,572	2.55	2.51
Lawrence	24,270	24,463	68,687	70,999	2.83	2.9
Merrimac	1,903	2,233	5,166	6,104	2.71	2.73
Methuen	14,647	16,532	39,397	43,306	2.69	2.62
Newbury	2,060	2,514	5,577	6,680	2.71	2.66
Newburyport	6,754	7,519	15,998	16,807	2.37	2.24
North Andover	7,891	9,724	21,402	25,349	2.71	2.61
Rowley	1,507	1,958	4,381	5,427	2.91	2.77
Salisbury	2,522	3,082	6,778	7,787	2.69	2.53
West Newbury	1,126	1,392	3,421	4,144	3.04	2.98
MVPC	104,156	117,270	282,277	312,534	2.71	2.67
Essex County	251,285	275,419	655,852	706,530	2.61	2.57
Massachusetts	2,247,110	2,443,580	5,802,118	6,127,881	2.58	2.51

Source: *Housing Units and Household Size: Massachusetts Cities and Towns, 1990 and 2000*, State Data Center, Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Note: "Persons per Household" is not the total population of a community divided by the number of households for that community; rather, it is the total population in households for the community (equal to Total Population of the community minus the population in group quarters) divided by the Number of Households for that community.

Labor Force

Table III-7 shows a community-level breakdown of the Merrimack Labor Force in 2000 and 2005. The Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (DET) estimated that there were 159,394 persons in the Merrimack Valley region's labor force in 2005. This figure was slightly lower than the 159,978 persons that were identified by DET in 2000. At the end of the employment boom in 2000, the unemployment rate in the region was 3.0%, just slightly higher than the statewide rate of 2.7%. By 2005, the number of employed residents in the region had dropped by almost 5,000, resulting in an unemployment rate of 5.7%, which, again, was higher than the statewide rate of 4.8%. The highest unemployment rates for both years were found in Lawrence and Methuen, while the lowest rates were in Boxford and West Newbury.

Table III-7
Labor Force in the MVPC
Region
16 Years and Older: 2000 -
2005

Community	Labor Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
Amesbury	9,059	8,683	8,851	8,291	208	392	0.022961	4.51%
Andover	16,002	16,121	15,668	15,474	334	647	2.09%	4.01%
Boxford	4,102	4,137	4,025	3,999	77	138	1.88%	3.34%
Georgetown	4,095	4,128	4,006	3,961	89	167	2.17%	4.05%
Groveland	3,354	3,378	3,279	3,237	75	141	2.24%	4.17%
Haverhill	31,484	30,574	30,642	28,936	842	1,638	2.67%	5.36%
Lawrence	28,396	28,979	26,816	26,042	1,580	2,937	5.56%	10.13%
Merrimac	3,544	3,430	3,465	3,283	79	147	2.23%	4.29%
Methuen	22,428	22,992	21,690	21,591	738	1,401	3.29%	6.09%
Newbury	3,756	3,763	3,673	3,612	83	151	2.21%	4.01%
Newburyport	9,882	9,860	9,662	9,473	220	387	2.23%	3.92%
North Andover	14,029	13,553	13,715	12,979	314	574	2.24%	4.24%
Rowley	3,197	3,274	3,138	3,134	59	140	1.85%	4.28%
Salisbury	4,329	4,276	4,197	4,027	132	249	3.05%	5.82%
West Newbury	2,321	2,246	2,273	2,168	48	78	2.07%	3.47%
MVPC TOTAL	159,978	159,394	155,100	150,207	4,878	9,187	3.05%	5.76%
Massachusetts	3,365,600	3,364,500	3,273,300	3,203,000	92,300	161,500	2.70%	4.80%

The Occupations of these employed persons living in the MVPC region in 2000 are shown in Table II-8. Forty percent (59,508) were Management and Professional; 25.3% (37,819) Sales and Office; 14.4% (21,628) Production, Transportation and Material Handling; 13% (19,497) Service; and 7.3% (10,946) Construction, Extraction and Maintenance. Combining the above occupations into labor skills of the employed living in the region, the region is made up of 65% "white collar", 13% "service" and 22% "blue collar" residents as shown in Table III-10.

Table III-8
Number of Employed Persons by Occupation by Place of Residence in the MVPC Region
By Community: 2000

Area Name	Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and over						
	Employed Civilians 16 years and over	Management & Professional	Service	Sales and Office	Farming, Fishing & Forestry	Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	Production, Transportation, and Material Moving
Massachusetts	3,161,087	1,298,704	444,298	818,844	6,642	235,876	356,723
Essex County	349,835	137,746	47,724	94,374	1,076	25,688	43,227
MVPC	149,702	59,508	19,497	37,819	304	10,946	21,628
Amesbury	8,571	3,396	1,073	2,155	31	767	1,149
Andover	15,145	9,691	944	3,369	0	506	635
Boxford	3,879	2,403	227	1,000	0	134	115
Georgetown	3,861	1,725	561	925	0	349	301
Groveland	3,177	1,283	493	706	8	317	370
Haverhill	29,676	10,170	4,149	7,892	9	2,414	5,042
Lawrence	25,772	5,322	5,000	6,225	115	1,932	7,178
Merrimac	3,353	1,249	478	853	6	367	400
Methuen	20,810	7,487	2,671	5,649	18	1,778	3,207
Newbury	3,547	1,692	349	863	16	331	296
Newburyport	9,339	4,710	1,055	2,167	15	576	816
North Andover	13,273	6,881	1,368	3,642	24	604	754
Rowley	3,034	1,348	306	714	32	277	357
Salisbury	4,064	1,009	606	1,061	22	504	862
West Newbury	2,201	1,142	217	598	8	90	146

