

Hardwick Community Profile



Prepared for the Vermont Council on Rural Development's 2016 Community Visit

What follows is a collection of indicators and information about the Hardwick community and its residents. These data are meant to inform the Vermont Council on Rural Development community visit, but certainly have many other uses.

The data profile relies upon the following data sources:

- the US Census Bureau's American FactFinder – <http://factfinder2.census.gov>
- the Vermont Dept. of Labor's Labor Force & Unemployment site – www.vtlmi.info/labforce.cfm
- the Local Employment Dynamics site – <http://lehd.ces.census.gov/led/>
- the Vermont Agency of Education - <http://education.vermont.gov/>

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Introduction

Hardwick is located within Caledonia County in the North East Kingdom of Vermont. Roughly 40 miles from the Canadian border, the town is found at the junction of Routes 14, 15 and 16. Hardwick is roughly a 45 minute drive from Montpelier and Middlebury and 1.5 hours from Burlington.

From the Hardwick Town Website:

“The Town of Hardwick had its beginning in the part of town known as Hardwick Street. The land was granted to Danforth Keyes and his associates in 1780 and chartered in 1781. Settlements were attempted but it was not until 1792 that Mark Norris and his wife arrived from New Hampshire to become the first permanent settlers. In 1793 and 1794 the settlement grew to a sizeable community.”

“The building of the Bayley-Hazen Road facilitated growth of this area. General Bayley began this road in 1776 for the purposes of conveying troops and provisions into Canada. The project was abandoned but begun again in 1779.” ... “The St. Johnsbury and Lamoille County Railroad was officially opened in 1877.”

“Hardwick was dependent on agriculture and its location as a trade center until the opening of the quarries nearby. Henry Mack pioneered the granite industry in 1868. With the completion of the railroad Hardwick came prominently into the field as a shipping point.”... “In 1897 the Hardwick and Woodbury railroad was completed, connecting the quarries with the town. The granite industry reached its peak in 1911. The decline was slow. Operations continued through the 1920s and until 1934 on a small scale. The tracks of the Hardwick to Woodbury railroad were taken up for scrap metal during World War II.”

