

Brighton Community Profile



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For the Vermont Council on Rural Development's 2016 Brighton Community Visit

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

The data profile relies upon the following data sources*:

- US Census Bureau's Decennial Census & American Community Survey- <http://factfinder2.census.gov>, Migration Flows Mapper- <https://flowsmapper.geo.census.gov/> and the Local Employment Dynamics tool- <http://lehd.ces.census.gov/led/>
- Vermont State Data Center's historical data profiles at [Vermont Indicators Online](#)
- Vermont Dept. of Labor's Labor Force & Unemployment site- www.vtlmi.info/labforce.cfm
- Vermont Agency of Education- <http://education.vermont.gov/>

*It should be noted that most of the data presented below are based upon samples and represent the best estimates of actual conditions at any point in time. Some data are incongruent due to variable sources with different collection and processing techniques. Readers are encouraged to think about the comparisons and the trends presented in the individual tables.

About the Vermont State Data Center

The Vermont State Data Center, located at UVM's Center for Rural Studies, is a cooperative program between the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Vermont with a mission to facilitate access to and use of Census and other local data. The VT SDC provides data trainings and assistance to Vermonters and advocates for the use of data to inform decision-making.

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Introduction

Location

Brighton is located in Essex County in the heart of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, roughly 16 miles south of the Canadian border and 10 miles West of the New Hampshire border. Brighton is intersected by state routes 105, 114 and 111. Brighton is about an hour and 45 minute drive from Montpelier and over 2 hours' drive from Burlington. Newport is about 40 minutes away and Saint Johnsbury is under an hour away.

Neighboring towns include Morgan, Warren Gore, and Avery's Gore to the North; Lewis and Ferdinand to the East, Newark to the South, and Westmore and Charleston to the West.

From the Brighton Town Website

"Brighton is a small, picturesque town in rural Essex County, Vermont. Within Brighton, the village of Island Pond serves the community as an economic center, as it has throughout Brighton's history. Situated halfway between Portland, Maine and Montreal, Quebec, Brighton was once a thriving railroad town."

"The village of Island Pond is situated along the shores of the similarly named 600-acre lake with a 22-acre island.

"The Town was organized in 1832. There is an historical marker in Island Pond noting that the village is the meeting place of the first international railroad. One end of the railroad was started in Portland and the other in Montreal, and they met in Island Pond in 1853."

"While the railroad remains a key economic factor for the Town today, tourism has come to play an important part in the economy. Brighton is a small rural town blessed with striking natural beauty and an abundance of natural resources that have benefited residents and attracted visitors for many years. It is also known for its extensive snowmobile trail system."

Find additional information about Brighton here:

