



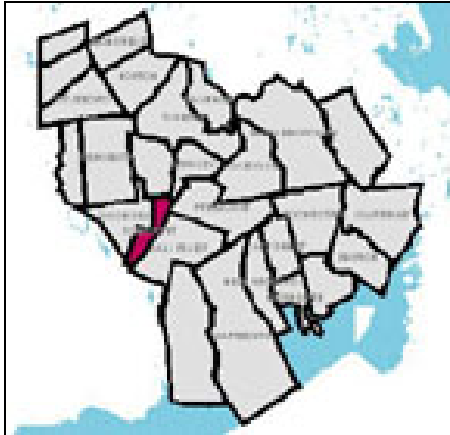
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SPOTLIGHT ON:

# SOMERSET TOWN

FALL 2010



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# **SOMERSET COMMUNITY PROFILE**

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## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (Updated September 2010)

Address: website: <http://townofsomerset.org/>

Somerset Town Hall  
140 Wood Street  
Somerset, MA 02726  
Phone: (508) 646-2800; Fax: (508) 646-2802  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Wed. 6:00 p.m.)

### Form of Government:

Town Chief Administrator: Stephen Rivard  
Open Town Meeting

Selectmen Meetings: Every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Town Office Building.

Selectmen, Chair: William P. Meehan

Town Administrator: Dennis LuTrell

## GEOGRAPHY

Location in State: Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Dighton on the north; the Taunton River and Fall River on the east; Mount Hope Bay on the south; and Swansea on the west. Somerset is approximately 45 miles south of Boston; 18 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 196 miles from New York City. (Source: MA DHCD)

Total Area, 1999: 8.04 sq. miles

Metropolitan Statistical Area: Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA

### Chamber of Commerce:

Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce  
200 Pocasset Street, Fall River, MA 02721  
Telephone: (508) 676-8226

*[STREET MAP OF SOMERSET](#)*

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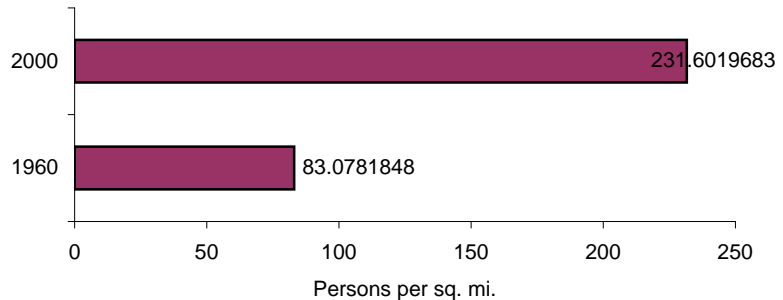
**General Population Statistics**

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	1990	2000
	Number	Number
<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>17,655</b>	<b>18,234</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Male.....	8,475	8,635
Female.....	9,180	9,599
Under 5 years.....	806	791
5 to 9 years.....	948	1,020
10 to 14 years.....	1,109	1,209
15 to 19 years.....	1,257	1,098
20 to 24 years.....	1,153	735
25 to 34 years.....	2,239	1,997
35 to 44 years.....	2,626	2,772
45 to 54 years.....	2,197	2,701
55 to 59 years.....	1,053	1,132
60 to 64 years.....	1,118	944
65 to 74 years.....	1,902	1,908
75 to 84 years.....	930	1,460
85 years and over.....	317	467
Median age (years).....	40.3	43
<b>RACE /ETHNICITY</b>		
One race.....		18,090
White.....	17,643	17,909
Black or African Amer	25	30
Asian.....	18	22
Hawaiian/Other PI	114	97
Some other races	3	4
Two or more races	32	28
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
Hispanic or Latino.....	137	90
Not Hispanic or Latino.....	17,518	18,144
White alone Not Hispanic....	17,347	17,834
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
Total households.....	6,410	6,987
Family HHs (families).....	5,135	5,260
W/ own children <18 yrs...	1,932	1,964
Married-couple family.....	4,386	4,357
W/ own children <18 yrs...	1,670	1,586
Female hholder, no husband	567	686
W/ own children <18 yrs...	201	287
Nonfamily HHs.....	1,275	1,727
Hholder living alone.....	1,175	1,501
Householder 65 yrs+.....	768	898
HHs with individuals<18 yrs....	2,100	2,177
HHs with individuals 65+	2,206	2,557
Average household size.....	2.73	2.57
Average family size.....	3.10	2.98

