

Demographic Features

GRANVILLE TODAY

This section of the Comprehensive Plan provides information about the Village of Granville in a variety of subject areas and will help paint a picture of the community's social, physical, and economic conditions. An integral part of any comprehensive plan is a study of population past, present and future. By examining socio-economic data, recommendations can be made concerning the future land use and demographic make-up of the community. In addition to the Village data provided in this section, comparisons to the Town of Granville, Washington County and the State of New York have been made where appropriate. These comparisons will provide a level of context that is required to understand the health and future of the Village of Granville.

The information contained herein has been compiled utilizing data from the 1980 U.S. Census, the 1990 U.S. Census, and the 2000 U.S. Census. The data presented is the most up to date available at the time of printing, and sources have been documented under each table and figure.

POPULATION DATA

Local population growth or decline is often dependent upon several factors, including economic expansion, environmental capacity, housing suitability, varying needs within age cohorts, and overall regional desirability.

Overall, population in the Village of Granville has remained stable for the past ten years, losing only two people and decreasing by a minute 0.1%. From 1980 through 2000, the Village of Granville population only slightly decreased by 1.9%. However, the stability of the Village population is in contrast to the Town of Granville. During the 1990's, the population of the Town grew by 15.9%, and during the time period of 1980 through 2000, the Town grew 32.8%. Table 1 illustrates the population trends of the Village of

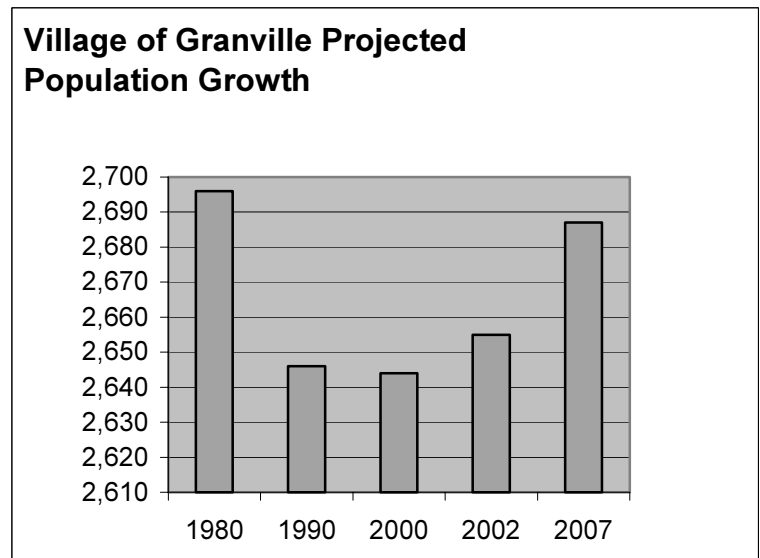
Granville as compared to the Town, County, and New York State.

Table 1: Population

	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1980-1990	% Change 1990-2000	% Change 1980-2000
Village of Granville	2,696	2,646	2,644	-1.9%	-0.1%	-1.9%
Town of Granville	5,566	5,935	6,456	6.6%	8.8%	16%
Town of Fort Edward	6,479	6,330	5,892	-2.3%	-6.9%	-9.1%
Village of Fort Edward	3,561	3,561	3,141	0%	-11.8%	-11.8%
Town of Argyle	2,847	3,031	3,688	6.5%	21.7%	29.5%
Washington County	54,795	59,333	61,042	8.3%	2.9%	11.4%
New York State	17,558,072	17,990,455	18,976,457	2.5%	5.5%	8.1%

Source: US Census, 2000

Figure 1: Projected Population Growth



Source: 2002 CLARITAS INC.

When reviewing population trends within communities, it is often helpful to look at the age breakdown of the population to determine where population shifts might have occurred. Table 2 depicts the general age demographics from the 2000 Census for the Village of Granville as compared to the Town of Granville. In addition, Table 3 illustrates the shift of population within the Village of Granville from 1990 to 2000 within age cohorts. Given that the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census have not been broken down into the same age categories, it is difficult to compare certain age cohorts. However, some significant trends can still be identified.