<http://www.uvm.edu/crs/?Page=resources/profiles/Brighton/brighton.htm>

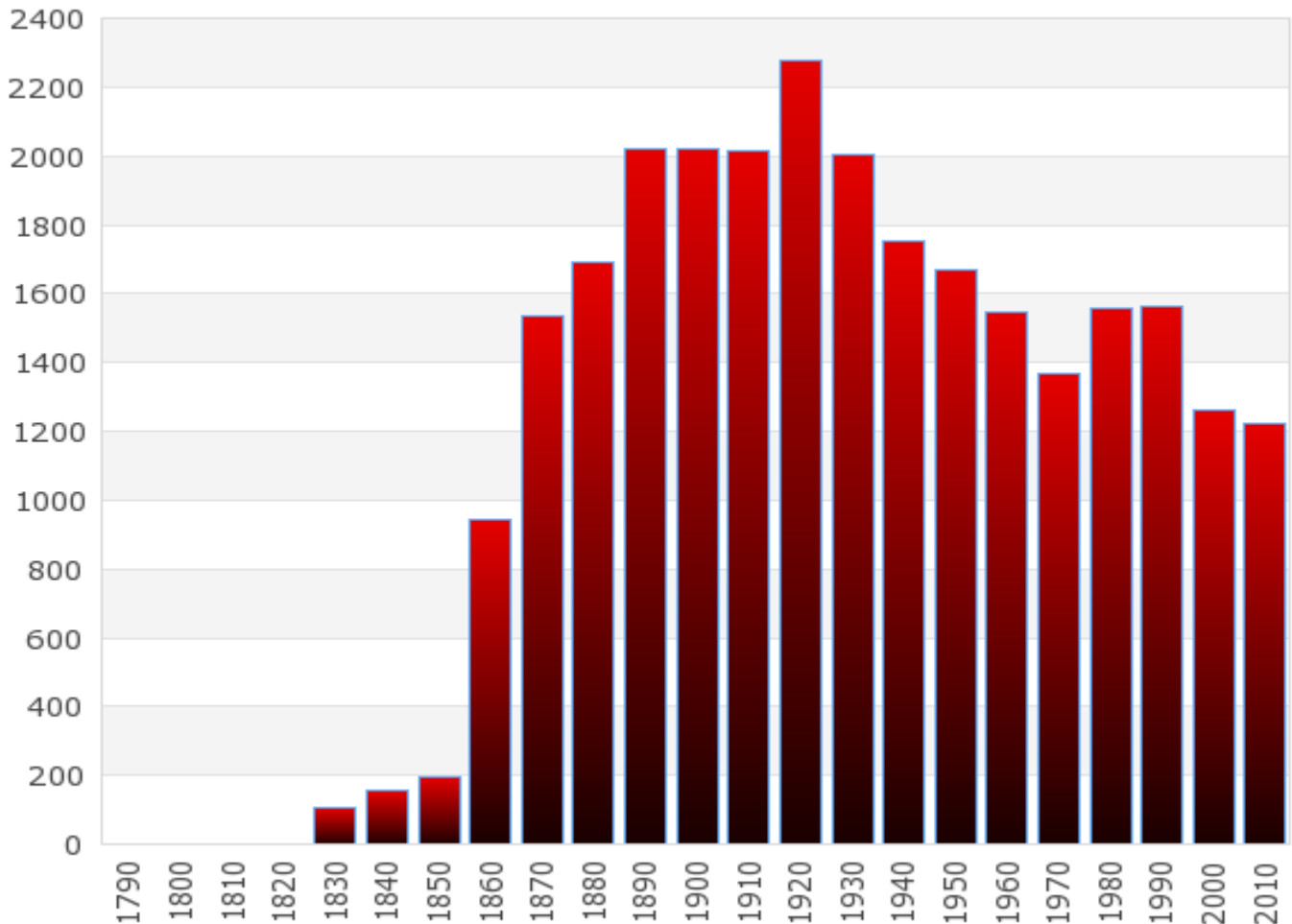


Civics

Year Town Incorporated or Chartered	1781
Type of Entity	Town
County	Essex
Regional Planning Commission	Northeastern Vermont Development Association
Villages	Island Pond

Population

Historical Population



1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
0	105	157	193	945	1535	1691	2020	2023	2013	2280	2002	1754	1671	1545	1365	1557	1562	1260	1222