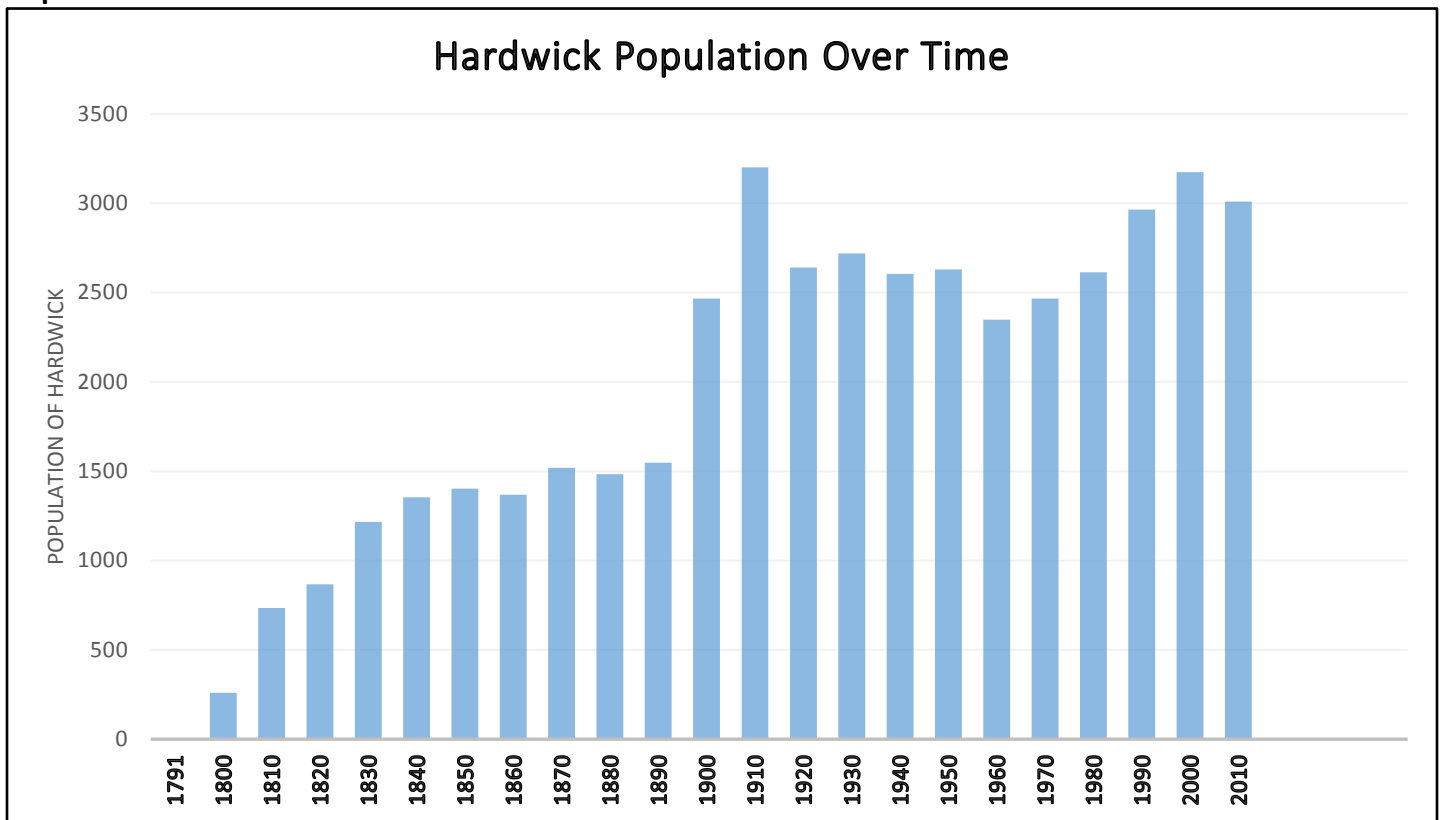
“Recent history has seen the Village of Hardwick merge with the town in July 1988 creating a single municipal governance system again. In 1992 a fire destroyed two buildings and damaged a third altering Hardwick’s Historic Main Street. The buildings were reconstructed and the downtown area continued as the economic and historic center of Hardwick. In 2006, Main Street suffered another setback as the Bemis block burned, gutting the structure. At this time the Bemis block is under redevelopment along with many other projects and developments throughout the town”

Civics

Year Town Incorporated or Chartered	Chartered August 19, 1781
Type of Entity	Town
County	Caledonia
Regional Planning Commission	Northeastern Vermont Development Association
Incorporated Villages	Incorporated village of Hardwick and unincorporated villages of East Hardwick and Mackville
Municipal Plan	Yes
Zoning Bylaws	Yes, adopted 1972

Source: Vermont Indicators Online: Civics & Planning

Population



Population Change

Hardwick			Caledonia			Vermont		
2000	2009-2013	% Change	2000	2009-2013	% Change	2000	2009-2013	% Change
3,174	2,984	-6.0%	29,702	31,157	4.9%	608,827	625,904	2.8%