Sources: *The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the 2000 U.S. Census*

**Table III-9
Employment by Industry of Persons Residing in the MVPC Region
By Community: 2000 (16 Years and Older)**

Area Name	16 Years and Older					
	Farming, Forestry, Fishing & Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Transport, Warehousing, and Utilities
Massachusetts	12,440	173,940	405,368	103,333	353,019	131,820
Essex County	1,708	18,468	55,834	12,794	39,366	15,629
MVPC	532	7,503	30,233	5,569	15,543	5,801
Amesbury	62	488	1,765	389	973	372
Andover	15	514	2,516	491	1,470	274
Boxford	0	200	591	173	386	71
Georgetown	9	306	614	124	373	157
Groveland	8	180	496	123	246	145
Haverhill	40	1,501	6,577	1,038	3,144	1,406
Lawrence	78	992	6,756	1,267	2,612	1,097
Merrimac	41	284	693	128	341	131
Methuen	44	1,040	4,507	667	2,477	887
Newbury	55	296	466	138	419	169
Newburyport	25	513	1,448	334	823	292
North Andover	67	519	2,286	359	1,312	380
Rowley	39	220	441	178	251	118
Salisbury	29	336	815	100	497	261
West Newbury	20	114	262	60	219	41

Sources: *The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the 2000 U.S. Census*

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Table III-9 (Continued)
Employment by Industry of Persons Residing in the MVPC Region
By Community: 2000 (16 Years and Older)
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Area Name	16 Years and Older						
	Information	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative and Waste Management Services	Education, Health, and Social Services	Arts, Recreation, Hotel, and Food Services	Other Services (except Admin.)	Public Administration
Massachusetts	118,432	259,538	365,561	750,610	214,026	138,635	134,365
Essex County	12,837	26,173	39,184	75,354	22,595	15,550	14,343
MVPC	5,582	9,797	16,780	31,277	8,676	6,293	6,116
Amesbury	276	445	792	2,004	490	246	269
Andover	827	1,426	2,845	3,323	523	411	510
Boxford	140	460	591	924	80	117	146
Georgetown	177	215	477	890	193	179	147
Groveland	147	149	298	822	280	182	101
Haverhill	986	1,868	2,616	6,142	1,671	1,427	1,260
Lawrence	440	1,024	2,402	4,883	1,936	1,298	987
Merrimac	138	159	204	730	220	165	119
Methuen	743	1,233	1,992	3,981	1,084	935	1,220
Newbury	168	225	442	730	219	86	134
Newburyport	503	708	1,182	1,982	777	316	436
North Andover	693	1,322	1,918	2,869	627	431	490
Rowley	104	185	339	747	154	185	73
Salisbury	130	188	276	727	332	210	163
West Newbury	110	190	406	523	90	105	61

Sources: *The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the 2000 U.S. Census*

Table III-10
Labor Skills of the Employed Residing in the MVPC Region
By Community: 2000
16 Years and Older

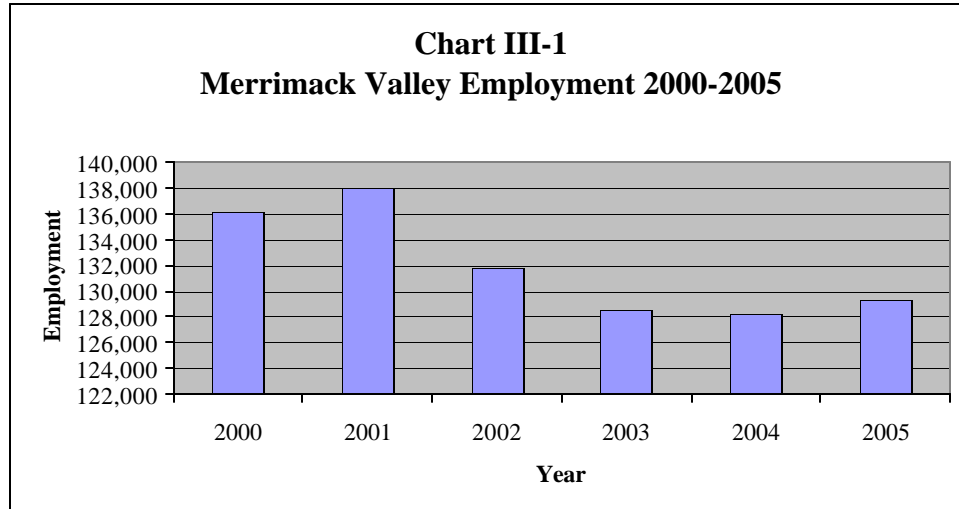
Area Name	Employed civilians 16 years and over	“White Collar”		“Service”		“Blue Collar”	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Massachusetts	3,161,087	2,117,548	67%	444,298	14%	599,241	19%
Essex County	349,835	232,120	66%	47,724	14%	69,991	20%
MVPC	149,702	97,327	65%	19,497	13%	32,878	22%
Amesbury	8,571	5,551	65%	1,073	13%	1,947	23%
Andover	15,145	13,060	86%	944	6%	1,141	8%
Boxford	3,879	3,403	88%	227	6%	249	6%
Georgetown	3,861	2,650	69%	561	15%	650	17%
Groveland	3,177	1,989	63%	493	16%	695	22%
Haverhill	29,676	18,062	61%	4,149	14%	7,465	25%
Lawrence	25,772	11,547	45%	5,000	19%	9,225	36%
Merrimac	3,353	2,102	63%	478	14%	773	23%
Methuen	20,810	13,136	63%	2,671	13%	5,003	24%
Newbury	3,547	2,555	72%	349	10%	643	18%
Newburyport	9,339	6,877	74%	1,055	11%	1,407	15%
North Andover	13,273	10,523	79%	1,368	10%	1,382	10%
Rowley	3,034	2,062	68%	306	10%	666	22%
Salisbury	4,064	2,070	51%	606	15%	1,388	34%
West Newbury	2,201	1,740	79%	217	10%	244	11%

