



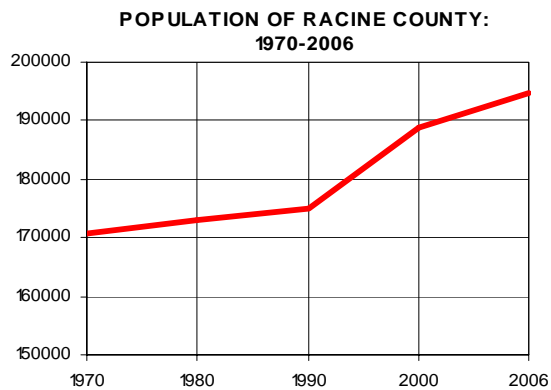
# RACINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FACT SHEET

## Inventory of Population, Housing and Economic Base (Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Draft Chapter II)

### Population

Between 1970 and 2000, Racine County grew from 170,800 people to 188,800—an overall increase of 18,000 persons, or 11%. (This compares with increases of 10% in the Southeast Region, and 21% statewide.)

Changes in population vary greatly from community to community, ranging from a 14% loss in the City of Racine to a 163% increase in the Village of Rochester.



### Age Distribution

The median age in Racine County is 36.1 years, similar to the Region and the State.

- Residents under 20 years of age comprised 29% of the population
- Residents between 20 and 64 made up 59%
- Residents over 65 years of age made up 12%

### Racial Composition

According to the 2000 Census, Racine County is predominantly white (83%), with the largest minority being Black or African American (10.5%), followed by Asian (0.7%), American Indian or Alaskan Native (0.4%), and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (less than 0.1%). 3.7% of the population reported "Other" race.

Due to US Census definitions, Hispanics are considered an ethnic group. In Racine County, 7.9% of the population—approximately 15,000 residents—were identified as Hispanic in the 2000 Census. (This compares with 6.3% in the Region, and 3.6% in the State). About 76% of this population was located in the City of Racine.

TOTAL POPULATION IN RACINE COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 1970-2006

COMMUNITY	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006 Estimate	CHANGE: 1970-2000	
						NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>CITIES</b>							
Burlington	7,479	8,385	8,851	9,936	10,485	2,457	32.9
Racine	95,162	85,725	84,298	81,855	80,340	-13,307	-14.0
<b>VILLAGES</b>							
Caledonia <sup>a</sup>	16,748	20,940	20,999	23,614	24,770	6,866	41.0
Elmwood Park	456	483	534	474	445	18	3.9
Mt. Pleasant <sup>b</sup>	16,368	19,340	20,084	23,142	25,430	6,774	41.4
North Bay	263	219	246	260	251	-3	-1.1
Rochester	436	746	978	1,149	1,155	713	163.5
Sturtevant	3,376	4,130	3,803	5,287	6,049	1,911	56.6
Union Grove	2,703	3,517	3,669	4,322	4,526	1,619	59.9
Waterford	1,922	2,051	2,431	4,048	4,737	2,126	110.6
Wind Point	1,251	1,695	1,941	1,853	1,826	602	48.1
<b>TOWNS</b>							
Burlington	4,963	5,629	5,833	6,384	6,481	1,421	28.6
Dover	3,780	3,419	3,631	3,908	4,003	128	3.4
Norway	4,620	4,619	5,493	7,600	8,056	2,980	64.5
Raymond	3,735	3,610	3,243	3,516	3,730	-219	-5.9
Rochester	1,019	1,478	1,844	2,254	2,547	1,235	121.2
Waterford	3,483	3,984	4,255	5,938	6,418	2,455	70.5
Yorkville	3,074	3,162	2,901	3,291	3,331	217	7.1
<b>Racine County</b>	<b>170,838</b>	<b>173,132</b>	<b>175,034</b>	<b>188,831</b>	<b>194,580</b>	<b>17,993</b>	<b>10.5</b>

<sup>a</sup> The Town of Caledonia was incorporated as a Village in October 2005

<sup>b</sup> The Town of Mt. Pleasant was incorporated as a Village in September 2003.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Wisconsin Department of Administration and SEWRPC

# HOUSING

**Household:** A household includes all people who occupy a housing unit—defined by the Census Bureau as a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms or a single room that is occupied as a separate living quarters.

## Number and Size of Households

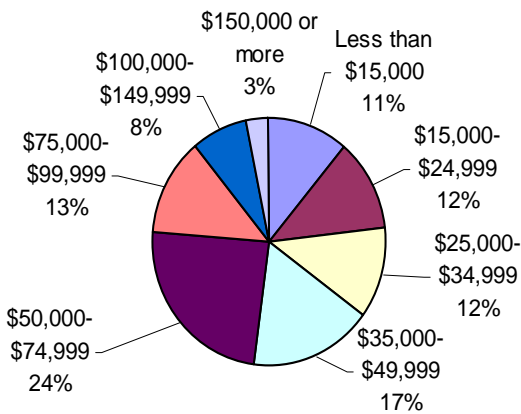
From 1970 to 2000, the number of households in Racine County grew from 49,800 to 70,800—an overall increase of 21,000 households, or 42%. It is estimated that the number of households has grown to approximately 76,000 in 2006.