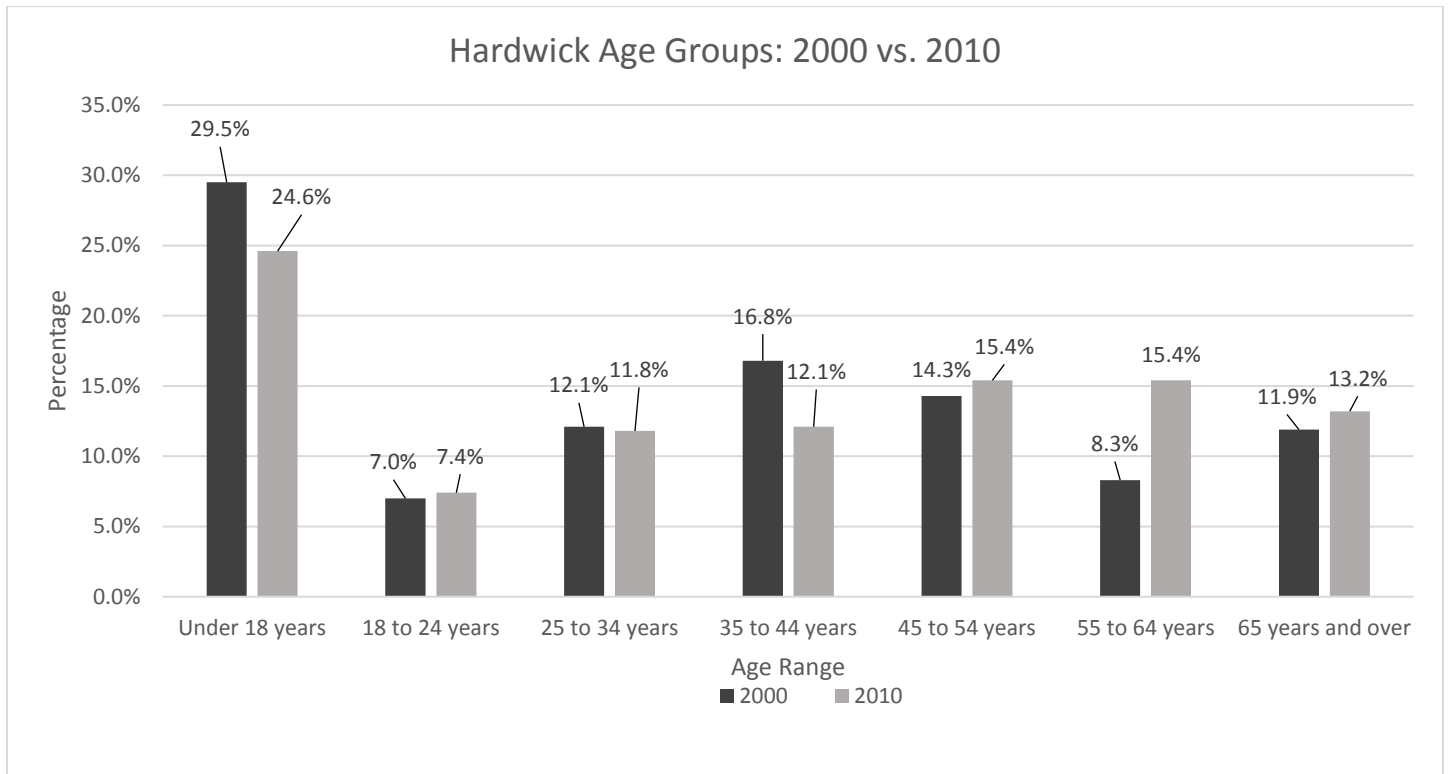
Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Median Age

Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
35.9	40.4	38.5	42.5	37.7	42.0

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Age Categories: 2000 & 2010



Source: 2000 & 2010 Decennial Census

Nativity

Of Hardwick residents, 39.9% are native to Vermont. This compares to 38.5% in Caledonia County and 35.7% across the state.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Disabled Populations

	Hardwick	Caledonia	VT
Disability Status of Total Non-Institutionalized Population	13.1%	17.5%	13.3%
Population Under 5	0.0%*	0.9%	1.3%
Population 5-17 Years of Age	5.1%	10.0%	7.1%
Population 18-64 Years of Age	11.9%	14.9%	11.1%
Population 65+	32.1%	41.2%	37.7%

* MOE for Population Under 5 with a Disability (Hardwick) is +/- 9.5 due to the small sample size.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Veteran Populations

	Hardwick	Caledonia	VT
Total Veterans	233	2,654	48,456
Gulf War (2002 or later) veterans	0.0*	7.6%	7.4%
Gulf War (1990 to 2001) veterans	12%	11.5%	10.9%
Vietnam era veterans	21%	38.7%	37%
Korean War veterans	10.3%	15.1%	11.5%
World War II veterans	17.2%	8.1%	8.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

* MOE for Population high due to the small sample size.