Sources: *The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the 2000 U.S. Census*

Note: “White Collar” = Management/Professional; Sales and Office
“Service” = Service Occupations
“Blue Collar” = Farming, Fishing, & Forestry; Construction, Extraction, & Maintenance;
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving

Employment

Chart III-1 below shows employment levels in the Merrimack Valley region from 2000 to 2005. It should be noted that the information shown in this chart and in Table III-11 below does not include all employment in the region. Certain types of employment as well as employment not covered by Massachusetts Unemployment Insurance, is not shown. This table shows that total employment in the region peaked in 2001 at approximately 138,000 jobs and decreased through 2004 by 9.3% to 128,205. 2005 showed a modest increase in covered employment.



Source: DET

Table III-11 on the following page shows the community level breakdown of employment in the Valley for 2000 –2005. It's interesting to note that some communities were relatively unaffected by the downturn in regional employment between 2001 and 2004. Georgetown, Groveland, Methuen and Newbury all posted employment gains during this period. Significant loss of jobs occurred in Andover and North Andover with the latter largely being explained by the downsizing of the Lucent Technologies plant.

**Table III-11
Merrimack Valley Region Employment
2000-2005**

Community	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Amesbury	4,533	4,970	4,652	4,551	4,700	4,727
Andover	34,507	34,528	32,846	31,769	31,600	31,907
Boxford	1,091	929	974	971	987	971
Georgetown	2,306	2,435	2,514	2,433	2,496	2,504
Groveland	1,013	1,122	1,144	1,199	1,200	1,181
Haverhill	19,194	18,960	18,694	17,923	17,838	17,988
Lawrence	23,330	23,942	22,211	22,540	22,344	22,185
Merrimac	946	924	834	844	842	768
Methuen	13,663	14,586	15,243	15,360	15,239	15,775
Newbury	1,219	1,256	1,419	1,407	1,470	1,535
Newburyport	10,042	10,180	9,826	9,677	9,959	10,103
North Andover	19,012	18,328	15,423	13,611	13,269	13,575
Rowley	2,012	2,362	2,342	2,463	2,648	2,578
Salisbury	2,569	2,722	2,857	2,954	2,842	2,800
West Newbury	709	701	731	754	771	771
TOTAL	136,146	137,945	131,710	128,456	128,205	129,368

Source: DET Data

Table III-12 shows the composition of the covered employment in the Merrimack Valley region in 2005. Most of the employment in the table shows that the vast majority of the new jobs in the region came in the Services sector of the economy. This sector saw a 50% increase of 13,772 jobs from 1990-2000. Consequently, this means that the other seven sectors of the economy combined to generate 6,899 new jobs in the Valley during the period. The Construction sector also grew by 51% from 3739 to 5656 jobs from 1990 to 2000. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing also grew by 54% from 627 jobs to 969 jobs, a significant increase, although this sector provides less than one percent of the jobs in the region.

With its rapid growth during this period, the Services sector became the largest sector in the regional economy. Service employment overtook Manufacturing employment, whose share of the regional employment declined from 32.2% in 1990 to 27.2% in 2000. Service employment grew from 23.4% of the regional employment total in 1990 to 29.9% in 2000. Approximately three quarters of the region's employment is now concentrated in the Services, Manufacturing, and Trade sectors.

**Table III-12
Employment By Place of Work In The MVPC Region By Community: 1990 And 2000**

Community	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing				Mining)				Construction				Manufacturing				Trans., Com. & Utilities			
	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.
Amesbury	39	0.9%	37	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	99	2.3%	219	4.6%	1,817	41.3%	1,574	33.0%	59	1.3%	104	2.2%
Andover	100	0.4%	109	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	591	2.4%	610	1.8%	10,528	42.3%	11,348	33.1%	457	1.8%	1,656	4.8%
Boxford	54	7.8%	81	8.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	45	6.5%	123	13.6%	17	2.4%	6	0.7%	11	1.6%	13	1.4%
Georgetown	31	2.1%	35	1.4%	8	0.5%	0	0.0%	226	15.2%	513	21.1%	264	17.8%	531	21.8%	70	4.7%	18	0.7%
Groveland	29	3.5%	18	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	48	5.8%	74	6.8%	372	45.3%	502	45.8%	20	2.4%	3	0.3%
Haverhill	36	0.2%	90	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	633	3.6%	950	5.0%	3,843	22.1%	4,099	21.4%	825	4.7%	489	2.6%
Lawrence	16	0.1%	31	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	441	1.9%	592	2.5%	7,107	30.3%	5,798	24.5%	636	2.7%	848	3.6%
Merrimac	0	0.0%	Conf	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	56	7.8%	27	2.8%	202	28.1%	209	21.8%	59	8.2%	69	7.2%
Methuen	110	0.8%	166	1.2%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	847	6.3%	906	6.4%	1542	11.4%	2,109	14.9%	502	3.7%	518	3.7%
Newbury	5	0.5%	38	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	72	7.9%	104	9.1%	41	4.5%	32	2.8%	39	4.3%	144	12.6%
Newburyport	9	0.1%	18	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	119	1.4%	186	1.8%	2,348	28.4%	2,558	25.2%	320	3.9%	299	2.9%
North Andover	128	0.8%	267	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	380	2.3%	656	3.4%	9,160	54.7%	8,152	42.3%	939	5.6%	816	4.2%
Rowley	29	2.0%	43	1.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	66	4.6%	299	12.5%	250	17.3%	256	10.7%	9	0.6%	56	2.3%
Salisbury	19	1.0%	50	1.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	83	4.2%	336	12.1%	260	13.0%	366	13.2%	112	5.6%	132	4.8%
West Newbury	22	4.4%	18	2.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	6.6%	61	8.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	*	N/A
TOTAL	627	0.5%	969	0.7%	13	0.0%	0	0.0%	3739	3.2%	5656	4.1%	37,751	32.2%	37,540	27.2%	4,062	3.5%	5,165	3.7%

