

Demographics

The current population is 1,657¹, representing an 11% decline in population in the last 50 years. The UMass Donohue Institute projects a further decline during the next 25 years². With current conditions, the population is anticipated to reach a low of 1,484 by 2050.

The trend aligns with national and state trends largely attributed to the increase in births between 1946 and 1964 generally referred to as the “baby boom.” Clarksburg had a total population of 1,871 in 1980 because of the large population growth nationally and locally.

Age

The median age of a Clarksburg resident is 48.8, which is older than the 41.3 median age at the turn of the century and up from 33.7 in 1980. The number of children under the age of 18 in the community continually declined since then while the number of people over the age of 65 generally increased.

Approximately 26% of the current population is over the age of 65, an increase from when approximately 11% of the population were of retirement age in 1980. The UMass Donohue Institute projects a slight increase in the percent of residents over the age of 65 in the coming years – reaching as much as 30.5% in 2035 – and leveling off after that. The Donohue institute projects little change in the percentage of children under the age of 18 and a small growth of the percentage of working-aged adults. The number of younger, working families moving into or out of the town of Clarksburg is the biggest factor in determining the town’s total population and age distribution.

Median Age

Town	Median Age
Clarksburg	48.8
Whatley	51.6
Stamford, Vt.	50.5
Florida	50.3
Hinsdale	47.1
Erving	40.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. “Age and Sex.” American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Tables, Table S0101.

Among the 1,657 people who live in Clarksburg...

- 96.1% are white
- 15.4% have a disability
- 4.1% are veterans
- 43.1% receive social security retirement benefits
 - 2.5% live below the federal poverty level

¹ U.S. Census Bureau.

² <https://donahue.umass.edu/business-groups/economic-public-policy-research/massachusetts-population-estimates-program/population-projections>

Households and Families

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates a total of 726 households in Clarksburg.³ The average household size is 2.37 persons, and the average family is 2.93. The household and family sizes are smaller than they were in 2010 – 2.48 and 3.1 respectively.

An estimated 53.4% of the households are married couples (388) – 14.5% of which have children under the age of 18 – and another 7.9% are cohabitating couples – 2.5% with children.

Approximately 38.7% of householders have no spouses present. Approximately 281 householders are not living with spouses (38.7% of all householders). Among those, 217 are living alone, 108 are over the age of 65, and 20 have children under the age of 18.

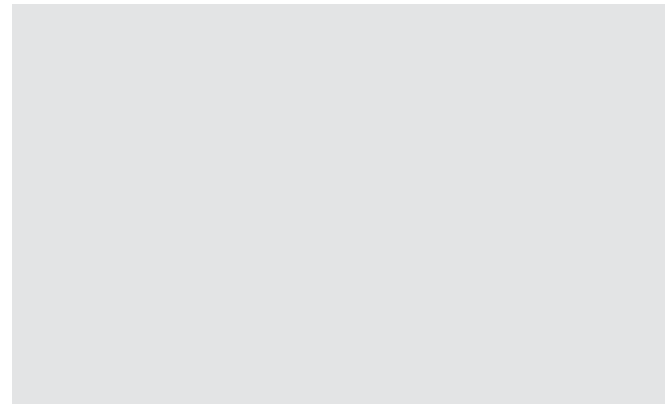
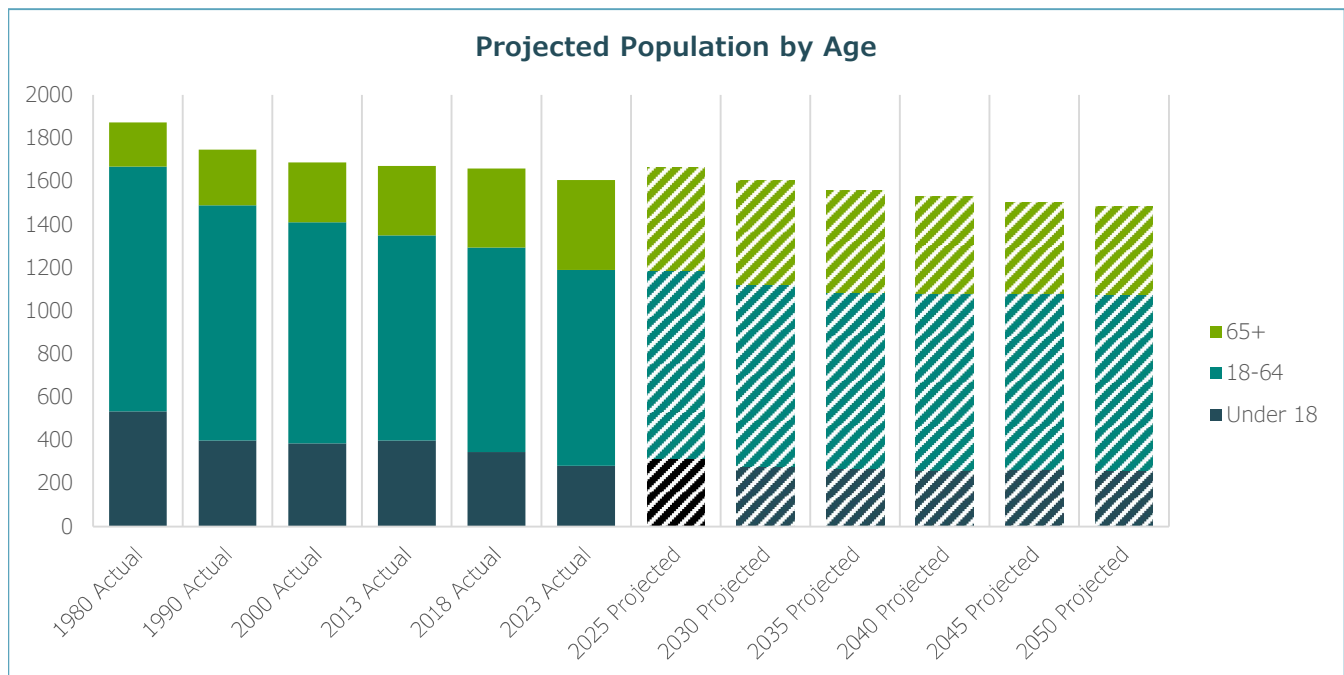


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Employment and Income

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are 960 Clarksburg residents of working age employed and approximately 39 people unemployed for an unemployment rate of 4.06%. The per capita income is \$44,200 and the median household income is \$78,421.



The UMass Donohue Institute projects that Clarksburg’s decline in total population will continue for the next 25 years and that there will be an increase in the number of people over the age of 65 as a percentage of the population.

³ U.S. Census Bureau ACS DP02