Income & Poverty

Median Household Income

Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
\$33,636	\$46,310	\$34,800	\$45,395	\$40,856	\$54,267

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census & 2009-20113 American Community Survey

Poverty Status (Individuals)

Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
14.0%	12.8%	12.3%	14.1%	9.4%	11.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census & 2009-20113 American Community Survey

Households eligible for SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps)

Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
2005-2009	2009-2013	2005-2009	2009-2013	2005-2009	2009-2013
18.9%	18.5%	12.4%	17.2%	9.1%	13.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2005-2009 & 2009-2013 American Community Survey Estimates

Note: These data come from two five year estimates with one overlapping year.

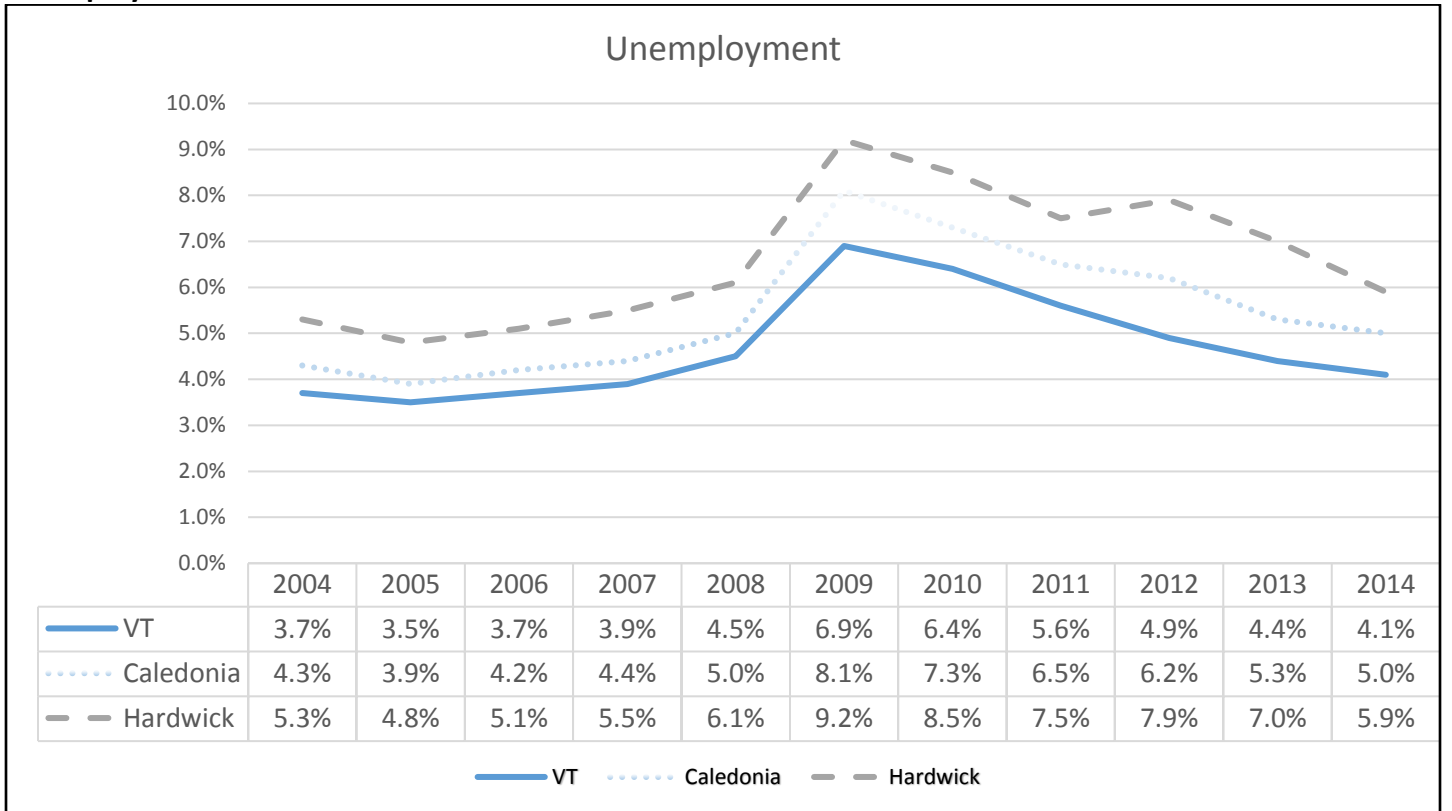
Economy

Percent of Population Over 16 years of age in the Labor Force

Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
68.4%	71.1%	67.1%	65.5%	69.3%	67.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey

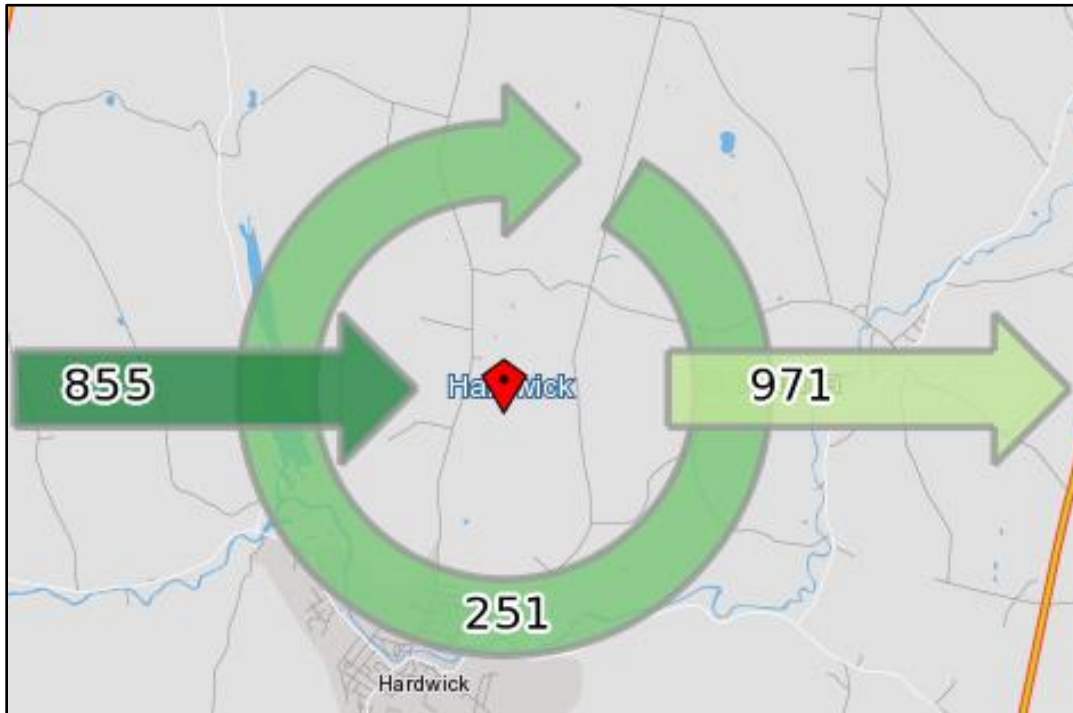
Unemployment Rate 2004-2014



Hardwick Labor Force, Inflow/Outflow Chart (All Jobs): 2013

Source: US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies - onthemap.ces.census.gov

This graphic is a visual representation of the 2013 Inflow/Outflow data presented in the accompanying table. Of the 1,106 people working in Hardwick each day, 855 commute into Hardwick from outside and 251 live within Hardwick and also work there. Another 971 Hardwick residents commute outside of Hardwick for work.



2013 Inflow/Outflow Job Counts – All Jobs

	2003		2013	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Employed in Hardwick Town	803	100%	1,106	100%
Employed in Hardwick but Living Outside	521	64.9%	855	77.3%
Employed and Living in Hardwick Town	282	35.1%	251	22.7%
Living in Hardwick	1,047	100%	1,222	100%
Living in Hardwick but Employed Outside	765	73.1%	971	79.5%
Living and Employed in Hardwick	282	26.9%	251	20.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies - onthemap.ces.census.gov