In 2000, the average household size in Racine County was 2.59 persons, consistent with the long-term trend of decreasing average household size in Southeastern Wisconsin and the State overall. Household sizes also varied from community to community, from 2.88 in the Town of Rochester to 2.37 in the Village of Elmwood Park.

## Household Income

In 2000, the median income for Racine County households was \$48,100, which was higher than the Southeastern Wisconsin Region (\$46,300) and the State (\$43,800).

HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN RACINE COUNTY: 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Housing Characteristics

There were approximately 74,700 housing units in Racine County in 2000. Of this number:

- 68% was single-family detached housing
- 31% was single-family attached housing and other housing with 2 or more units
- 1% was mobile homes

## Housing Occupancy

According to the 2000 Census, about 70,800 (or 95%) of Racine's housing units were occupied.

Of the occupied housing units, 71% were owner-occupied, while 29% were renter-occupied. The percentage of owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing differs throughout the County. For example, owner-occupied housing ranges from 60% in the City of Burlington to 99% in the Village of North Bay.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS, AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE, AND PERCENT OF OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS OWNER-OCCUPIED FOR RACINE COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000

COMMUNITY	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	PERCENT OF UNITS OWNER-OCCUPIED
<b>CITIES</b>			
Burlington	3,838	2.52	59.5
Racine	31,449	2.54	60.3
<b>VILLAGES</b>			
Caledonia <sup>a</sup>	8,549	2.71	84.9
Elmwood Park	200	2.37	98.0
Mt. Pleasant <sup>b</sup>	9,453	2.40	75.7
North Bay	91	2.86	98.9
Rochester	410	2.80	66.6
Sturtevant	1,477	2.62	69.5
Union Grove	1,631	2.60	61.6
Waterford	1,561	2.59	66.3
Wind Point	736	2.52	96.9
<b>TOWNS</b>			
Burlington	2,354	2.68	85.5
Dover	1,193	2.72	85.3
Norway	2,641	2.87	85.5
Raymond	1,245	2.82	87.9
Rochester	782	2.88	86.3
Waterford	2,086	2.85	92.2
Yorkville	1,123	2.75	89.8
<b>Racine County</b>	<b>70,819</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>70.6</b>

<sup>a</sup>The Town of Caledonia was incorporated as a Village in October 2005

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# ECONOMIC BASE

Racine County has a growing, diverse economic base. While agriculture remains an important component of the economy, the County has seen significant growth in manufacturing and commercial activity.

## Employment Characteristics

The total number of jobs in Racine County increased from 64,600 jobs in 1970 to 94,400 jobs in 2000, an increase of 46% over 30 years, which is lower than the Southeastern Wisconsin Region (56%) and the State (77%).

Between 1970 and 2000:

- Service jobs increased 163%; Construction increased 80% and Retail Trade increased 58%.
- Agricultural jobs decreased 50%.
- The proportion of manufacturing jobs decreased from 39% to 25.5%.

Between 2000 and 2004, the number jobs decreased by 1%, to 93,200, due to the recession of 2001.

## Labor Force Characteristics

In 2000, there were a total of 96,900 people in the labor force in Racine County.

The labor force participation rate (that is, the labor force as a percent of the total number of people of the labor-force age) was 68%.

Between 1970 and 2000, the male labor force participation rate steadily fell from 81% to 72%, while the female participation rate grew from 43% to 64%.

## Educational Level

In 2000, of Racine County residents at least 25 years of age:

- 83% had attained a high school or higher level of education
- Slightly more than 20% had a bachelor's degree or graduate degree

**JOBS BY GENERAL INDUSTRY GROUP IN RACINE COUNTY:  
1970 AND 2000**

GENERAL INDUSTRY GROUP	1970		2000	
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Agricultural	2,000	3.1	1,000	1.1
Construction	2,500	3.9	4,500	4.7
Manufacturing	25,200	39.0	24,400	25.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2,500	3.9	2,900	3.1
Wholesale Trade	1,900	2.9	3,800	4.0
Retail Trade	10,300	15.9	16,300	17.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,700	4.2	4,100	4.3
Services	10,400	16.1	27,300	28.9
Government	6,800	10.5	9,100	9.6
Other	300	0.5	1,000	1.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64,600</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94,400</b>	<b>99.9</b>

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis and SEWRPC

**TOTAL JOBS IN RACINE COUNTY BY CIVIL DIVISION: 2000**

Civil Division	Number of Jobs	Percent of County Total
<b>Cities</b>		
Burlington	8,000	8.5
Racine	43,900	46.5
<b>Villages</b>		
Caledonia <sup>a</sup>	5,900	6.3
Elmwood Park	400	0.4
Mt. Pleasant <sup>b</sup>	17,300	18.3
North Bay	--c	--
Rochester	200	0.2
Sturtevant	4,400	4.7
Union Grove	2,300	2.4
Waterford	2,000	2.1
Wind Point	300	0.3
<b>Towns</b>		
Burlington	1,900	2.0
Dover	2,000	2.1
Norway	1,000	1.1
Raymond	1,300	1.4
Rochester	400	0.4
Waterford	800	0.8
Yorkville	2,300	2.4
<b>Racine County</b>	<b>94,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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<sup>c</sup> Less than 50.

Source: SEWRPC.