Source: U.S. Census 1990, 2000

**Persons per Square Mile, 1960 & 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

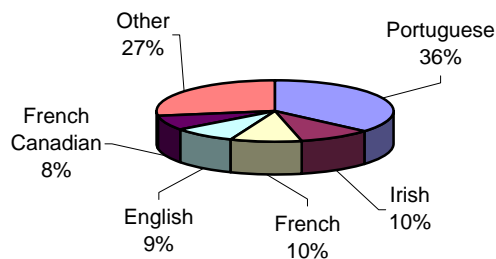
**POPULATION GROWTH, ESTIMATE, & PROJECTIONS**

Year	Population
1960	12,196
1970	18,088
1980	18,813
1990	17,655
2000	18,234
2005	18,570
2008	18,055
2009	18,556
2010	18,815
2020	19,131
2030	19,459

Note: Projections in italics.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SRPEDD

**Main Ancestry, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**LAND USE CHANGE (in Acres), 1951-1999**

	1951	1999	% Change
Urban	1,321	3,221	143.8
Forest	1,362	813	-40.3
Agricultural	2,341	807	-65.5
Wetland	1,156	302	-73.9
Total	6,180	5,143	-16.8

Source: MacConnell & Mueller, MassGIS



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**ECONOMY**

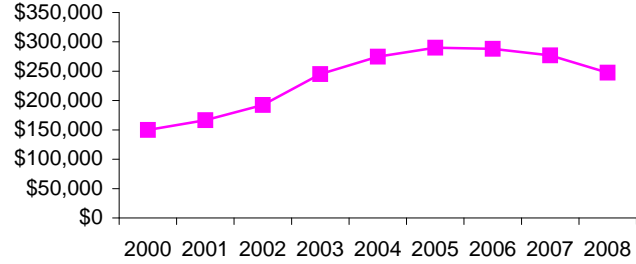
**Area Employment by Industry, 2009**

	Number	Percent
Construction	100	2.3
Manufacturing	394	8.9
Utilities	388	8.8
Wholesale Trade	10	0.2
Retail Trade	822	18.6
Information	42	1.0
Finance and Insurance	42	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	34	0.8
Professional & Technical Services	52	1.2
Administrative & Waste Services	97	2.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	736	16.7
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	90	2.0
Accommodation & Food Services	664	15.0
Other Services	191	4.3
Public Administration	758	17.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: MA Labor & Workforce Development