The data indicates that 40% of the population is within the child bearing age brackets of 25 to 59. In addition, the Village has experienced a 6.1% increase in those age 65 and older and an 18.0% increase in school-aged children between the ages of 5 and 19 over the last ten years. With the increase in the senior population, it can be determined that there will be a greater need within the next 10-20 years for increased senior services, housing, and programming. Youth and recreational programming for the school aged children should also be a priority in the community.

Table 2: 2000 Demographic Characteristics, Village and Town of Granville

Village of Granville	Number	Percent	Town of Granville	Number	Percent
Male	1,229	46.5%	Male	3,154	48.9%
Female	1,415	53.5%	Female	3,302	51.1%
Under 5	179	6.8%	Under 5	418	6.5%
5 to 9	209	7.9%	5 to 9	482	7.5%
10 to 14	201	7.6%	10 to 14	540	8.4%
15 to 19	153	5.8%	15 to 19	411	6.4%
20 to 24	155	5.9%	20 to 24	308	4.8%
25 to 34	335	12.7%	25 to 34	783	12.1%
35 to 44	327	12.4%	35 to 44	928	14.4%
45 to 54	300	11.3%	45 to 54	887	13.7%
55 to 59	116	4.4%	55 to 59	344	5.3%
60 to 64	96	3.6%	60 to 64	269	4.2%
65 to 74	238	9.0%	65 to 74	505	7.8%
75 to 84	200	7.6%	75 to 84	376	5.8%
85 and Over	135	5.1%	85 and Over	205	3.2%
Total	2,644	100	Total	6,456	100
Median Age	37.4		Median Age	38.0	

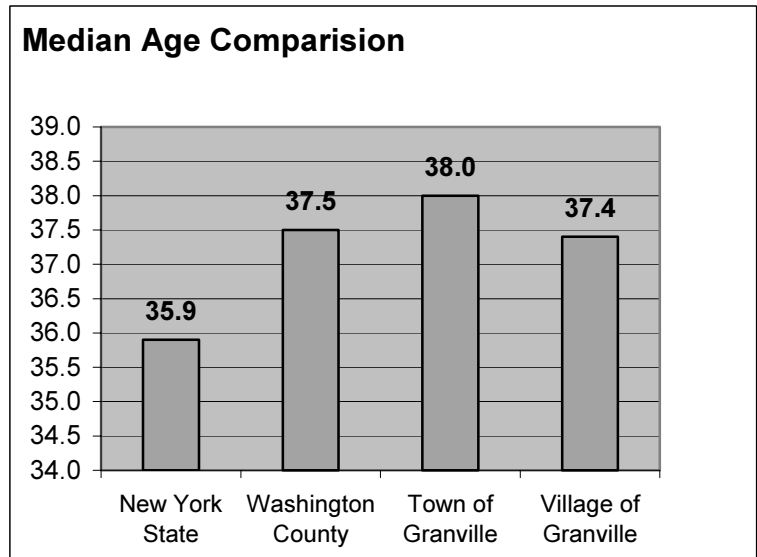
Source: US Census, 2000

Table 3: Percent Change in Age Cohorts from 1990 to 2000

1990	Number	2000	Number	% Change
Under 5	209	Under 5	179	-14.4%
5 to 17	477	5 to 17	563	+18.0%
18 to 24	280	18 to 24	155	-44.6%
25 to 44	684	25 to 44	662	-3.2%
45 to 54	209	45 to 54	300	+43.5%
55 to 59	128	55 to 59	116	-9.4%
60 to 64	119	60 to 64	96	-19.3%
65 & over	540	65 & over	573	+6.1%
Total	2,646	Total	2,644	-1%