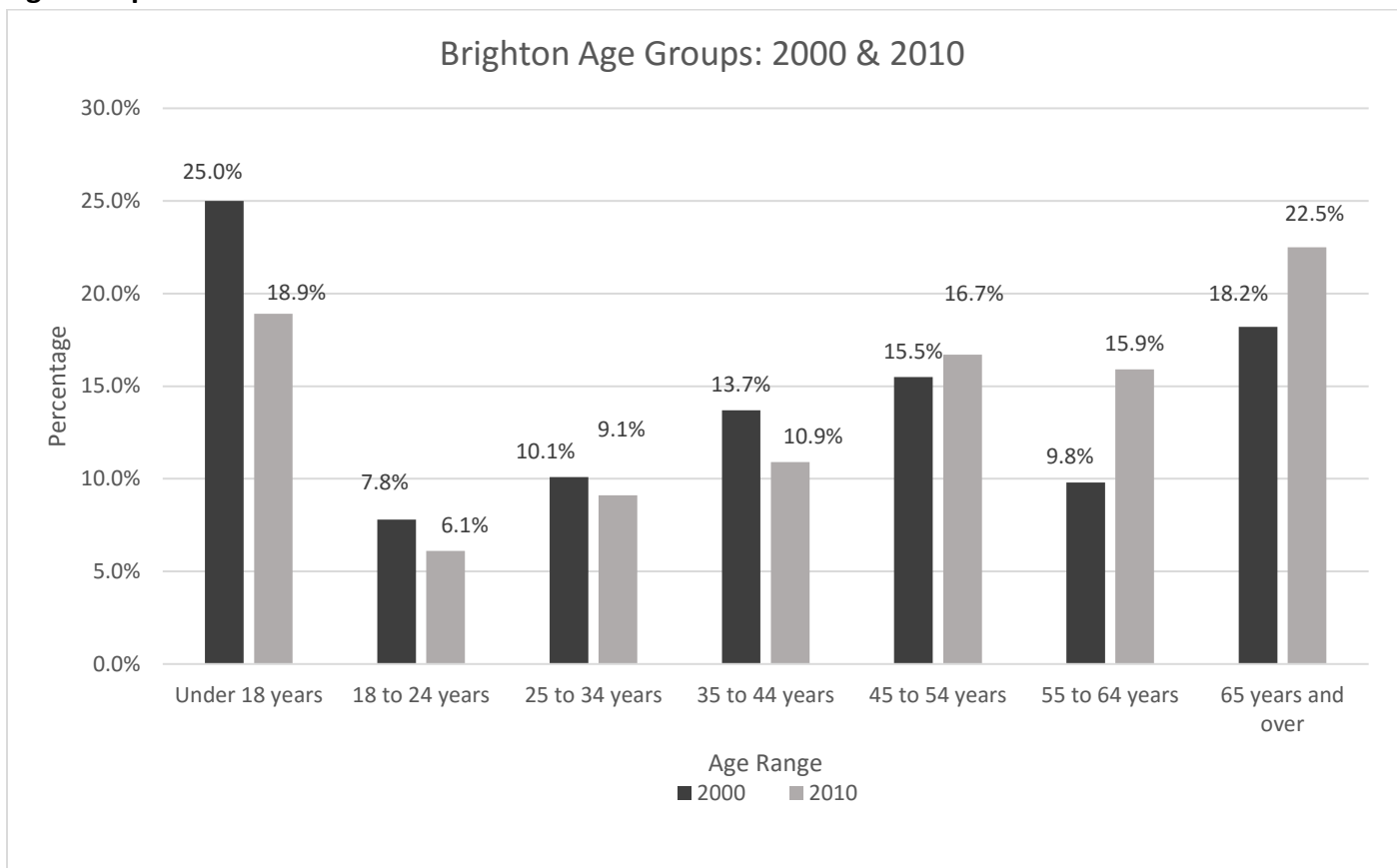
Recent Population Change

Brighton			Essex Co.			Vermont		
2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change	2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change	2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change
1,097	939	-14.4%	6,436	6,231	-3.2%	620,414	626,358	1.0%

Median Age

Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
46.8	47	43.9	48.2	40.6	42.2

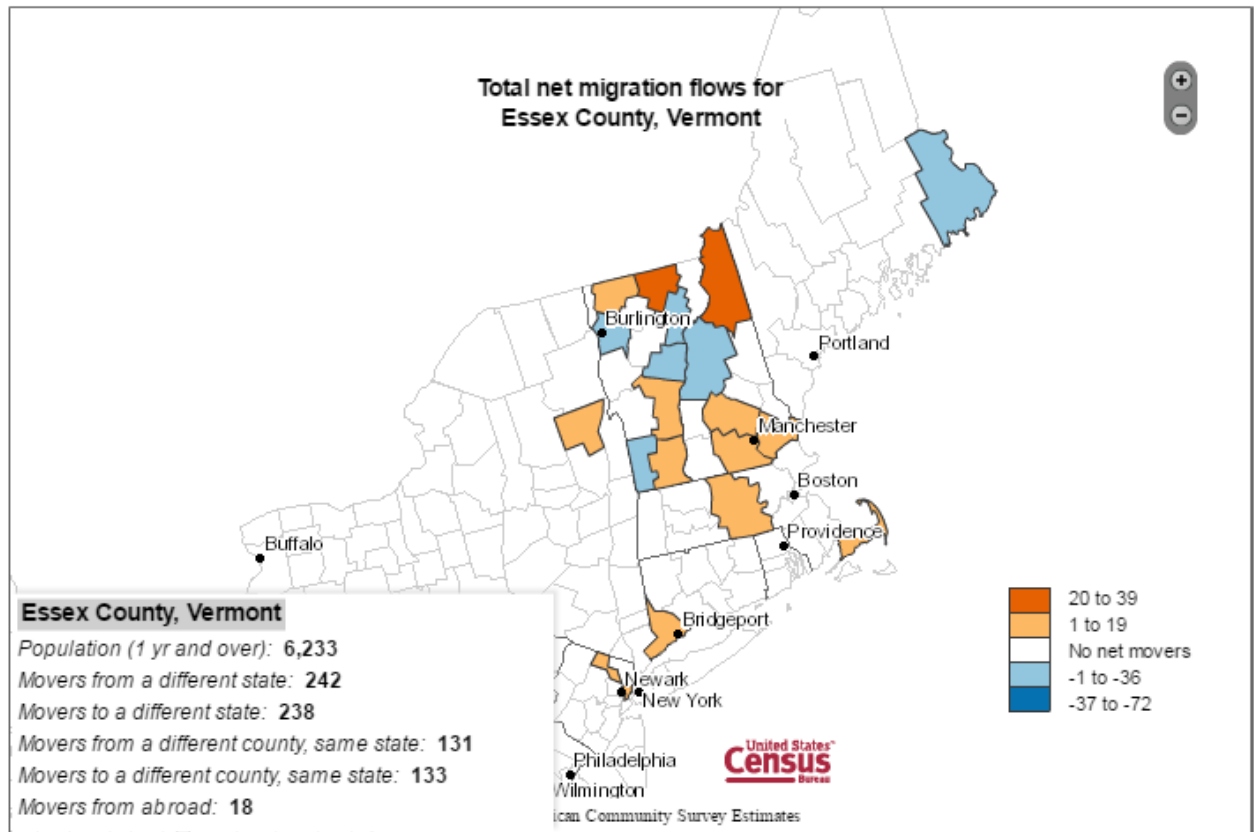
Age Groups: 2000 & 2010



Vermont Nativity

71.2% of Brighton residents were born in Vermont. This compares with 36.6% of Essex County residents who were born in Vermont and 51.3% of Vermont residents who were born in the State.

Essex County Migration- 2009-2013



Disabled Populations

Percent of Non-Institutionalized Pop 2010-2014	Brighton	Essex Co.	VT
Disability Status of Total Population	26.6%	20.5%	13.5%
Disability Status of Population Under 18	11.2%	8.6%	5.5%
Disability Status of Population 18-64	23.1%	14.9%	11.2%
Disability Status of Population 65 and Over	48.2%	46.8%	33.8%

Veteran Populations

Percent of Civilian Pop 18 Years and Over 2010-2014	Brighton	Essex Co.	VT
Gulf War (2002 or later) veterans	2.2%	5.5%	8.6%
Gulf War (1990 to 2001) veterans	4.4%	4.3%	12.2%
Vietnam era veterans	37.8%	43.1%	36.7%
Korean War veterans	25.6%	12.3%	11.4%
World War II veterans	7.8%	8.1%	8.4%
Total Veterans	90	692	46,355

Income & Poverty

Median Household Income

Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
\$29,458	\$28,239	\$40,046	\$35,567	\$51,284	\$54,447