Jobs in Hardwick by Industry Sector, 2003 & 2013 – All Jobs

Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector	2003		2013		VT 2013
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	47	5.9%	38	3.4%	0.9%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.2%
Utilities	14	1.7%	15	1.4%	0.7%
Construction	35	4.4%	121	10.9%	4.5%
Manufacturing	18	2.2%	45	4.1%	10.8%
Wholesale Trade	17	2.1%	66	6.0%	3.1%
Retail Trade	179	22.3%	271	24.5%	12.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	37	4.6%	35	3.2%	2.5%
Information	22	2.7%	9	0.8%	1.6%
Finance and Insurance	14	1.7%	24	2.2%	3.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	1.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	5	0.6%	28	2.5%	5.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.7%
Admin & Support, Waste Mngmt and Remediation	8	1.0%	11	1.0%	3.5%
Educational Services	203	25.3%	159	14.4%	13.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	50	6.2%	67	6.1%	17.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0.0%	6	0.5%	1.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	31	3.9%	61	5.5%	9.9%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	35	4.4%	23	2.1%	2.9%
Public Administration	86	10.7%	127	11.5%	5.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies

Education

Hardwick School Enrollment 7 Year Trend 2008-2014

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pre K – 8 th Grade	374	365	366	393	398	394	390
High School	240	251	262	243	243	246	234

Source: Vermont Agency of Education http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Data_2011-2012_Public_School_Enrollment.pdf, http://education.vermont.gov/documents/enrollment_03.pdf

Educational Attainment

	Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
Population 25 years and over	2,008	2,110	19,596	21,514	404,223	433,401
Less than 9th grade	8.1%	4.6%	7.1%	3.7%	5.1%	3.0%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13.8%	11.7%	10.3%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
High school graduate or equiv.	46.2%	39.4%	37.6%	35.7%	32.4%	30.8%
Some college, no degree	13.1%	13.6%	16.1%	18.1%	16.9%	17.3%
Associate's degree	5.2%	7.1%	6.4%	9.4%	7.7%	8.5%
Bachelor's degree	8.6%	14.5%	14.6%	15.9%	18.3%	21.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.9%	9.1%	7.9%	10.7%	11.1%	13.8%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Housing

Housing Characteristics

	Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
Total Housing Units	1,407	1,401	14,504	15,943	294,382	322,915
Owner occupied percent of all occupied housing	72.6%	86.1%	72.9%	73.4%	70.6%	71.0%
Renter occupied percent of all occupied housing	27.4%	13.9%	27.1%	26.6%	29.4%	29.0%
Vacant percent of all housing	13.6%	18.2%	19.6%	21.7%	18.3%	20.4%
Rental Vacancy Rate	11%	0.0%*	7.2%	6.3%	4.2%	5.6%

* MOE for Rental Vacancy Rate (Hardwick) in the 2009-2013 ACS is +/- 11% due to the small sample size.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey Estimates

Home Values (Owner occupied units)

	Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
Median HH Value: Owner Occupied Units	\$71,700	\$123,500	\$83,100	\$164,300	\$111,500	\$216,800

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, 2000 Census

Housing Costs

	Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
Households with a mortgage... percent with housing costs above 35% of income	16.5%	25.2%	16.9%	27.2%	16.2%	27.3%
Renter Households... percent with housing costs at or above 35% of household income	28.6%	29.8%	26.9%	48.1%	29.5%	42.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey Estimates, 2000

Transportation

Transportation to Work (Workers 16 years and over)

	Hardwick		Caledonia		Vermont	
	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013	2000	2009-2013
Workers 16+ years	1,469	1,056	14,262	13,185	311,839	314,056
Percent Driving Alone	70.2%	76.8%	75.7%	75.7%	75.2%	74.5%
Percent Using Public Transportation	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	1.2%
Percent Carpooling	17%	9.7%	12.2%	10.8%	11.9%	10.0%
Percent Working From Home	7.9%	10.2%	6.6%	7.4%	5.7%	7.1%
Average Travel Time to Work	27.1 mins	N/A	22.2 mins	N/A	21.6 mins	22.2 mins
Workers with Travel Time of 60 Minutes or More	N/A	10.9%	N/A	7.8%	N/A	5.3%

*N/A= Number of sampled too small to be reported

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey