

Worksheet
1850, 1860, 1870 Population Census for Vermont Towns

Every ten years the United States government conducts a census (or count) of the population. This is a page from the Vermont report in town populations in 1850, 1860, and 1870s.

1. Look at the columns. What categories of people are being reported in each decade?
2. How do the categories change from 1850 to 1870? What changes occurred in the United States during those years that might make the government want to include new categories?
3. Find Grafton in Windham County. Create a graph to help you visualize the changes over time. What do you notice?
4. Write a paragraph describing the population of Grafton from 1850 – 1870.
5. Compare Grafton to Brattleboro. What differences can you see?



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POPULATION OF CIVIL DIVISIONS LESS THAN COUNTIES.

TABLE III.—STATE OF VERMONT—Continued.

COUNTIES.	1870					1860		1850		COUNTIES.	1870					1860		1850						
	Total.	Native.	Foreign.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.		Total.	Native.	Foreign.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.					
ORLEANS—Cont'd.									WASHINGTON—Cont'd.															
Jay	553	447	106	553	.....	474	.....	369	2	Waterbury	2633	2336	297	2631	.....	2	2103	5	2350	2		
Lowell	942	808	134	942	.....	813	.....	637	.....	Woodbury	902	890	12	905	.....	.....	998	1	1070	.....			
Morgan	614	490	124	614	.....	548	.....	480	.....	Worcester	775	732	43	773	.....	2	684	.....	702	.....			
Newport	2050	1674	376	2049	.....	1191	.....	742	6	WINDHAM.												
Salem	693	486	207	682	.....	11	594	9	455	.....	Athens	295	288	7	294	.....	1	322	.....	359	.....		
Troy	1555	1161	194	1355	.....	1248	.....	1008	.....	Brattleboro	4933	4387	546	4923	.....	10	2848	.....	3205	.....			
Westfield	721	578	143	721	.....	612	.....	502	.....	Brookline	203	202	1	203	.....	.....	243	.....	253	.....			
Westmore	412	322	84	412	.....	324	.....	152	.....	Dover	635	633	2	635	.....	.....	650	.....	709	.....			
RUTLAND.									Dunmerston	916	875	41	916	.....	.....	1021	.....	1645	.....				
Benson	1244	1112	132	1234	.....	10	1256	.....	1297	2	Putney	1008	1001	7	1008	.....	.....	1154	.....	1241	.....		
Brandon	3771	2957	614	3570	.....	1	3074	.....	3	2829	16	Warfield	1277	1163	114	1277	.....	.....	1287	.....	1379	.....	
Castleton	3243	2495	748	3185	.....	58	2822	.....	30	2999	17	Westminster	1029	1017	12	1029	.....	.....	1126	.....	1132	.....	
Chittenden	802	720	82	802	.....	.....	763	.....	.....	675	.....	Windsor	1223	1211	12	1223	.....	.....	1541	.....	1606	.....	
Clarendon	1173	1070	103	1170	.....	3	1234	.....	3	1473	4	Woodbury	1252	1232	20	1252	.....	.....	1367	.....	1374	.....	
Danby	1319	1222	97	1317	.....	2	1412	.....	.....	1335	.....	Woodstock	665	659	6	665	.....	.....	740	.....	896	.....	
Rain Haven	2208	1551	657	2203	.....	5	1372	.....	3	822	20	Yield	1113	1106	7	1111	.....	2	1191	.....	1304	.....	
Hubbardton	606	530	76	603	.....	3	602	.....	4	700	1	Windsor	1167	1071	96	1164	.....	3	1162	.....	1423	.....	
Ira	413	353	60	413	.....	.....	422	.....	.....	400	.....	Windsor	2854	2613	241	2853	.....	1	2898	.....	2827	.....	
Mendon	612	496	116	612	.....	.....	633	.....	.....	504	.....	Windsor	607	521	110	607	.....	.....	105	.....	321	.....	
Middletown	777	728	49	777	.....	.....	712	.....	.....	875	.....	Windsor	80	80	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Holly	1382	1404	178	1379	.....	3	1520	.....	.....	1533	1	Windsor	294	293	1	294	.....	.....	366	.....	226	.....	
Mount Tabor	301	262	39	300	.....	1	352	.....	.....	308	.....	Windsor	1171	1163	8	1169	.....	2	1376	.....	1351	.....	
Pawlet	1595	1394	111	1494	.....	11	1539	.....	.....	1842	1	Windsor	764	704	60	760	.....	4	724	.....	821	.....	
Pittsfield	482	475	7	482	.....	.....	492	.....	1	511	1	Windsor	866	858	8	865	.....	1	1004	.....	1125	.....	
Pittsford	2127	1766	361	2126	.....	1	1830	.....	22	2004	22	Windsor	1238	1228	50	1219	.....	19	1301	.....	1721	.....	
Poultney	2820	2267	553	2823	.....	13	2278	.....	.....	2328	1	Windsor	1263	1257	6	1258	.....	7	1372	.....	1383	.....	
Rutland	9834	6871	2963	9763	69	7424	93	3678	37	Windsor	1946	1239	7	1246	1421	3	1372	
Shelburne	462	459	3	462	.....	.....	525	.....	.....	578	.....	Windsor	544	541	3	544	.....	.....	680	.....	763	.....	
Shrewsbury	1145	1003	142	1144	.....	1	1175	.....	.....	1268	.....	WINDSOR.										
Sudbury	601	543	58	601	.....	.....	690	.....	.....	794	.....	Andover	588	573	15	586	.....	2	670	.....	723	.....	
Tinmouth	589	553	36	589	.....	.....	620	.....	.....	717	.....	Baltimore	83	80	3	83	.....	.....	115	.....	124	.....	
Wallingford	2023	1827	196	2022	.....	1	1747	.....	.....	1636	2	Barnard	1208	1161	47	1207	.....	1	1427	.....	1647	.....	
Wells	483	437	46	483	.....	.....	642	.....	.....	804	.....	Bethel	1817	1720	91	1817	.....	.....	1804	.....	1730	.....	
West Haven	713	649	64	713	.....	.....	579	.....	1	718	.....	Bridgewater	1141	1128	13	1141	.....	.....	1222	.....	1211	.....	
WASHINGTON.									Cavendish	1823	1508	315	1820	.....	.....	3	1506	.....	3	1570	.....		
Barre	1882	1827	55	1821	1	1839	1845	Chester	2052	1967	85	2051	1	2123	3	1998	
Berlin	1474	1306	168	1469	5	1545	1507	Hartford	2480	2214	266	2474	6	2380	7	2157	
Cabot (a)	1279	1225	54	1278	.....	1	1318	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hartland	1710	1635	75	1707	.....	3	1748	.....	2061	.....	
Calais	1309	1288	21	1308	.....	1	1409	.....	.....	1410	.....	Ludlow	1827	1621	206	1826	.....	1	1598	.....	1619	.....	
Duxbury	833	750	143	831	2	1000	845	Norwich	1639	1600	39	1638	1	1756	3	1274	
East Montpelier	1120	1071	59	1120	1228	1447	Plymouth	1225	1111	114	1224	1	1220	92	1254
Fayston	694	596	128	694	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	684	.....	Pomfret	1251	1219	32	1247	.....	4	1376	.....	1540	.....	
Goshen Gore (a)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Reading	1012	995	17	1010	.....	2	1152	.....	1170	.....	
Harris Gore (a)	12	11	1	12	10	717	Rochester	1444	1418	26	1441	3	1504	3	1492	
Marshfield	1072	1051	21	1071	.....	1	1159	.....	1	1101	1	Royalton	1679	1612	67	1678	.....	1	1739	.....	1849	.....	
Middlesex	1171	1074	97	1170	1	1253	1	1301	1	Sharon	1012	978	35	1013	1110	1	1240	
Montpelier	3023	2523	440	3013	10	2405	6	2203	4	Springfield	2937	2828	109	2933	4	2938	20	2737	
Moretown	1203	1120	143	1203	1410	1335	Springfield	1337	1262	75	1334	
Northfield	2410	2071	439	2408	2	2326	3	2222	Stockbridge	1269	1231	38	1268	1	1264	1326	
Plainfield	726	713	13	725	1	822	808	Weathersfield	1527	1485	42	1527	1765	1851	
Roxbury	916	825	91	916	1060	907	Weston	931	898	33	931	925	939	
Waitsfield	948	847	101	948	1005	1021	West Windsor	708	698	10	708	924	1062	
Warren	1008	978	30	1008	1041	962	Windsor	1099	1054	45	1073	26	1657	12	1907	
												Woodstock	2910	2717	193	2860	50	3069	53	2923	

(a) In 1855 Cabot, Goshen Gore "by Plainfield," and Harris Gore from Caledonia County.