Percent of Population in Poverty

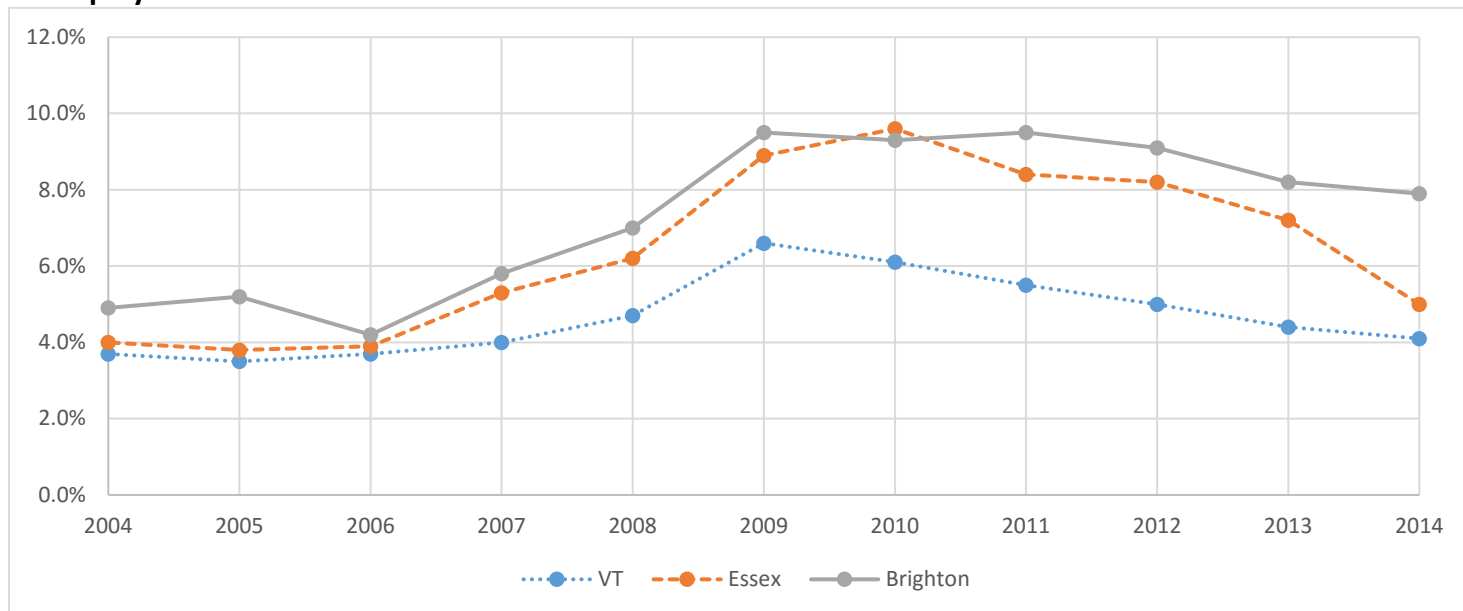
Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
19.3%	22.0%	16.9%	16.9%	11.1%	12.0%