Community	Wholesale and Retail Trade				Finance, Insurance, Real Estate				Services				Public Administration (Government)				Total Employment	
	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	Pct.	2000	Pct.	1990	2000
Amesbury	797	18.1%	885	18.5%	112	2.5%	136	2.8%	788	17.9%	1082	22.7%	688	15.6%	736	15.4%	4,399	4,773
Andover	3,206	12.9%	3,523	10.3%	1,045	4.2%	3,494	10.2%	5,064	20.4%	10,050	29.3%	3,882	15.6%	3,468	10.1%	24,873	34,258
Boxford	79	11.4%	68	7.5%	20	2.9%	35	3.9%	194	27.9%	219	24.2%	275	39.6%	361	39.8%	695	906
Georgetown	324	21.8%	414	17.0%	57	3.8%	57	2.3%	277	18.7%	485	19.9%	226	15.2%	375	15.4%	1,483	2,434
Groveland	134	16.3%	154	14.1%	20	0.0%	21	1.9%	70	8.5%	160	14.6%	129	15.7%	163	14.9%	822	1,095
Haverhill	4,075	23.4%	4,667	24.4%	752	4.3%	698	3.6%	4,373	25.2%	4,661	24.3%	2,841	16.3%	3,506	18.3%	17,378	19,160
Lawrence	4,730	20.2%	3,719	15.7%	1,114	4.8%	356	1.5%	6,560	28.0%	9,430	39.9%	2,813	12.0%	2,852	12.1%	23,417	23,626
Merrimac	115	16.0%	120	12.5%	40	5.6%	48	5.0%	86	12.0%	199	20.8%	159	22.1%	278	29.0%	718	957
Methuen	4,341	32.2%	3,697	26.1%	526	3.9%	386	2.7%	3,905	29.0%	4,649	32.8%	1,705	12.6%	1,736	12.3%	13,482	14,170
Newbury	164	17.9%	215	18.8%	17	1.9%	19	1.7%	376	41.1%	371	32.5%	200	21.9%	218	19.1%	914	1,141
Newburyport	2,331	28.2%	2,626	25.9%	275	3.3%	391	3.9%	2,218	26.9%	3,304	32.6%	636	7.7%	767	7.6%	8,256	10,149
North Andover	2,144	12.8%	2,509	13.0%	571	3.4%	472	2.4%	2,582	15.4%	5,442	28.2%	854	5.1%	957	5.0%	16,758	19,271
Rowley	429	29.7%	945	39.5%	5	0.0%	21	0.9%	305	21.1%	425	17.8%	353	24.4%	349	14.6%	1,446	2,394
Salisbury	738	37.0%	1,055	38.1%	59	3.0%	38	1.4%	516	25.9%	512	18.5%	208	10.4%	282	10.2%	1,995	2,771
West Newbury	54	10.8%	46	6.5%	14	2.8%	8	1.1%	82	16.3%	179	25.4%	293	58.4%	389	55.3%	502	704
TOTAL	23,661	20.2%	24,643	17.9%	4,627	4.0%	6,180	4.5%	27,396	23.4%	41,168	29.9%	15,262	13.0%	16,437	11.9%	117,138	137,809

Source: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Employment and Training (ES-202 Series)

Income

Income data for the region's communities is presented in Table III-12. The Census Bureau, which recognizes political subdivisions such as cities, towns and counties, but not planning regions or economic development districts, collects this data; thus there is no entry in the table for the MVPC Region.

Median household income in Massachusetts in 1999 was \$50,502, approximately \$8,500 more than the median for the United States as a whole (\$41,994). Median household income among the region's 15 communities ranged from 55 percent of the state median (\$27,983 in the city of Lawrence) to more than twice the state median (\$113,212 in Boxford). Eleven of the 15 communities equaled or exceeded the state median household income in 1999.

Median family income in Massachusetts in 1999 was \$61,664, exceeding the U.S. median family income by \$11,618, or 23%. In the region, median family income ranged from a low of \$31,809 in Lawrence to a high of \$119,491 in Boxford. Eleven of the region's 15 communities exceeded the state median family income, six of them by more than 25 percent.

Per capita income in 1999 in Massachusetts was \$25,952, \$4,365 more than the average per capita income for the United States, and this figure was exceeded by eight of the region's communities.

**Table III-12
Income Data For The MVPC Region By Community**

Community	Median Family Income				Median Household Income				Per Capita Income			
	1989		1999		1989		1999		1989		1999	
	\$	% of state	\$	% of state	\$	% of state	\$	% of state	\$	% of state	\$	% of state
Amesbury	\$44,554	100%	\$62,875	102%	\$37,889	103%	\$51,906	103%	\$15,423	90%	\$24,103	93%
Andover	\$70,757	159%	\$104,820	170%	\$61,070	165%	\$87,683	174%	\$26,327	153%	\$41,133	158%
Boxford	\$83,509	188%	\$119,491	194%	\$78,562	213%	\$113,212	224%	\$30,634	178%	\$48,846	188%
Georgetown	\$50,927	115%	\$79,649	129%	\$44,861	121%	\$76,260	151%	\$17,571	102%	\$28,846	111%
Groveland	\$52,593	119%	\$73,996	120%	\$48,351	131%	\$69,167	137%	\$20,038	116%	\$25,430	98%
Haverhill	\$43,209	97%	\$59,772	97%	\$36,945	100%	\$49,833	99%	\$15,464	90%	\$23,280	90%
Lawrence	\$26,398	59%	\$31,809	52%	\$22,183	60%	\$27,983	55%	\$9,686	56%	\$13,360	51%
Merrimac	\$46,276	104%	\$69,118	112%	\$41,236	112%	\$58,692	116%	\$16,327	95%	\$24,869	96%
Methuen	\$44,901	101%	\$59,831	97%	\$37,701	102%	\$49,627	98%	\$15,598	91%	\$22,305	86%
Newbury	\$47,711	108%	\$83,428	135%	\$44,068	119%	\$74,836	148%	\$19,917	116%	\$34,640	133%
Newburyport	\$53,012	119%	\$73,306	119%	\$38,618	105%	\$58,557	116%	\$19,008	110%	\$34,187	132%
N. Andover	\$61,468	139%	\$91,105	148%	\$51,692	140%	\$72,728	144%	\$22,957	133%	\$34,335	132%
Rowley	\$52,677	119%	\$75,527	122%	\$47,967	130%	\$62,130	123%	\$18,130	105%	\$27,413	106%
Salisbury	\$40,062	90%	\$56,327	91%	\$35,679	97%	\$49,310	98%	\$14,455	84%	\$21,608	83%
W. Newbury	\$60,381	136%	\$99,050	161%	\$56,591	153%	\$92,828	184%	\$20,450	119%	\$35,323	136%
Essex County	\$45,794	103%	\$63,746	103%	\$37,913	103%	\$51,576	102%	\$17,586	102%	\$26,358	102%
Massachusetts	\$44,367	100%	\$61,664	100%	\$36,952	100%	\$50,502	100%	\$17,224	100%	\$25,952	100%
United States			\$50,046				\$41,994				\$21,587	

Sources: *1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of the Population: General Population Characteristics, Massachusetts.*

Selected Population and Income Data for Massachusetts Cities and Towns, State Data Center, Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 1990.

Land Use

The Merrimack Valley planning region encompasses 267.4 square miles of land area, slightly more than half of what formerly was Essex County of which it was a part. The region is predominantly coastal lowland and substantial portions of its eastern borders are tidal marsh, estuary and barrier beach. Some farm uses remain in the more rural communities of the region, principally dairy, horse and truck farming, but the overwhelming majority of land - 40 percent of the region's land area - remains forested. Another 27 percent is devoted to residential land uses. Commercial and Industrial Uses make up only 4% of the land in the region. Many of the region's residents commute to and from the Metropolitan Boston area and the Route 128 industrial/service sector complex. In 1991 44% of the region was forested and 22% was residential.

Table III-13 shows 1991 and 1999 Land Use information for the 15 cities and towns in the Valley. The information was developed based on 1991 and 1999 aerial photography that was interpreted by the University of Massachusetts Department of Forest Resources. The predominant land use in the region is Forest (40%), followed by Sparse Residential Development (12%). These two land use types account for over 50% of the land in the region. The Valley also has a relatively high (12%) proportion of land that is classified as Water, Wetland, or Salt Water Wetland. In fact, 30% of the total land area of Newbury; 26% of the total land area of Salisbury; and 19% of the total land area of Rowley is classified as Salt Water Wetland. This critically important natural resource area plays a major role in shaping development in these eastern Merrimack Valley communities.

Charts III-2 and III-3 show regional land use in 1991 and 1999 as defined by the following categories:

- **Residential** including Multifamily, Dense, Medium, and Sparse Residential
- **Natural Lands & Water** including Wetlands, Salt Wetlands, Forest, and Water
- **Agriculture** including Crop, Pasture, Woodland
- **Industrial & Commercial** including Commercial, Industrial, Transportation, Mining and Waste Disposal
- **Open Space and Recreation** including Open Space, Urban Open Space, Active Recreation, Special Recreation and Water Recreation

They show that the majority of the region is in **Residential** and **Natural Lands and Water** use. From 1991 to 1999, there was a three percent drop in the latter category and a corresponding three percent increase in residential use. This is not surprising given the level of population growth that took place in the region over those years. Also, the amount of Open Space and Recreation land increased by one percent while the amount of land in agricultural use dropped by one percent