Source: US Census, 2000

Figure 2: Median Age Comparison



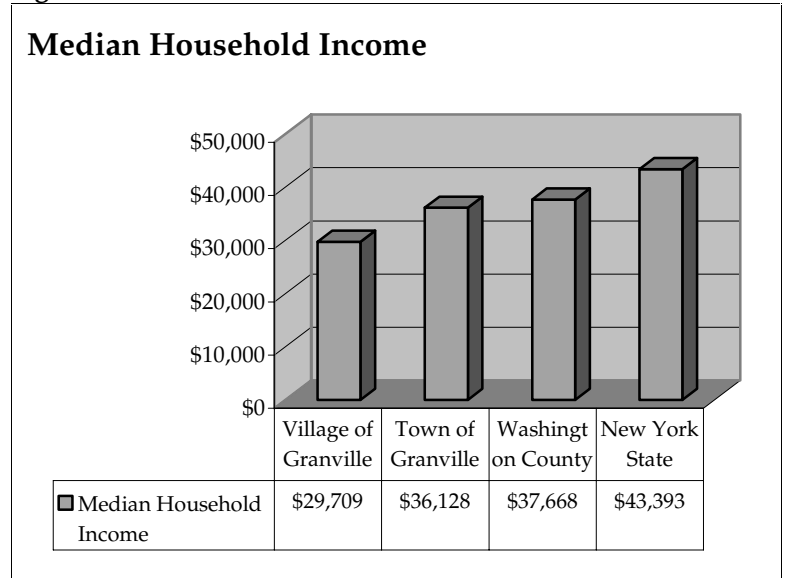
Source: U.S. Census, 2000

INCOME

Based upon the 2000 Census, the Village of Granville has a homogenous population with 2,624 of the residents being of 1 race, and only 20 of two or more races. Furthermore, 2,593 (98.1 percent of the total population) are white. The minority population includes Black or African American (6 residents); American Indian or Alaska Native (6 residents); Asian (7 residents); and Native Hawaiian or others (13 residents).

The 1999 median household income for the Village of Granville was \$29,709, which is approximately 20% lower than that of Washington County, and 17% lower than that of the Town of Granville.