Economy

Percent of Population over 16 Years of Age in the Labor Force

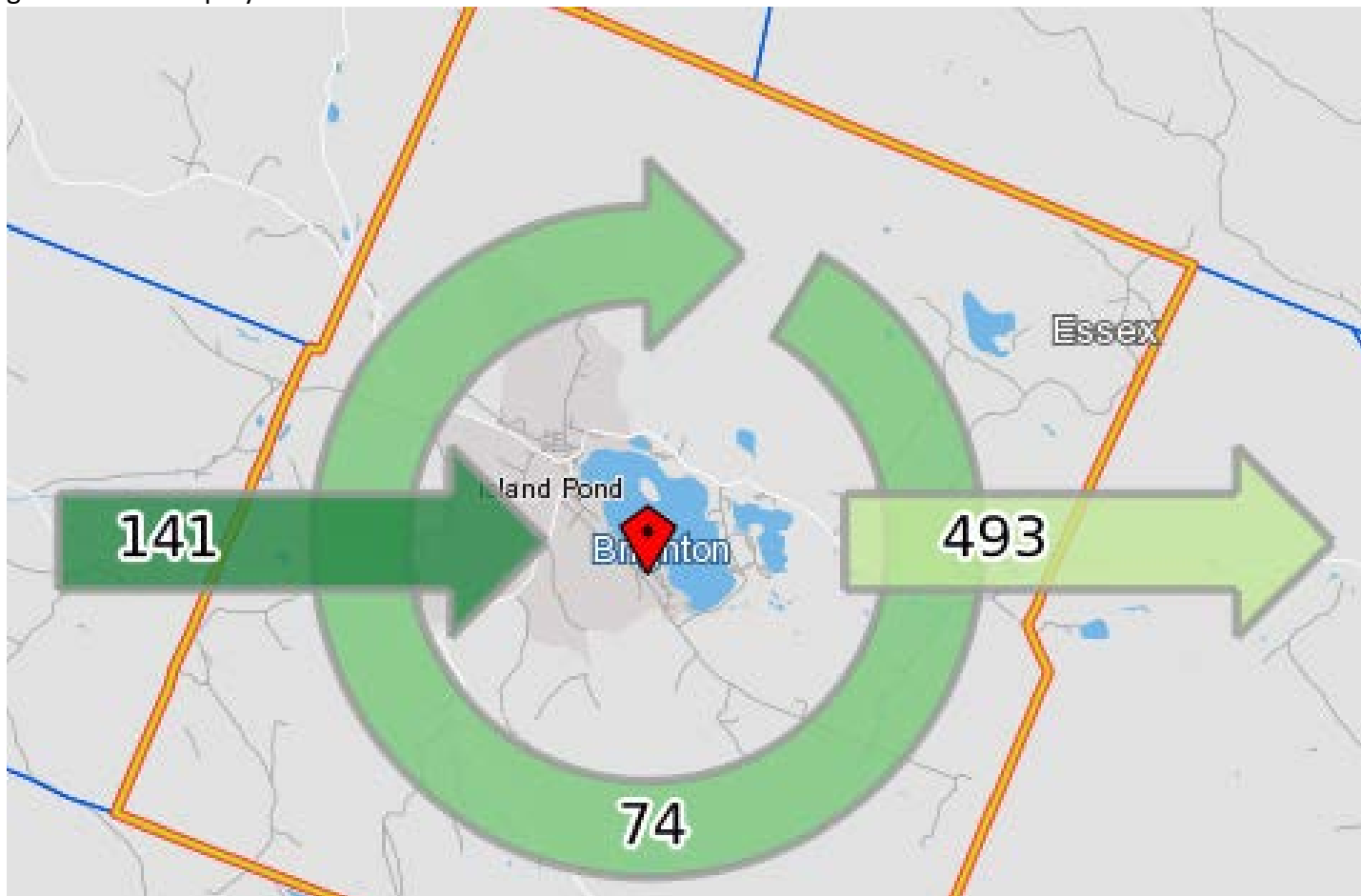
Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
57.3%	53.4%	62.6%	58.1%	69.0%	67.2%

Unemployment Rate



Brighton Labor Force, Inflow & Outflow (Full and Part Time Jobs)*

The following is a visual representation of 2013 worker Inflow & Outflow data presented in the accompanying table. *Some types of jobs are not able to be included in this analysis, including sole proprietorships and government employees.



In 2013 there were 215 full and part time jobs in Brighton, a negligible decrease from 221 jobs in 2003. 141 of these jobs were filled by commuters into town and 74 Brighton jobs were filled by Brighton residents. A total of 567 full and part time jobs (in or out of Brighton) were filled by Brighton residents in 2013, up 66% from 342 jobs filled by Brighton residents a decade earlier.