Table III-13

Land Use Types for the MVPC Region
By Community (In Acres): 1999 and 1991

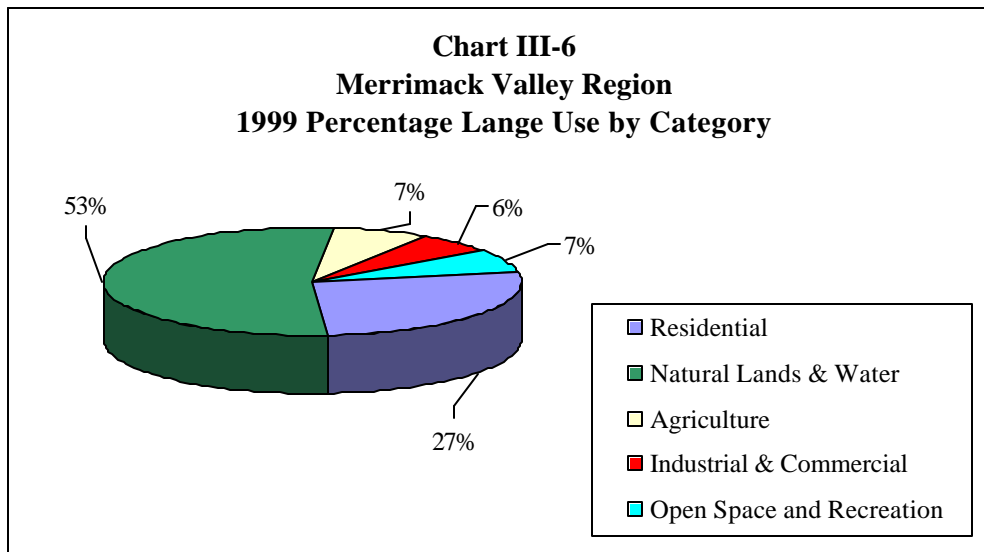
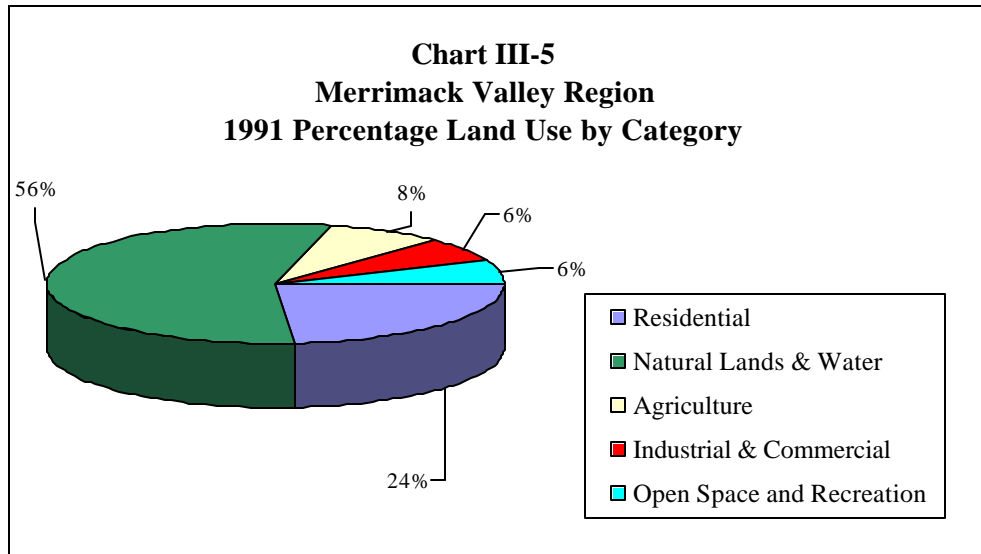
Town	Year	Crop (1)	Past (2)	Forest (3)	Wet- Land (4)	Min- ing (5)	Open (6)	Act. Rec (7)	Spec. Rec (8)	Water Rec. (9)	Res MF (10)	Res D (11)	Res M (12)	Res S (13)	Salt Wet- (14)	Com (15)	Ind (16)	Urban Open (17)	Trans (18)	Waste Disposal (19)	Water (20)	Woody Peren- ial (21)	Total
Amesbury	1999	925	175	3170	186	21	305	169	0	16	142	457	978	589	0	125	227	191	217	9	877	7	8,786
	1991	1039	126	3272	194	230	187	106	49	18	116	422	809	474	0	132	197	288	220	6	869	11	8,765
	Change	-114	49	-102	-8	-209	118	63	-49	-2	26	11	169	115	0	-7	30	-97	-3	3	8	-4	
Andover	1999	306	194	7901	644	25	497	553	0	4	117	646	4185	2417	0	417	839	580	469	34	737	18	20,583
	1991	482	296	8319	645	20	524	323	190	4	107	641	3921	2159	0	400	747	560	499	25	686	36	20,584
	Change	-176	-102	-418	-1	5	-27	230	-190	0	10	5	264	258	0	17	92	20	-30	9	51	-18	
Boxford	1999	481	227	9460	442	19	268	206	0	4	13	14	8	3718	0	24	2	79	233	0	410	10	15,618
	1991	604	225	9985	384	48	74	108	18	1	10	0	0	3250	0	15	2	189	236	0	416	52	15,617
	Change	-123	2	-525	58	-29	194	98	-18	3	3	14	8	493	0	9	0	-110	-3	0	-6	-42	
Georgetown	1999	163	65	4619	462	40	174	142	7	0	11	0	557	1593	0	82	75	84	173	17	118	28	8,410
	1991	265	96	4946	456	45	209	5	14	3	10	0	501	1266	0	100	22	154	171	17	118	14	8,412
	Change	-102	-31	-327	6	-5	-35	137	-7	-3	1	0	56	327	0	-18	53	-70	2	0	0	14	
Groveland	1999	244	56	2931	245	122	307	58	0	5	25	113	462	1003	0	20	58	51	0	0	313	0	6,013
	1991	324	99	3257	295	181	56	6	30	3	13	127	441	608	0	16	34	211	7	7	296	1	6,012
	Change	-80	-18	-326	-50	-59	251	52	-30	2	12	-14	21	395	0	4	24	-160	-7	-7	17	-1	
Haverhill	1999	1653	503	8180	505	118	957	442	81	45	445	2070	1781	2208	0	473	482	625	596	37	1583	26	22,810
	1991	1941	573	8600	503	306	569	316	195	12	444	2081	1419	2060	0	508	413	603	595	106	1527	39	22,810
	Change	-288	-70	-420	2	-188	388	126	-114	33	1	-11	362	148	0	-35	69	22	1	-69	56	-13	
Lawrence	1999	7	313	4	0	0	107	144	0	0	116	2129	0	6	0	420	678	373	167	4	285	0	4,753
	1991	6	0	313	15	0	416	76	63	0	90	2221	0	0	0	423	629	21	194	12	274	0	4,753
	Change	1	313	-309	-15	0	-309	68	-63	0	26	-92	0	6	0	-3	49	352	-27	-8	11	0	
Merrimac	1999	539	36	2844	172	48	85	7	0	4	4	40	518	895	0	50	14	67	120	9	216	18	5,686
	1991	606	74	3037	155	88	95	0	7	4	3	51	417	685	0	44	14	42	123	9	211	20	5,685
	Change	-67	-38	-193	17	-15	-10	7	-7	0	1	-11	101	210	0	6	0	25	-3	0	5	-2	
Methuen	1999	462	131	4187	858	86	651	335	0	0	205	1302	2861	1563	0	338	351	421	463	20	411	78	14,723
	1991	490	159	4621	794	172	555	256	94	0	190	1299	2738	1288	0	382	297	390	467	24	388	118	14,722
	Change	-28	-28	-184	64	-86	96	79	-94	0	15	3	123	275	0	-44	54	31	-4	-4	23	-15	
Newbury	1999	1192	327	5116	382	0	806	121	0	113	7	157	451	1448	4630	61	2	105	247	36	32	3	15,236
	1991	1229	428	5230	430	3	823	55	64	114	7	158	374	1283	4627	58	7	89	200	44	15	3	15,241
	Change	-37	-101	-114	-48	-3	-17	66	-64	-1	0	-1	77	165	3	3	-5	16	47	-8	17	0	
Newburyport	1999	551	169	1172	135	9	274	116	0	70	28	478	1001	246	173	158	388	178	191	11	356	7	5,711
	1991	564	159	1118	167	13	269	63	55	53	22	502	990	261	165	161	416	135	188	39	354	18	5,712
	Change	-13	10	54	-32	-4	5	53	-55	17	6	-24	11	-15	8	-3	-28	18	3	-28	2	-11	
North Andover	1999	638	411	8620	298	46	307	224	0	4	259	605	1694	2369	0	273	444	269	306	76	806	57	17,706
	1991	723	520	9230	260	68	348	75	127	8	237	598	1360	1942	0	265	440	273	264	77	815	76	17,706
	Change	-85	-109	-610	38	-22	-41	149	-127	-4	22	7	334	427	0	8	4	-4	42	-1	-9	-19	
Rowley	1999	454	320	5690	275	36	422	98	1	24	30	0	462	1336	2241	112	75	61	37	19	64	70	11,827
	1991	500	314	5915	351	25	467	83	16	24	30	0	303	1128	2242	93	54	34	32	34	64	118	11,827
	Change	-46	6	-225	-76	11	-45	15	-15	0	0	0	159	208	-1	19	21	27	5	-15	0	-48	
Salisbury	1999	425	107	3678	19	68	290	108	0	126	8	188	526	896	2670	269	99	66	179	54	325	15	10,116
	1991	488	157	3776	26	98	170	74	39	124	11	190	536	742	2676	232	119	58	158	83	321	44	10,122
	Change	-53	-50	-98	-7	-30	120	34	-39	2	-3	-2	-10	154	-6	37	-20	8	21	-29	2	-29	
West Newbury	1999	1189	367	4291	309	3	272	33	48	0	0	0	154	1484	0	0	8	55	15	0	796	196	9,220
	1991	1388	372	4352	290	3	339	1	24	0	0	0	346	1122	23	0	5	67	42	0	797	277	9,448
	Change	-199	-5	-61	19	0	-67	32	-24	0	0	0	58	362	-23	0	3	-12	-2	0	-1	-81	
TOTAL	1999	9229	3401	71863	4932	641	5722	2756	137	415	1410	8199	15638	21771	9714	2822	3742	3205	3413	326	7329	533	177,198
	1991	10649	3598	75971	4965	1300	5101	1547	985	368	1290	8290	14155	18268	9733	2829	3396	3114	3396	483	7151	827	177,416
	Change	-13%	-5%	-5%	-1%	-51%	12%	78%	-86%	13%	9%	-1%	10%	19%	0%	0%	10%	3%	1%	-33%	2%	-36%	
Town	Year	Crop (1)	Past (2)	Forest (3)	Wet-land (4)	Min- (5)	Open (6)	Act Rec (7)	Spec Rec (8)	Water Rec (9)	Res MF (10)	Res D (11)	Res M (12)	Res S (13)	Salt Wet- (14)	Com (15)	Ind (16)	Urban Open (17)	Trans (18)	Waste dispo- (19)	Water (20)	Woody Peren- ial (21)	Total
Regionwide	1999	5%	2%	41%	3%	0%	3%	2%	0%	0%	1%	5%	9%	12%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	4%	0%	
% of Land	1991	6%	2%	43%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	5%	8%	10%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	4%	0%	