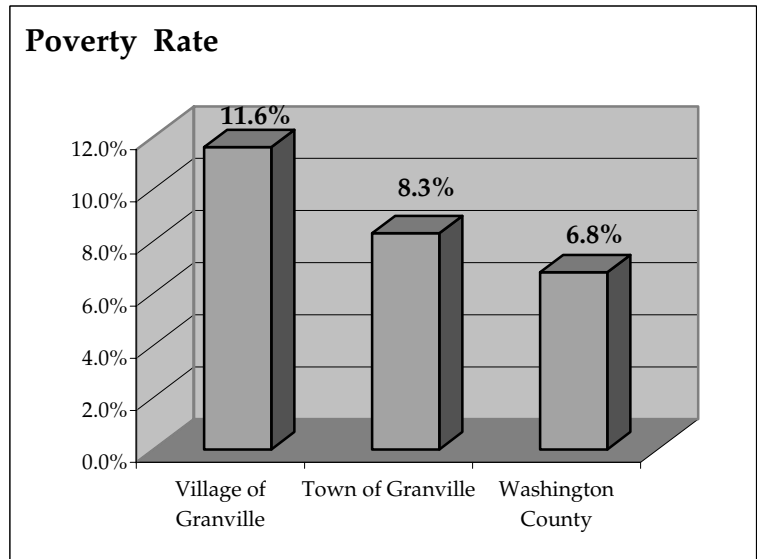
Figure 3: Median Household Income



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

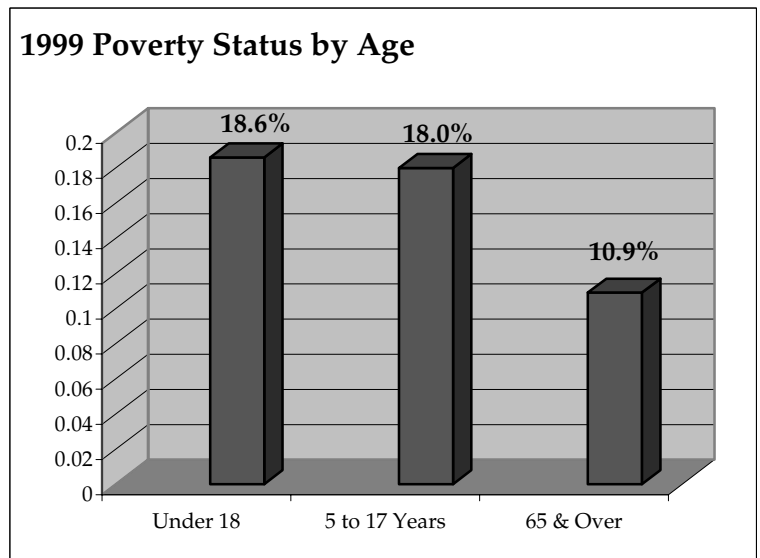
Another indicator of a community's income status is the percent of its population living in poverty. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the Village of Granville had a 11.6% poverty rate, this rate has increased since 1989 from 8.6%, and is slightly higher than the poverty rate of New York State (11.5% below poverty level). The Town of Granville and Washington County registered 8.3% and 6.8% respectively. It is interesting to note that the youth population is being hit the hardest by poverty. As Figure 5 indicates, the age group with the largest percentage of people living in poverty is children age 18 and under. As such, existing community services that are provided through the public and non-profit sectors should be reviewed to ensure that the proper mix of services is offered for the youth population.

Figure 4: Poverty Rate



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Figure 5: Poverty Status by Age



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

EMPLOYMENT

Employment of people aged 16 and over living in the Village of Granville is predominately geared towards the manufacturing, educational, health and social services, and retail trade industries, with the greatest percentage of workers located in sales, office, management, professional and related occupations (see Table 4 and Figure 6). Table 5 further illustrates the employment breakdown by class of workers in 1999.

Table 4: Occupational Breakdown Age 16 +

Occupation	NYS	Washington County	Town of Granville	Village of Granville
Management, Professional and Related Occupations	36.7%	25.1%	22.8%	22.0%
Service Occupations	16.6%	17.3%	17.4%	16.4%
Sales and Office Occupations	27.1%	24.0%	26.6%	28.1%
Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations	.3%	1.9%	.3%	.6%
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance Occupations	7.6%	10.8%	10.7%	10.5%
Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	11.7%	21.0%	22.2%	22.3%

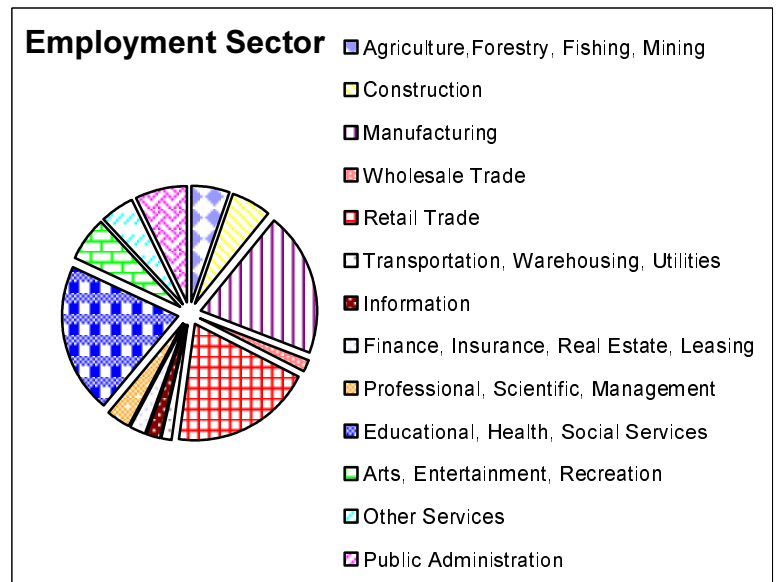
Source: US Census, 2000

Table 5: Employment Class Village of Granville

Employed Persons Over Age 16	1,083
Private Wage and Salary Workers	76.9%
Government Workers	14.5%
Self-Employed Workers in Own not Incorporation Business	7.6%
Unpaid Family Workers	1.0%

Source: US Census, 2000

Figure 6: Employment Sector



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

EDUCATION

The Village of Granville is located within the auspices of the Granville Central School District that is comprised of three educational facilities, the Mary J. Tanner Elementary School (K-2), the Granville Elementary School (3-6) and the Granville Junior-Senior High School (7-12). The total enrollment reported for the Granville Central School District for the school year 2001-2002 was 1,457. Of the total enrollment, according to the 2000 Census, approximately 500 students lived within the Village.

The 2000 U.S. Census report on educational attainment of the Village population over the age of 25 years shows that the number of residents who have high school diplomas and “some college” education exceed that of County and State percentages. Further review finds that the percent of individuals over 25 that have received a Bachelor Degree is significantly lower than the County and State. This may be attributed to the types of available local employment and the

assumption that college degrees are not a requirement for jobs in the area.

It should also be considered that those individuals attaining college degrees relocate out of the area where they find higher paying, professional job opportunities. This is an important factor in measuring the quality of the Village’s labor force. In general, higher educational attainment should result in higher paying jobs, providing a beneficial impact on the economic and social quality of a community.

Table 6: Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment	Percent of Total Population 25 Years +		
	Village of Granville	Washington County	New York State
Less than 9 th Grade	8.1%	5.9%	8.0%
9 th to 12 th Grade, no Diploma	13.1%	14.9%	12.9%
High School Graduate	42.0%	40.2%	27.8%
Some College, no Degree	18.0%	16.6%	16.8%
Associates Degree	6.6%	8.0%	7.2%
Bachelor’s Degree	6.6%	8.6%	15.6%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.7%	5.7%	11.8%
Percent High School Grad or Higher	78.8%	79.2%	79.1%
Percent Bachelor’s Grad or Higher	12.2%	14.3%	27.4%

Source: US Census, 2000

HOUSING

The majority of homes in the Village were constructed in 1939 or earlier. Owning a home is part of the “American Dream” and typically, is also the largest investment an individual or family will make. Therefore, when considering purchasing a home in the Village, it is important to be knowledgeable regarding the value and affordability of the Village’s housing stock when compared to the cost of homes in the surrounding communities.

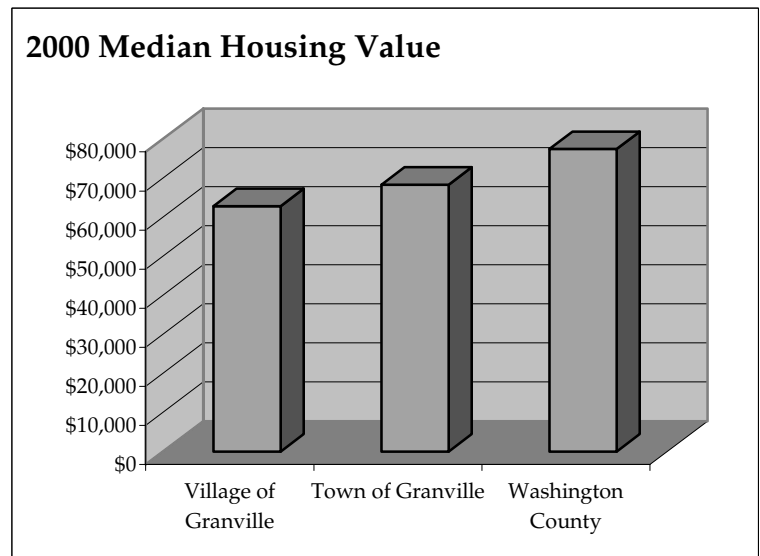
The housing stock in the Village of Granville is comprised of 1,126 homes of which 1,024 were occupied at the time of the 2000 US Census. Five

hundred fifty three of these housing units are reported to be owner occupied while the remaining are rental properties.