Inflow & Outflow – All Full and Part Time Jobs

Jobs where the workers are:	2003		2013	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Employed in Brighton Town	221	100%	215	100%
Employed in Brighton but Live Outside	131	59.3%	141	65.6%
Employed and Live in Brighton Town	90	40.7%	74	34.4%
Workers that:	2003		2013	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Live in Brighton	342	100%	567	100%
Live in Brighton but are Employed Outside	252	73.7%	493	86.9%
Live in and are Employed in Brighton	90	26.3%	74	13.1%

Percent Jobs by Industry, 2010-2014

	Brighton	Essex Co.	Vermont
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	4.6%	4.7%	2.7%
Construction	18.5%	10.6%	7.4%
Manufacturing	7.3%	14.9%	10.7%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%	0.3%	2.1%
Retail Trade	8.7%	10.9%	11.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6.0%	3.7%	3.2%
Information	0.8%	1.0%	1.9%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental Leasing	9.0%	3.5%	4.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, Admin & Support, Waste Mngmt and Remediation	7.1%	5.4%	8.6%
Educational Services, Health Care, and Social Assistance	29.6%	25.8%	28.4%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	1.6%	8.3%	9.2%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	1.4%	4.2%	4.6%
Public Administration	5.4%	6.9%	4.9%

Education

Brighton Elementary School Enrollment, 2005-2015

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
156	142	132	108	107	100	98	88	91	93	93

Educational Attainment

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
Population 25 years and over	833	729	4,675	4,683	421,096	434,995
Less than 9th grade	8.8%	10.6%	6.2%	7.6%	3.5%	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8.0%	14.1%	11.4%	9.8%	6.3%	5.5%
High school graduate or equiv.	42.4%	39.9%	44.5%	42.5%	32.3%	30.6%
Some college, no degree	13.0%	14.7%	15.2%	16.2%	16.5%	17.5%
Associate's degree	5.9%	7.5%	6.6%	9.8%	8.4%	8.4%
Bachelor's degree	15.0%	9.6%	11.2%	10.0%	20.1%	21.2%
Graduate or professional degree	7.0%	3.6%	4.9%	4.1%	12.8%	14.0%

Housing

Housing Characteristics

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
Total Housing Units	897	924	4,987	5,022	319,364	324,332
Owner occupied percent of all occupied housing	71.2%	69.4%	83.9%	80.7%	71.4%	70.9%
Renter occupied percent of all occupied housing	28.8%	30.6%	16.1%	19.3%	28.6%	29.1%
Vacant percent of all housing	40.5%	51.6%	43.0%	45.2%	19.6%	20.7%
Rental Vacancy Rate	6.1	8.1	2.8	5.7	5.7	4.9

Home Values (Owner occupied units)

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
Median HH Value: Owner Occupied Units	\$126,800	\$128,600	\$124,300	\$120,300	\$208,400	\$216,200

Housing Costs

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
Households with a mortgage: Percent with housing costs at or above 35% of household income	17.2%	33.5%	25.5%	28.9%	28.0%	27.0%
Renter Households: Percent with housing costs at or above 35% of household income	51.4%	61.5%	47.8%	48.9%	40.6%	42.2%

Transportation

Transportation to Work (Workers 16 years and over)

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
Workers 16 years or over	526	361	3,007	2,636	320,723	316,919
Driving Alone	73.4%	83.4%	78.7%	78.6%	74.4%	74.9%
Carpooling	19.2%	5.0%	11.1%	10.5%	10.7%	9.7%
Using Public Transportation	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	1.2%
Percent Working From Home	1.0%	2.2%	4.6%	6.0%	6.3%	6.9%
Average Travel Time to Work	25 mins	28 mins	25 mins	27 mins	22 mins	22 mins

Place of Work

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
Worked Outside County of Residence	43.7%	52.6%	27.6%	31.4%	15.6%	16.0%

Vehicles Available to Workers 16 Years and Over in Households

	Brighton		Essex Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
No Vehicles Available	0.0%	0.8%	1.9%	1.2%	1.7%	2.1%
1 Vehicle Available	17.9%	26.0%	14.9%	17.3%	19.3%	20.2%
2 Vehicles Available	51.7%	51.2%	46.0%	51.4%	47.6%	46.8%
3 or More Vehicles available	30.4%	21.9%	37.2%	30.1%	31.4%	31.0%