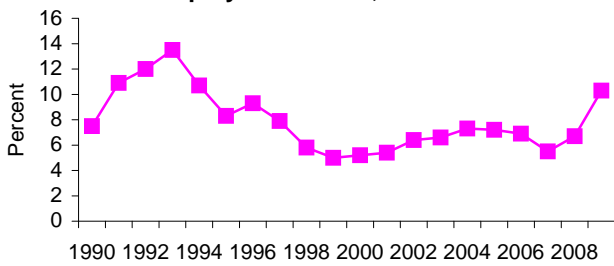
**HOUSING**

**Median Housing Costs (All Types), 2000-2008**



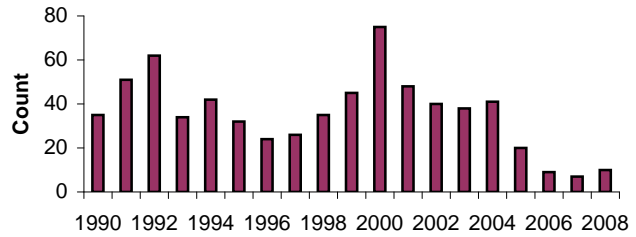
The Warren Group

**Unemployment Rates, 1990-2009**



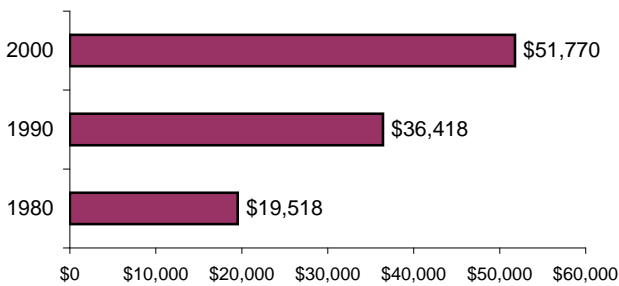
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**Building Permits for Single Residential Family Homes, 1990-2008**



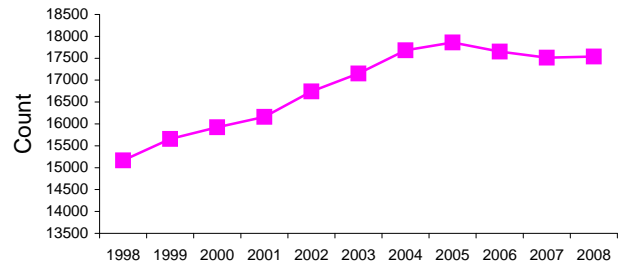
Source: SRPEDD

**Median Household Income, 1980-2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

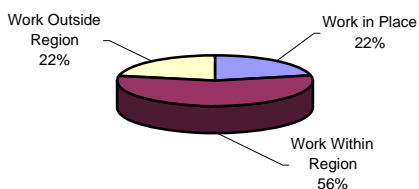
**Number of Registered Vehicles, 1998-2008**