Various periods of architectural, styles and a diversity of housing types are located in and around the Village. Victorian homes and two story type structures dominate the Village. Located at the outer edges of the more centralized and older Village area are more cape cod, chalet, and ranch style homes. Rural farmhouses and barns are nestled within the surrounding pastoral hillsides.

Figure 7 represents the median selling price for a house within each local region. Median home cost is determined by taking the middle-selling price of all houses sold annually in the denoted municipality and may be used as a primary indicator of housing values. The Village of Granville, when compared to the Town and to Washington County, had the lowest median price of \$62,800, followed by the Town of Granville with \$68,300 and a County median of \$77,400.

Figure 7: 2000 Median Housing Value



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

A second indicator of housing affordability and desirability in an area is the number of housing units owned, rented, or vacant. As per the 2000 Census, more Village residents own their homes than rent, 54% to 46% respectively. The homeowner vacancy rate is 3.5%, while the rental, vacancy rate is 8.0%. These figures may be used as an indicator that many residents of the Village either hold transient type employment or are unable to afford to purchase a home.

Table 7 illustrates the condition of the Village housing market, as compared to the Town of Granville, Washington County, and New York State.

Table 7: Housing Tenure

Subject	Village of Granville	Town of Granville	Washington County	New York State
Housing Tenure				
Owner-Occupied	54.0%	72.0%	74.4%	53.0%
Renter-Occupied	46.0%	28.0%	25.6%	47.0%
Housing Occupancy				
Occupied Housing	90.6%	91.5%	83.3%	91.9%
Vacant Housing Units	9.4%	8.5%	16.2%	8.1%
Homeowner Vacancy	3.5%	2.3%	2.3%	1.6%
Rental Vacancy Rate	8.0%	6.9%	7.5%	4.6%
Household Type				
Average Household	2.41	2.56	2.55	2.61
Average Family Size	3.04	3.06	3.01	3.22

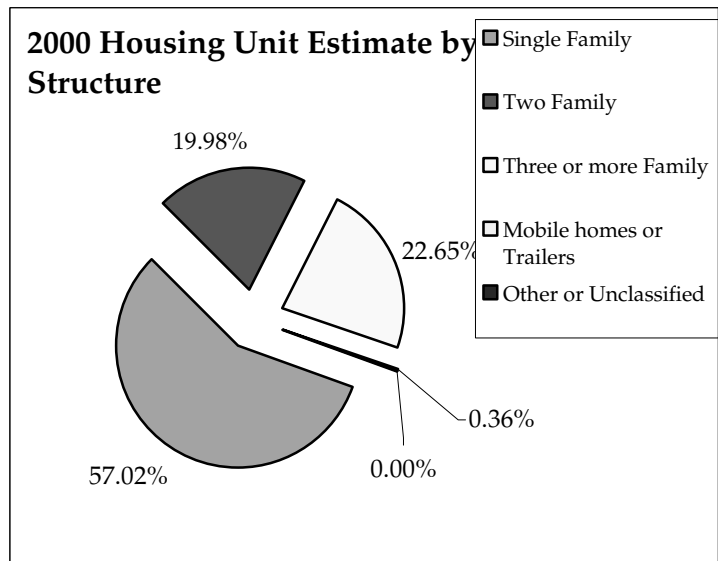
Source: US Census, 2000

In determining positive residential base in a municipality, one may look at several type indicators. The first being the number of owner-occupied housing units in a defined area. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the Village of Granville has a lower percentage of owner-occupied housing than the Town, County, and State. Furthermore, the homeowner vacancy rate is the highest of the four, and the rental

vacancy rate showed similar figures. These numbers signify a less than strong residential base.

Another important factor in determining the housing residential base of a community is the housing unit breakdown by structure.

Figure 8: 2000 Housing Unit Estimate by Structure



Source: U.S. Census, 2000