* Lawrence and Groveland, 1985 data for 1991 listing Data; All Others 1991 or 1999 as listed.

Source: MA GIS Aerial Photos.

- Notes:**
1. Dense Residential: Single-family houses on lots less than ¼ acre.
 2. Medium Residential: Single-family houses with predominantly ¼ acre lots.
 3. Sparse Residential: Single-family houses with lots of ½ to 2 acres, estates, forested residential areas with greater than 75% of the forest left intact, and clusters of medium-density residential homes (3 to 10) in farm or forest areas.
 4. Waste Disposal: Dumps, landfills, and sewage disposal filter beds.
 5. Active Recreation: Tennis, golf, playgrounds, ski areas, etc.
 6. Spectator Recreation: Race tracks, athletic fields, stadiums, amusement parks and fairgrounds, drive-ins, and urban parks.

Source: *Land Use Update for Massachusetts With Area Statistics for 1971 and 1984/1985*, William MacConnell, David Goodwin and Katherine Jones, Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station Research Bulletin No. 740, October 1991.



Dwelling Units Permitted

Chart II-2 shows the number of dwelling units permitted in the region from 1981-2005. The chart shows that the greatest number of permits were issued during the boom years of the 1980s. The number of permits has fluctuated since 1990, showing increases in the mid-to-late 1990's and in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

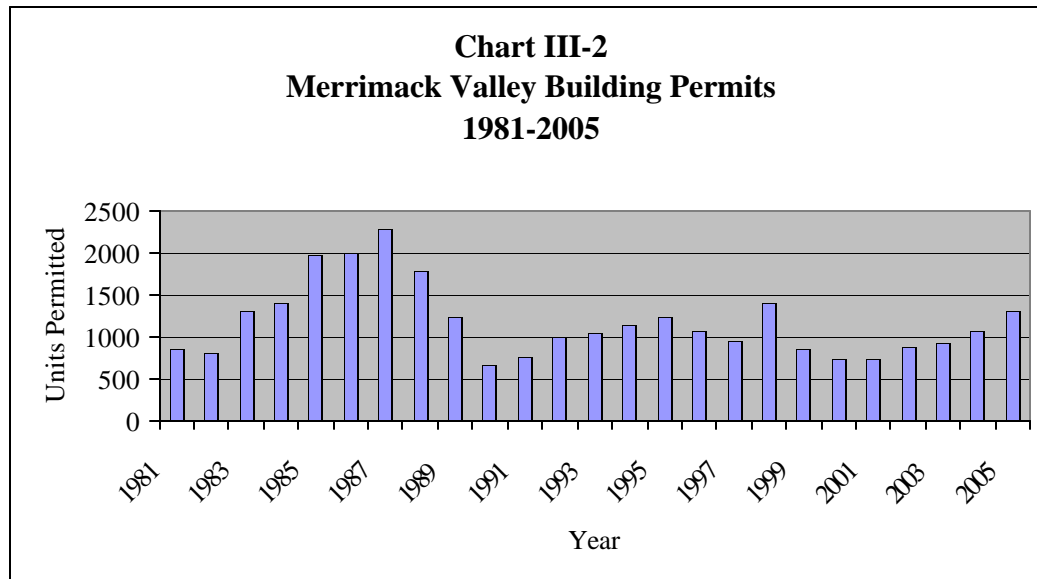


Table III-15 below shows the building permit activity by community for the same period.

**Table III-15
Merrimack Valley Building Permits
1981-2005**

Community	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Amesbury	20	21	45	66	65	59	313	33	28	36	57	93	85
Andover	99	73	198	192	114	167	171	272	307	75	120	141	97
Boxford	35	28	25	45	120	54	56	35	23	17	47	64	104
Georgetown	9	13	49	37	38	22	32	43	51	40	34	51	78
Groveland	12	8	26	33	26	32	23	32	45	24	15	20	19
Haverhill	130	48	193	148	511	650	622	490	347	143	112	213	245
Lawrence	19	180	21	91	124	188	255	132	49	3	4	7	3
Merrimac	14	9	29	27	60	51	85	56	58	20	36	35	29
Methuen	184	191	279	319	246	314	318	463	150	96	90	115	92
Newbury	29	35	53	60	85	57	44	23	36	26	25	31	32
Newburyport	31	20	102	70	89	54	83	36	33	24	31	38	40
N. Andover	178	97	183	213	320	221	182	82	49	72	61	87	131
Rowley	26	9	23	25	36	35	26	28	26	57	36	57	28
Salisbury	51	51	42	41	69	66	37	37	26	17	37	12	16
West Newbury	12	20	33	42	62	38	28	21	11	15	46	30	42
MVPC	849	803	1301	1409	1965	2008	2275	1783	1239	665	751	994	1041

**Table III-15
Merrimack Valley Building Permits
1981-2005 (continued)**

Area	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	TOTA
Amesbury	85	86	57	52	60	60	35	46	30	36	32	32	38	14
Andover	97	110	67	95	71	65	62	61	64	70	144	190	310	33
Boxford	104	73	48	85	63	51	34	42	22	16	13	11	13	11
Georgetown	78	73	30	59	54	62	63	67	29	45	64	58	59	11
Groveland	19	27	54	51	19	30	9	9	47	48	57	72	85	8
Haverhill	245	265	331	199	252	252	183	144	118	330	141	154	262	64
Lawrence	3	8	9	16	6	423	8	13	34	47	52	75	69	18
Merrimac	29	45	45	50	53	58	32	22	22	17	15	40	41	9
Methuen	92	123	111	116	123	133	134	121	110	114	108	84	62	41
Newbury	32	31	28	36	37	7	20	25	20	11	22	80	14	8
Newburyport	40	45	55	43	40	69	121	45	90	25	52	21	45	13
N. Andover	131	127	312	172	85	59	49	97	95	55	70	64	135	31
Rowley	28	28	19	21	29	68	62	10	9	18	48	68	36	8
Salisbury	16	56	40	51	39	36	36	33	26	41	92	114	138	12
West Newbury	42	35	25	24	22	19	12	11	15	12	15	18	10	6
MVPC	1041	1132	1231	1070	953	1392	860	746	731	885	925	1081	1317	294