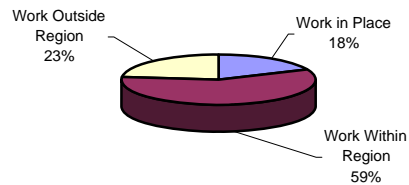
Source: MA DOR

**JOURNEY TO WORK, 1990-2000**

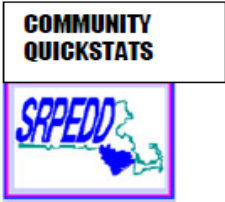
**1990**



**2000**



Source: CTPP



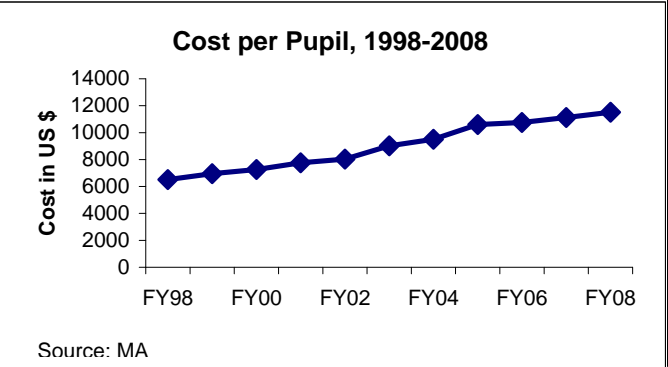
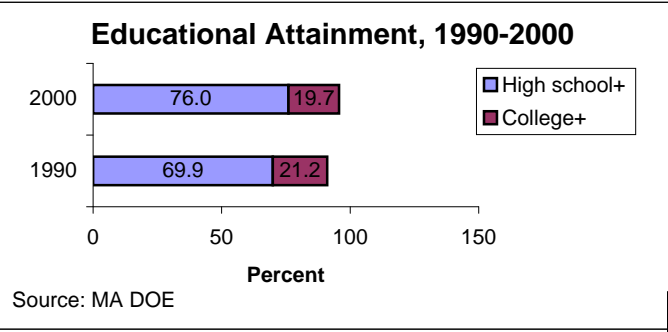
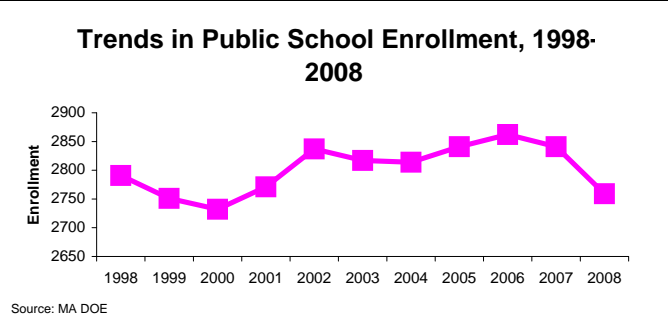
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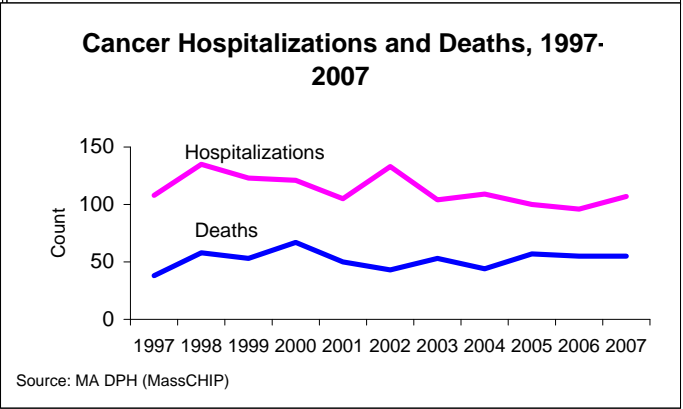
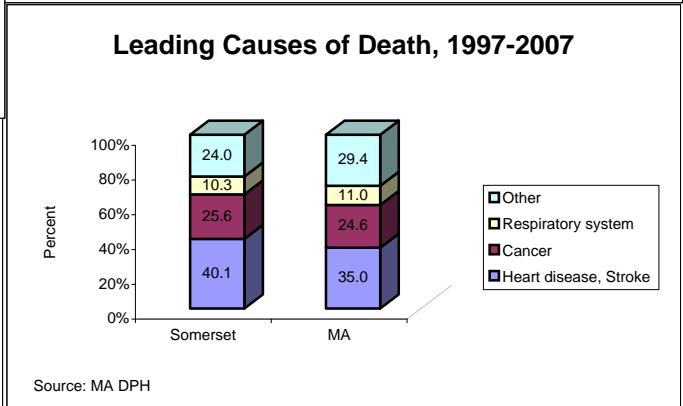
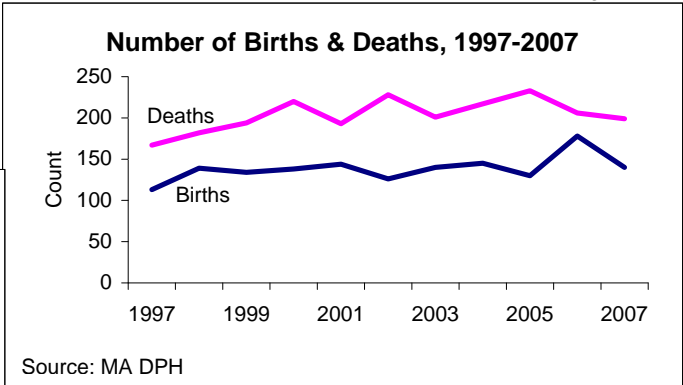
**EDUCATION**

	1990	2000
Persons 3+ enrolled in school	4,181	4,114

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



**HEALTH**



**COMMUNITY**

