



**A Granite State Future
Kick-off Summit
May 21, 2012**

Agenda

1:00 – 1:15 Introductions

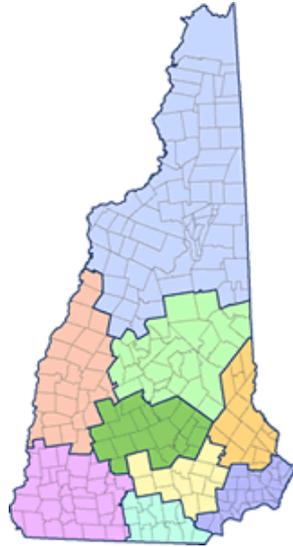
1:15 – 2:00 State of the State from a Regional Perspective
Steve Norton, NH Center for Public Policy Studies

2:00 – 2:45 Short Presentations of Existing and Exciting Related Work in NH including:

- The Governor's Water Sustainability Commission, *John Gilbert, Chair*
- NH Listens, *Molly Donovan, UNH Cooperative Extension*
- Commute Green NH, *Jill Longval, Nashua Regional Planning Commission*
- Vibrant Villages, *Robin LeBlanc, PlanNH*
- Sustainable Practices in Local Government in NH, *James Howard*

2:45 – 3:00 An Overview of What We are Doing and Where We are Going

3:30 – 4:00 Meet and Greet Reception (bring your calendar)
Viewing of the Vibrant Villages videos



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A presentation to
**New Hampshire's Regional Planning
Commissions**

May 21, 2012

"...to raise new ideas and improve policy debates through quality information and analysis on issues shaping New Hampshire's future."

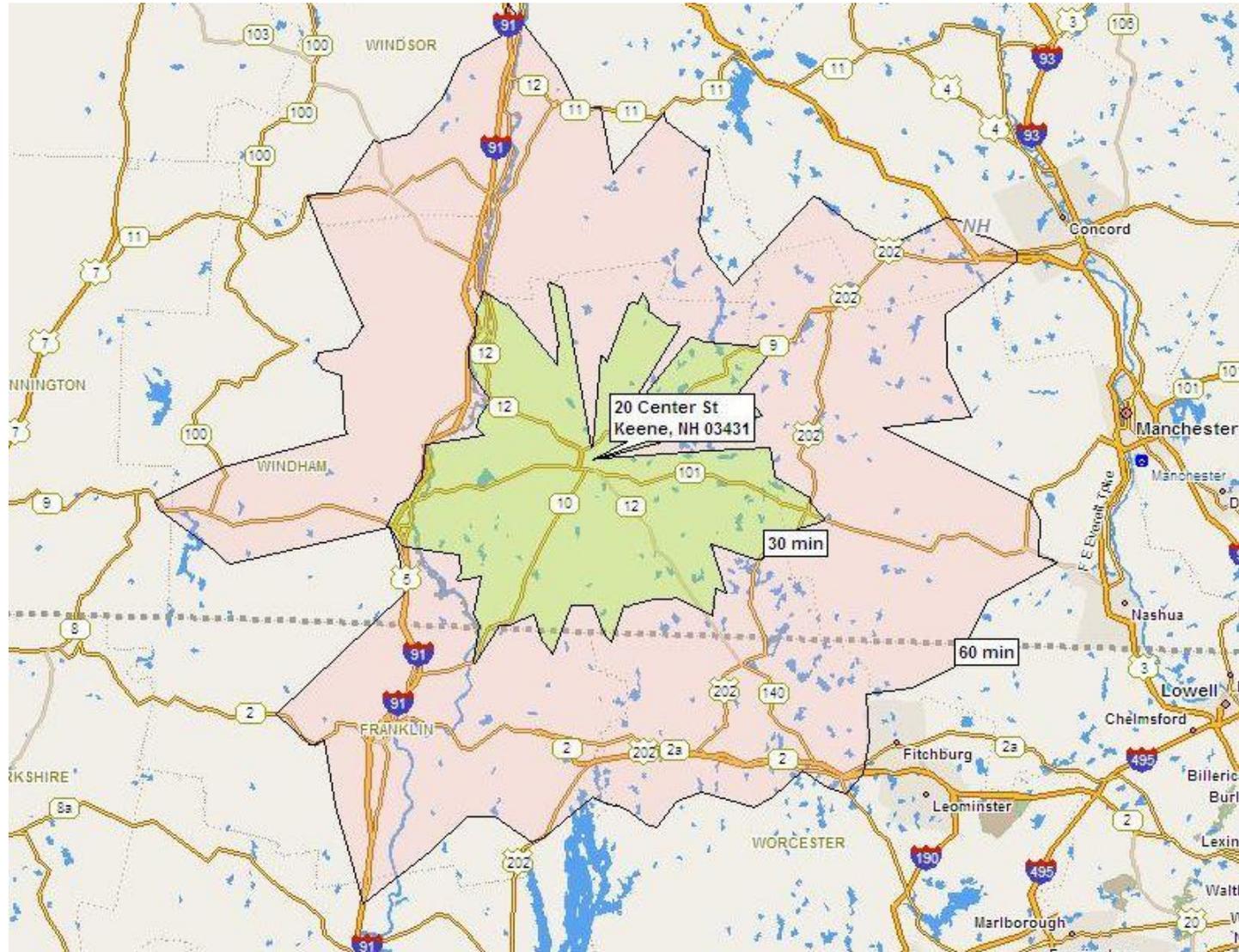
What do you mean by Regional?

How to Understand New Hampshire?

- On town/city scale?
 - History of local control: Selectboards, police & fire departments
 - Large, highly-representative State House: Almost every town gets a vote.
- On statewide scale?
 - Public education: Equity across the state
 - Economic development: tax policy, business climate
 - Tourism: the New Hampshire “brand”

But what about across the borders?

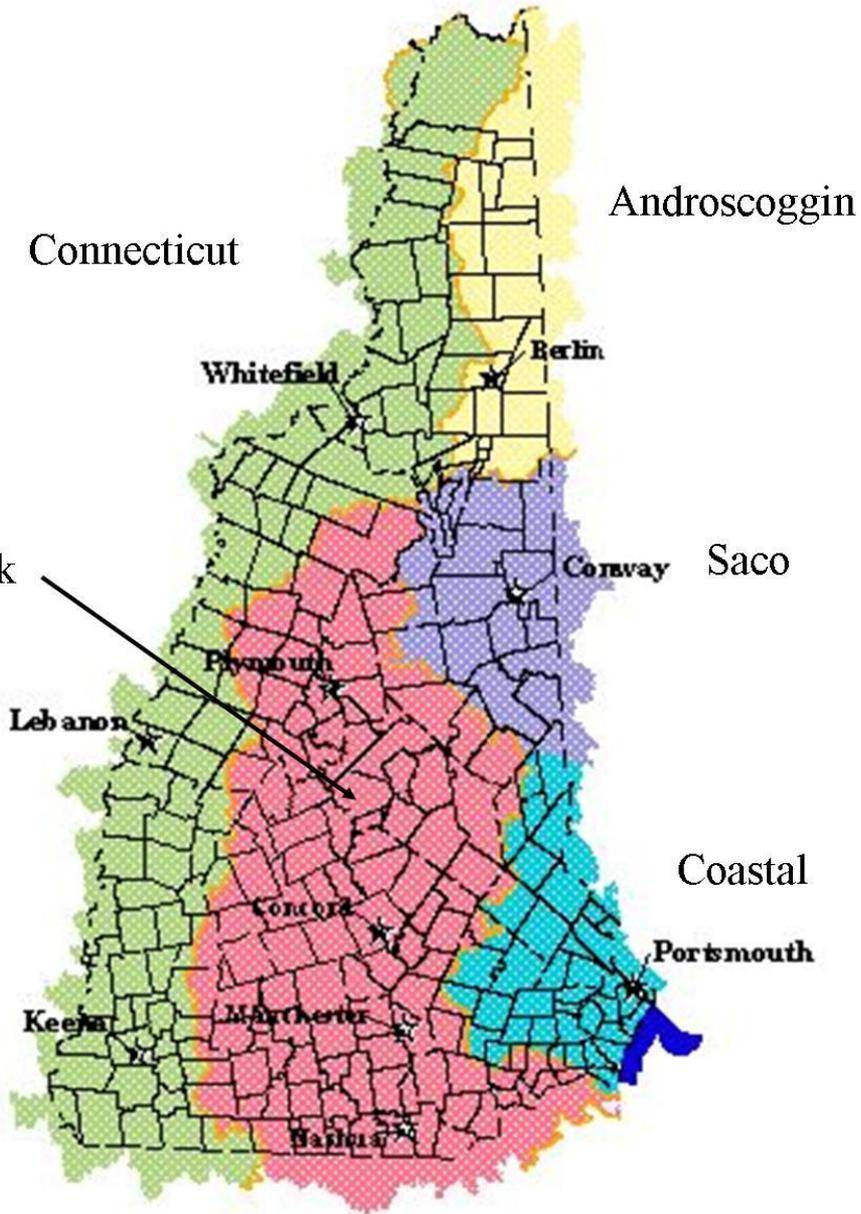
- **Transportation**
 - Commuting patterns
 - Mass transit & rail
- **Housing**
 - Workforce housing, senior housing
- **Environment**
 - Water quality
 - Land preservation



30 minute and 1 hour Drive Times

Watersheds

Merrimack



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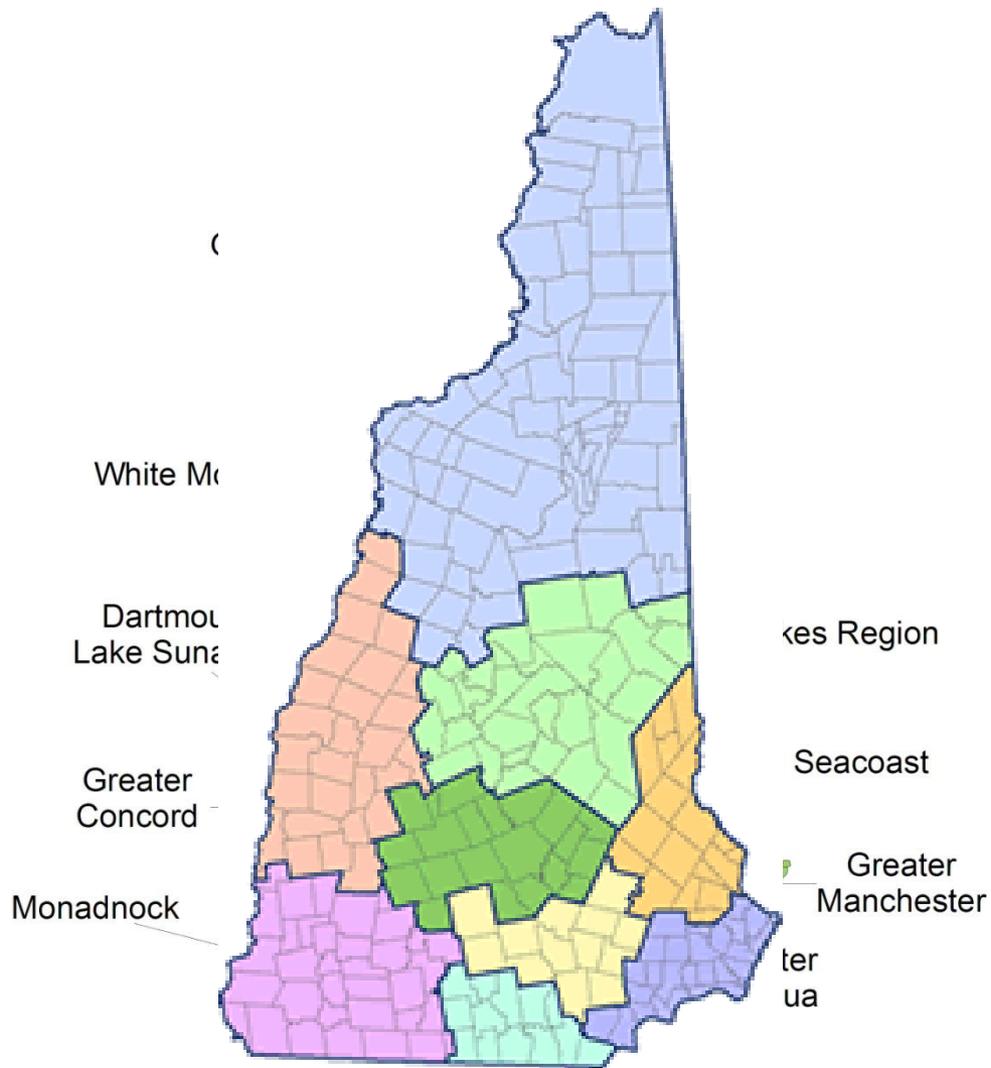
Labor Markets

Hospital Service
 Areas

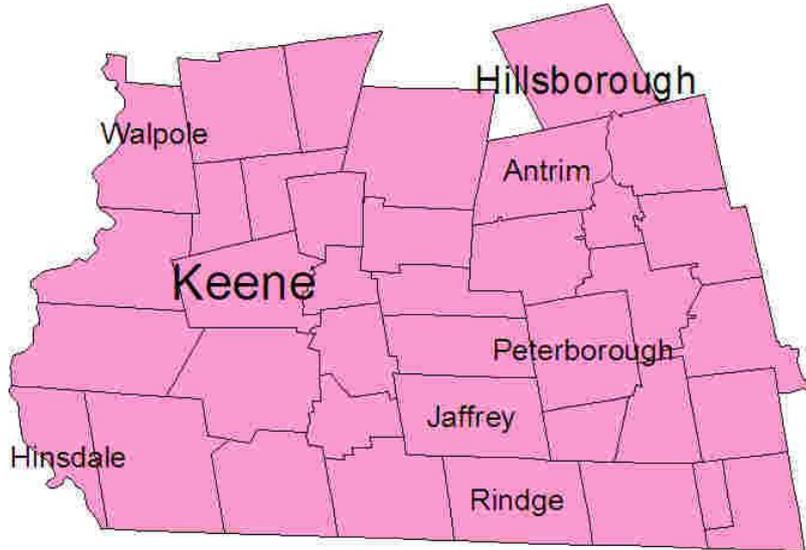
Tourist Regions

Watersheds

Housing Markets



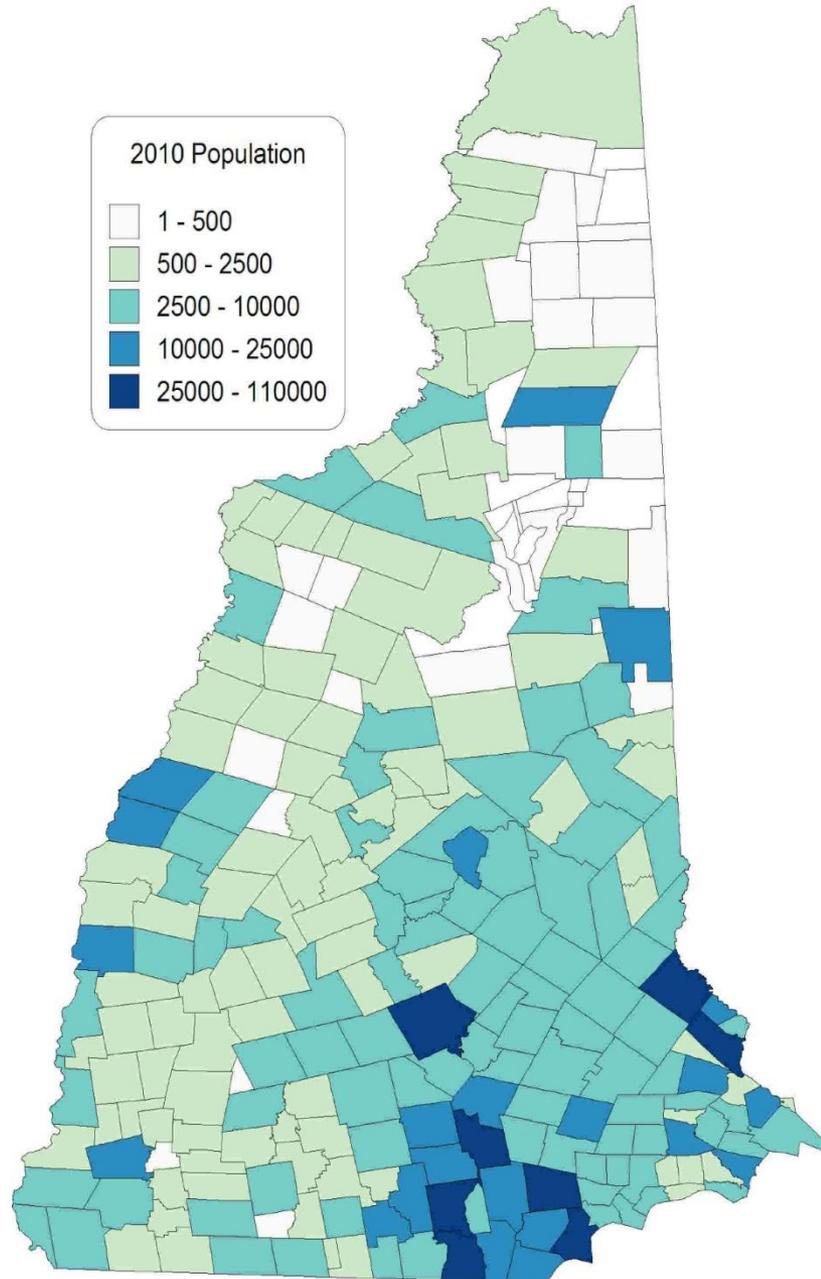
The Monadnock Region



- Alstead
- Antrim
- Bennington
- Chesterfield
- Deering
- Dublin
- Fitzwilliam
- Francestown
- Gilsum
- Greenfield
- Greenville
- Hancock
- Harrisville
- Hillsborough
- Hinsdale
- Jaffrey
- Keene
- Lyndeborough
- Marlborough
- Marlow
- Mason
- Nelson
- New Ipswich
- Peterborough
- Richmond
- Rindge
- Roxbury
- Sharon
- Stoddard
- Sullivan
- Surry
- Swanzey
- Temple
- Troy
- Walpole
- Westmoreland
- Wilton
- Winchester

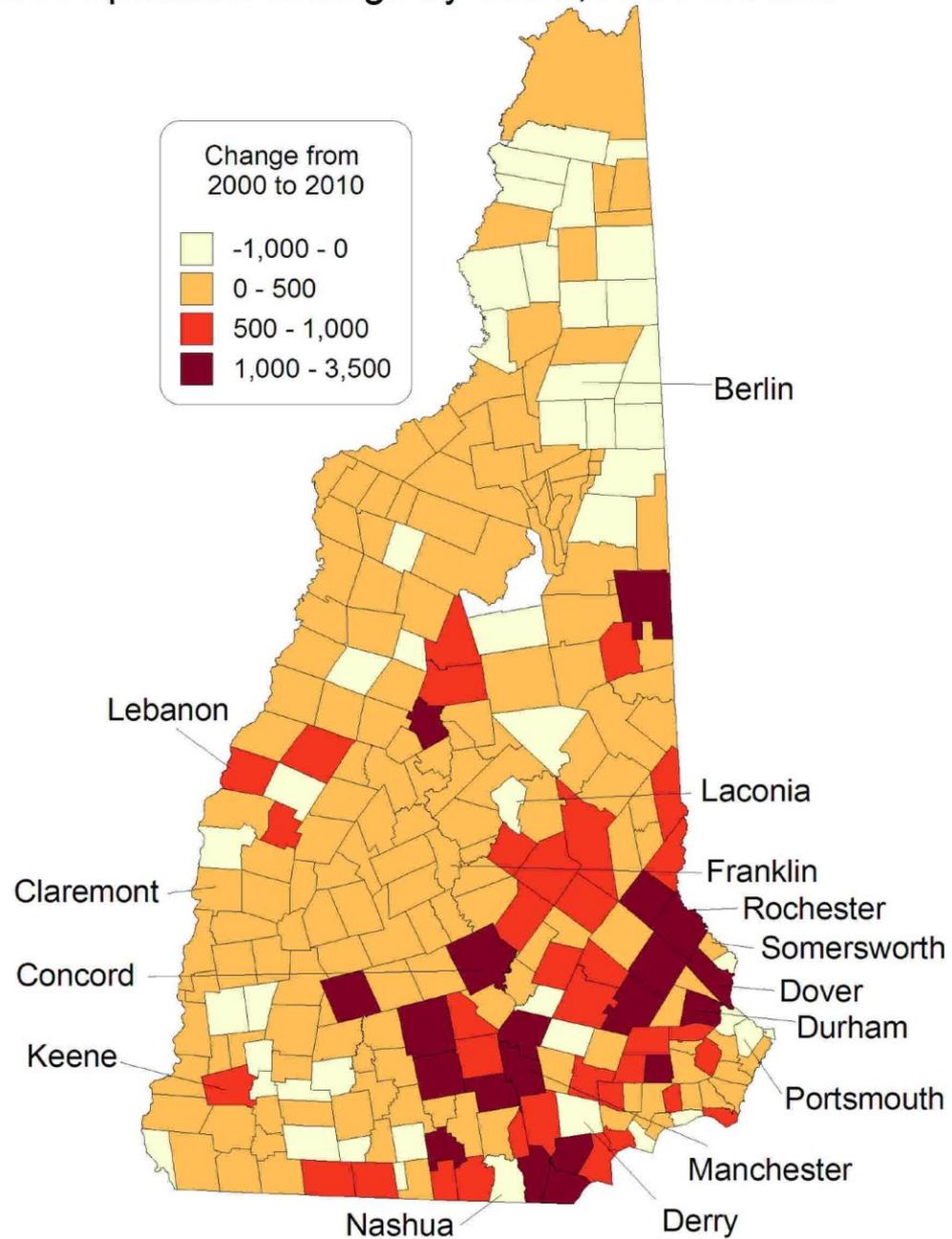
Does Regional Planning (and Action) Makes Sense?

NH Population by Town, 2010



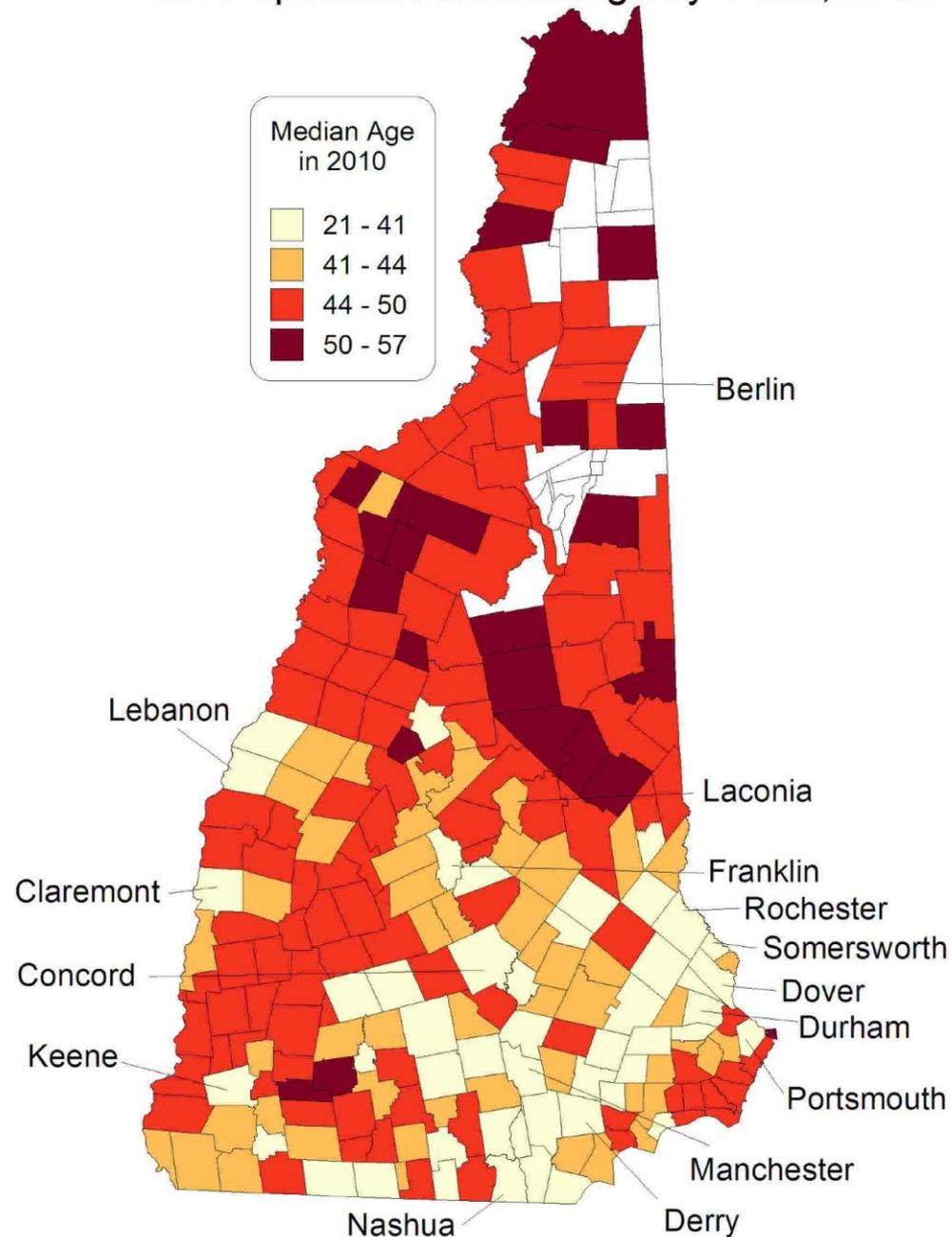
Source: US Census Bureau

NH Population Change by Town, 2000 to 2010



Source: US Census Bureau

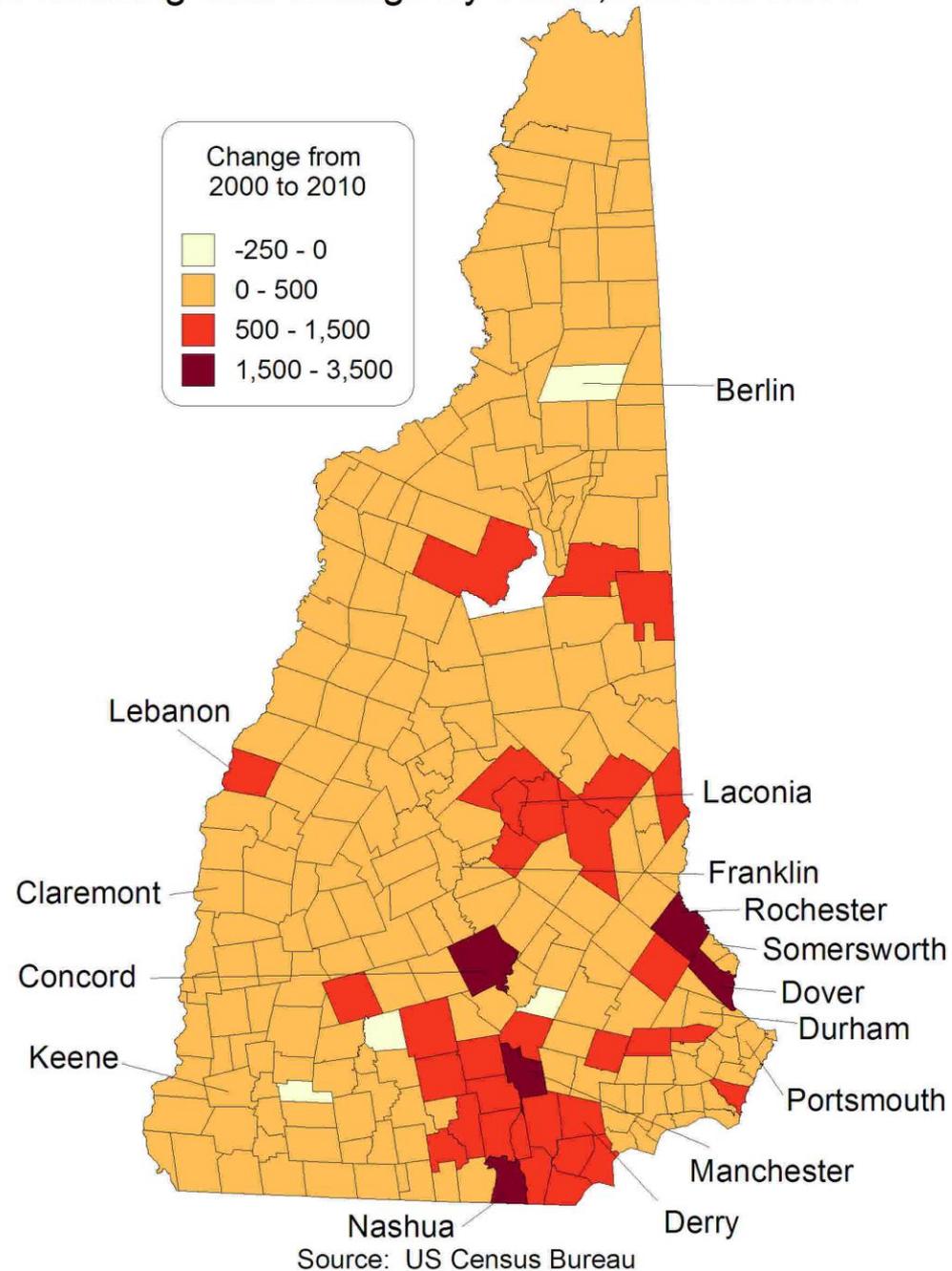
NH Population Median Age by Town, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau

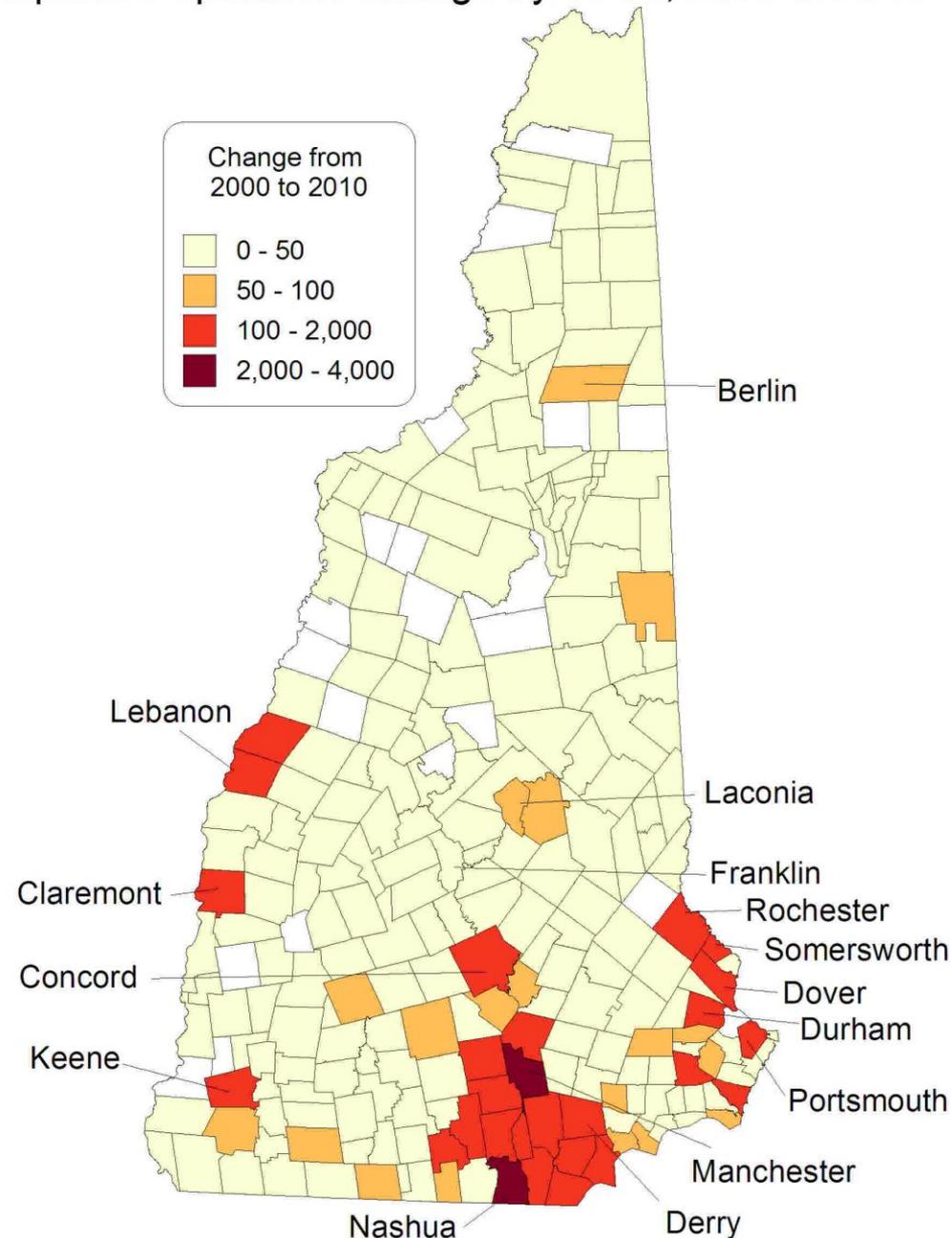
NH Housing Unit Change by Town, 2000 to 2010

- NH housing unit change is slower than in the past.
- Development pressures have likely decreased.



Source: US Census Bureau

- NH's Hispanic population increased nearly 80 percent since 2000, reaching 36,700 people in 2010.
- Nearly every community saw an increase in the Hispanic population, with the biggest increases in cities and the towns along the southern stretch of I-93.
- One point to consider: Nationwide, Census numbers indicate that Hispanics made up more than half of all population growth since 2000. New Hampshire has relied on in-migration to grow, but how will that change if future growth nationally is driven largely by a population that has not been drawn to the state?

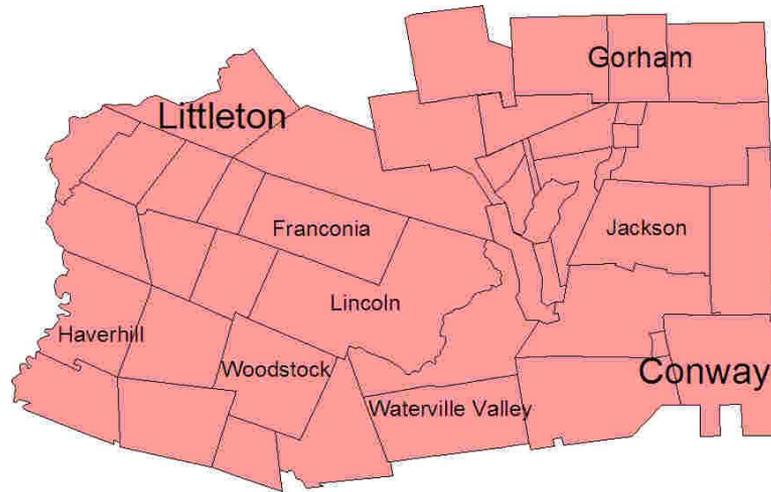


What matters to Greater Nashua?



- Transportation
 - Links to Boston economy.
 - 1 in 4 residents here commutes out of state.
- Water
 - Future of groundwater supplies in light of

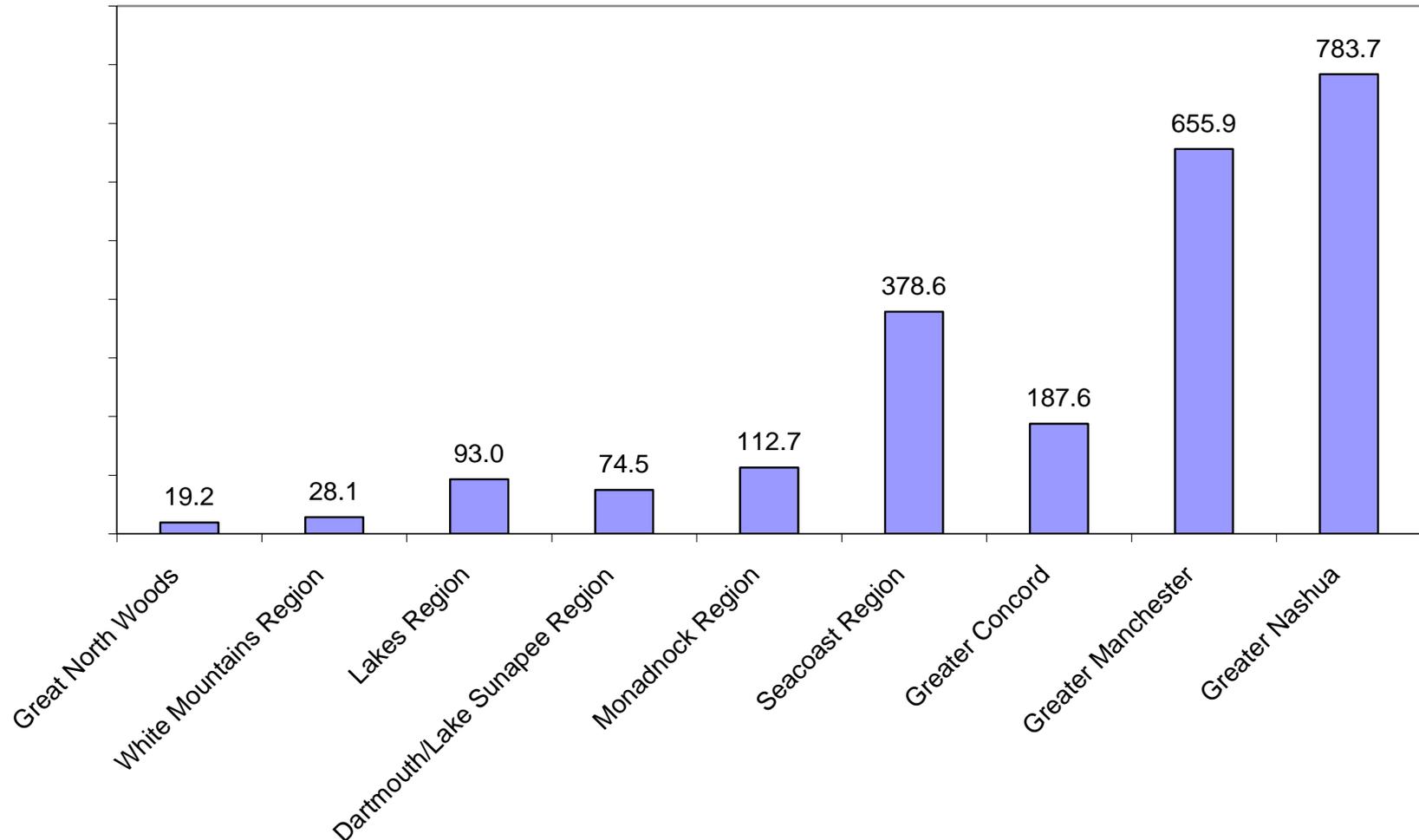
What matters to White Mountain Region?



- Housing
 - More than one-third of housing stock is seasonal and second homes.
 - Where do the workers live?
- Economy
 - How to add balance to employment?

How crowded is it?

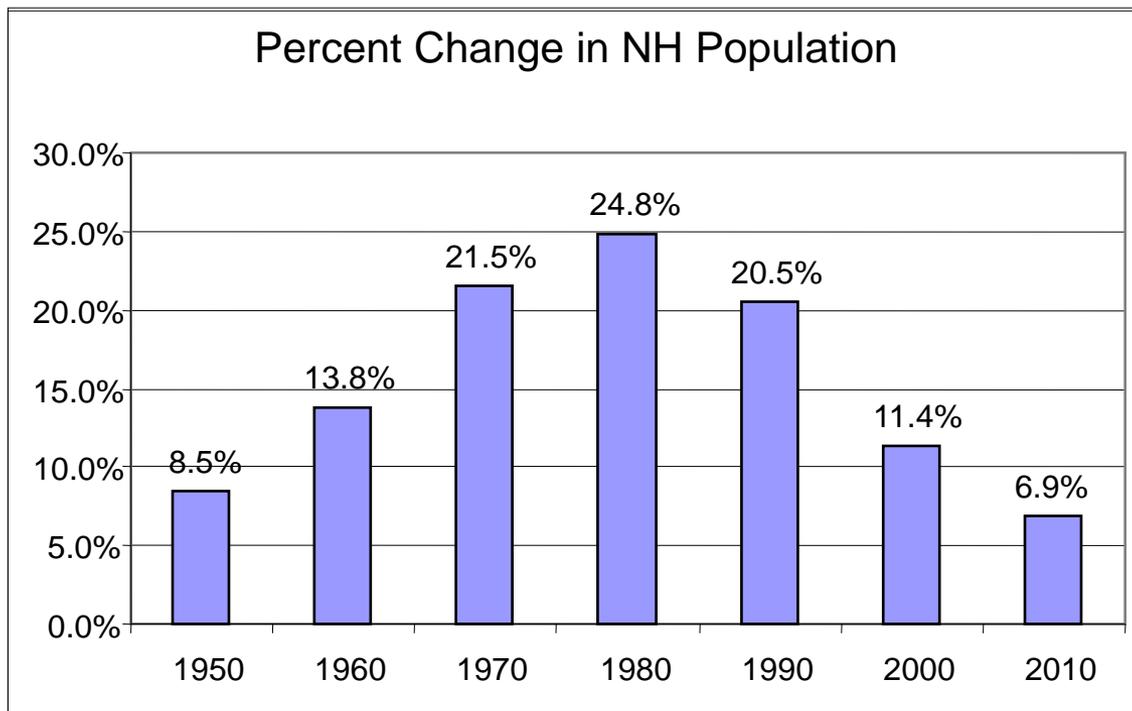
2010 People per Square Mile



**What Are You Planning for
(or ... the world has
changed a lot)?**



We're still growing – but slower

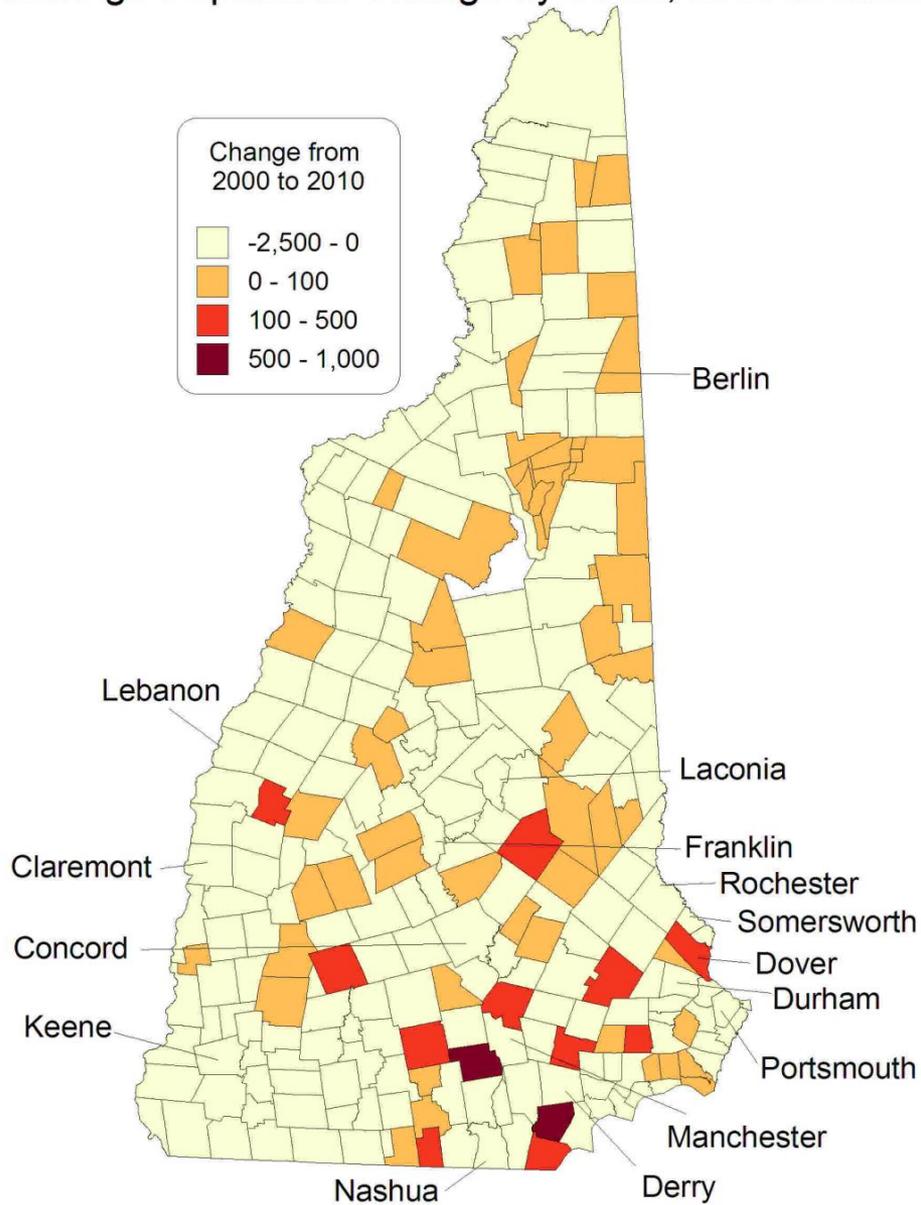


Source: New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies, analysis of U.S. Census data

U.S. Census figures released in December show that the 2000s saw the slowest rate of population growth in New Hampshire in six decades. Later this year, the Census Bureau will release specific population figures for counties and communities. What will those numbers tell us about the state's demographic patterns over the past decade? And what will they mean for the redrawing of electoral districts in the New Hampshire Legislature later this year?



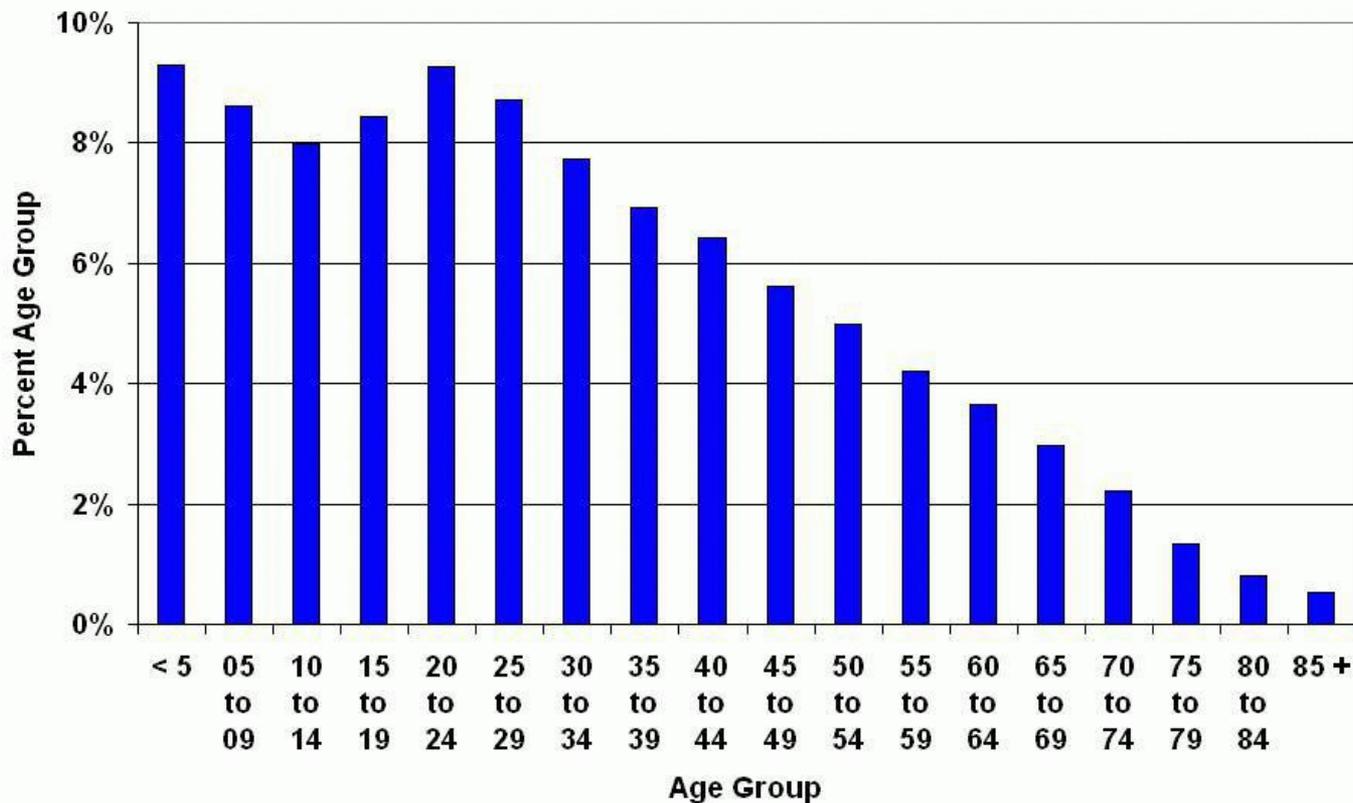
NH School Age Population Change by Town, 2000 to 2010



Source: US Census Bureau

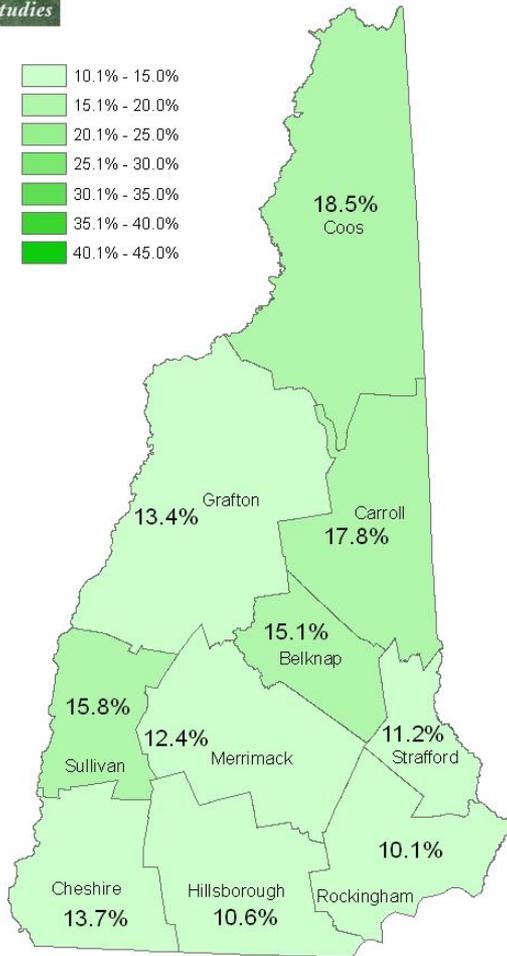
Understanding the past to see the Future:
 Here come the baby boomers

New Hampshire Population Distribution by Age, 1900



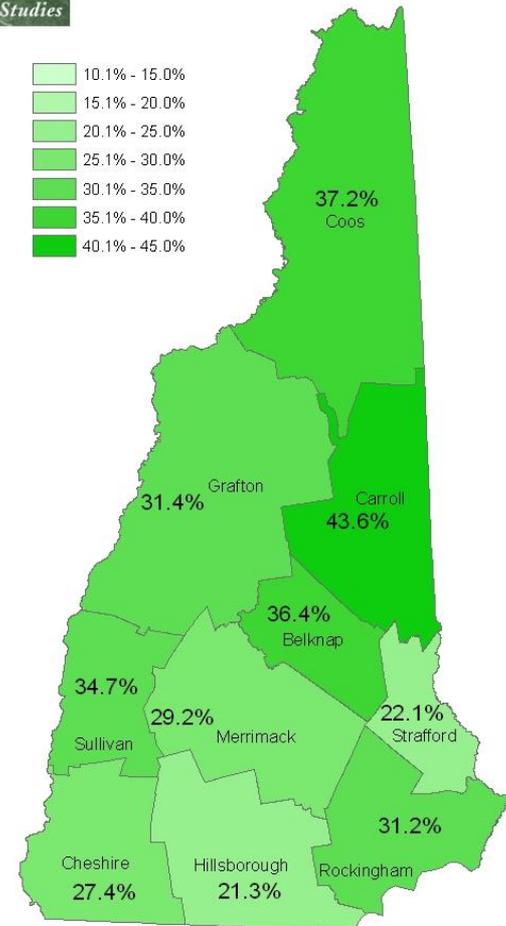
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**Percent of Population Age 65 and Older
By County, 2000**



Source: NH Office of Energy and Planning

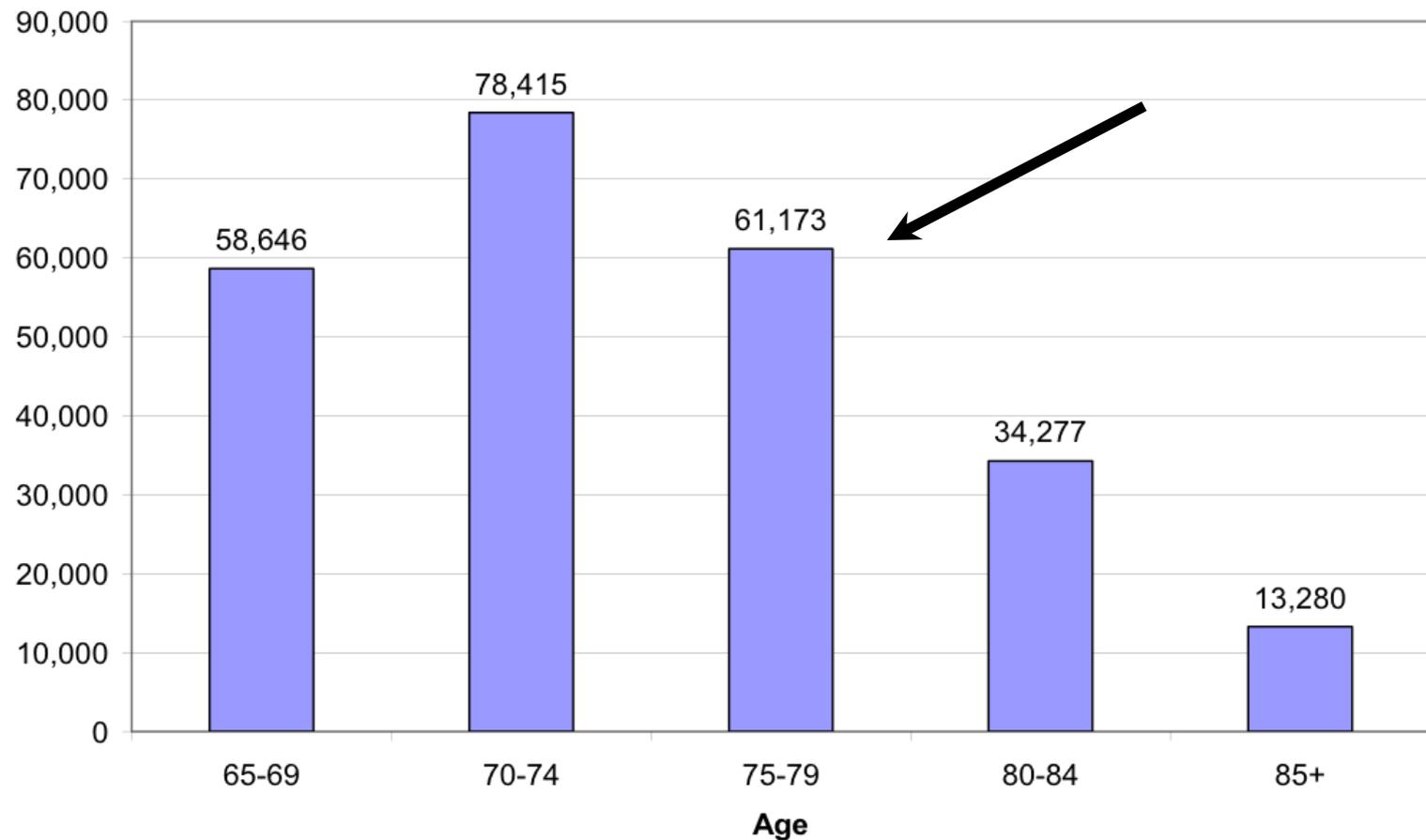
**Percent of Population Age 65 and Older
By County, 2030**



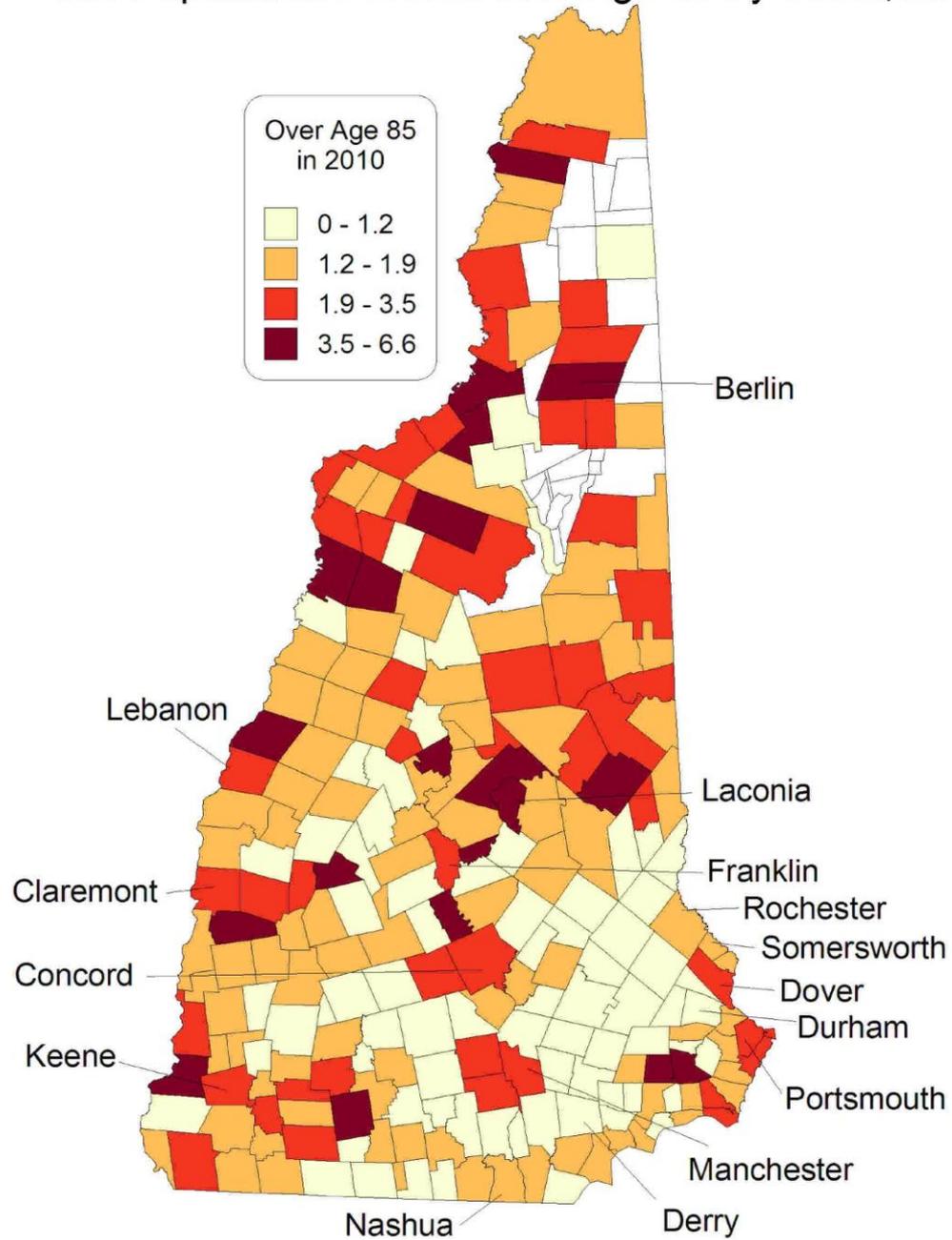
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The new 60? Significant growth of the population 75 - 79

Change In Population over the Age of 65 2010-2030



NH Population Percent over Age 85 by Town, 2010

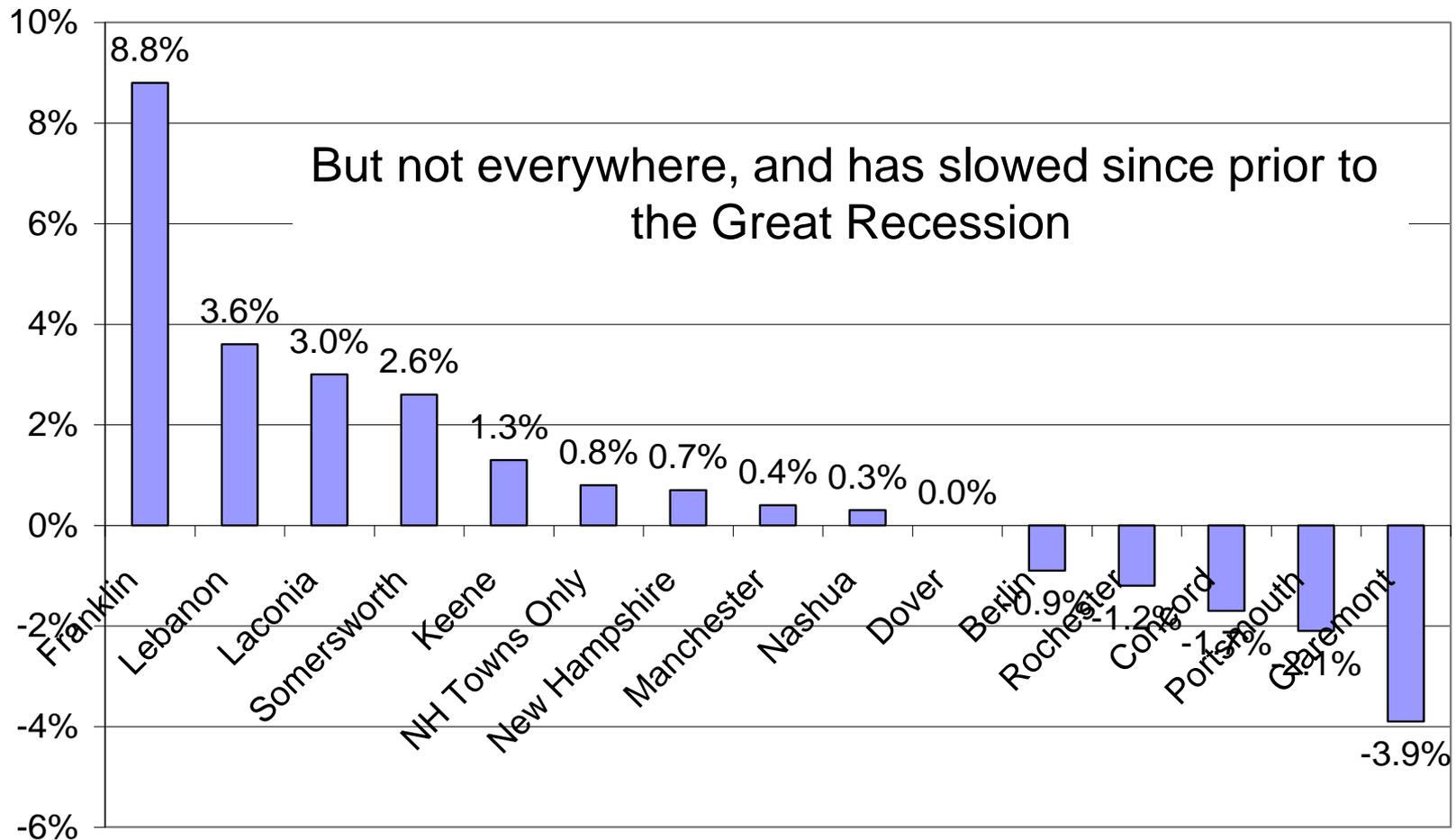


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How Can Regionalism Help with ‘The Local Challenge’

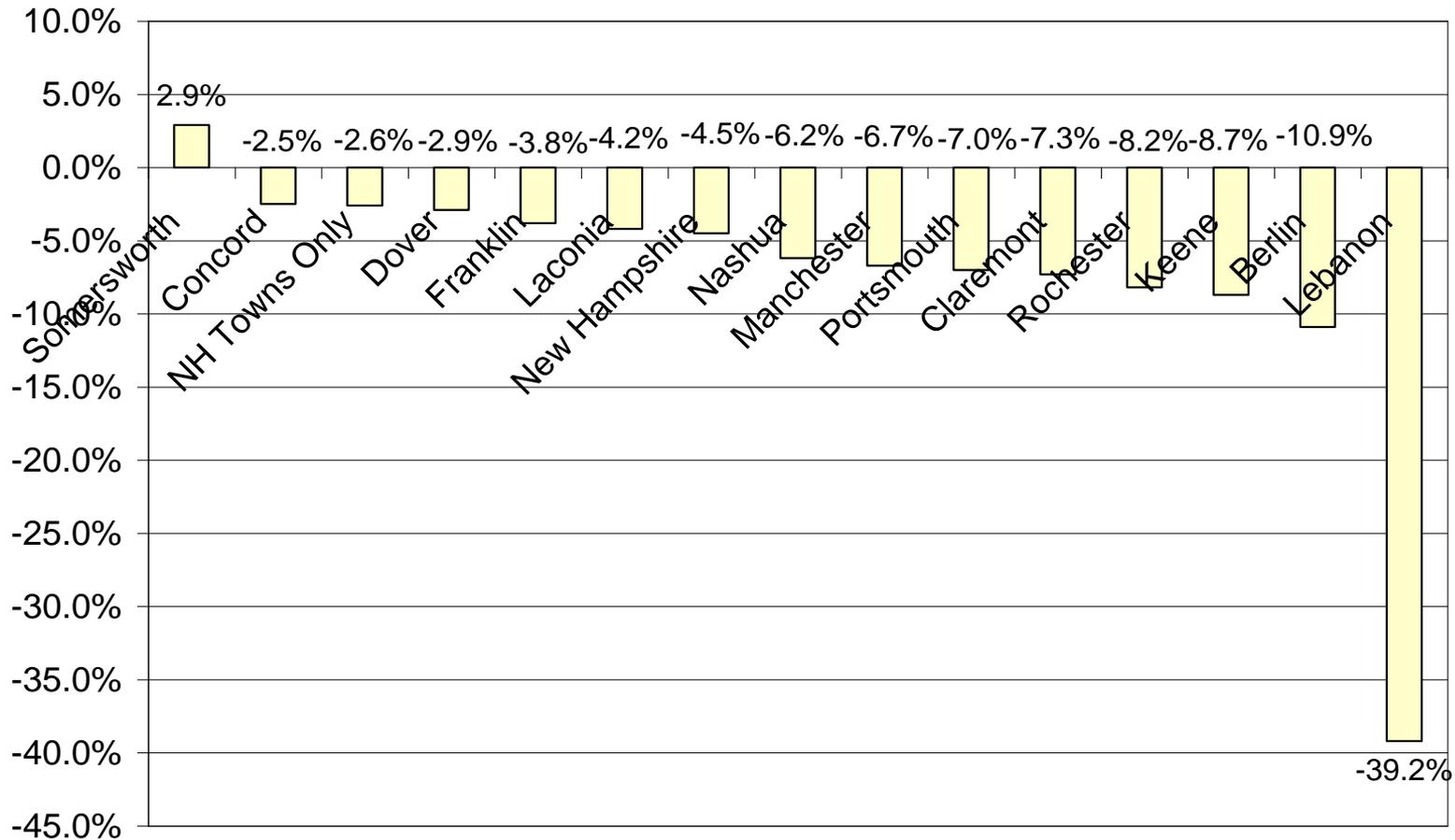
Local Spending Continues to Grow (2007-2010)

Change in Total Per Capita Inflation Adjusted Appropriations



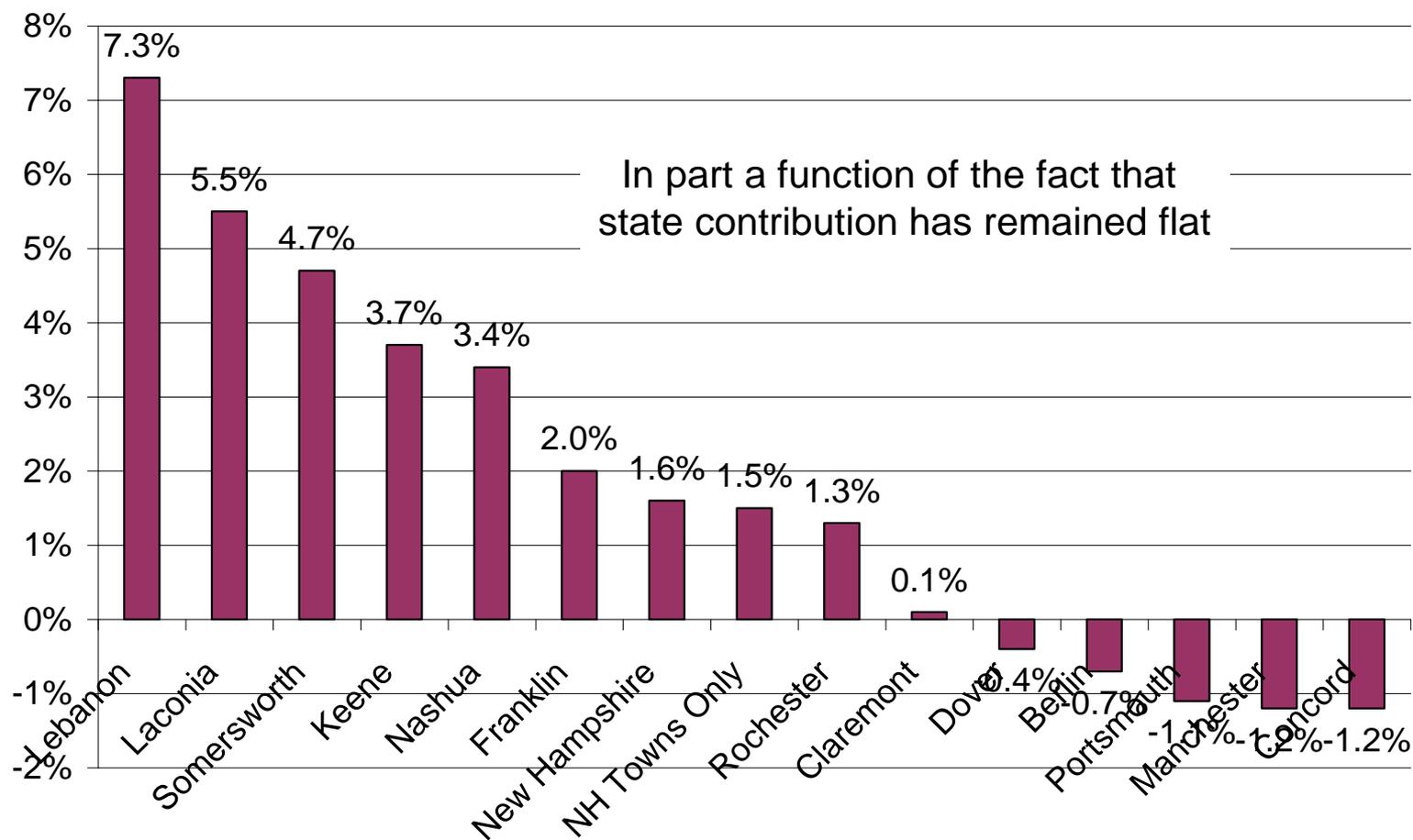
State Contribution Falls by 4.5% on a per capita inflation adjusted basis

Change in Inflation Adjusted Per Capita State Contribution, 2007 - 2010

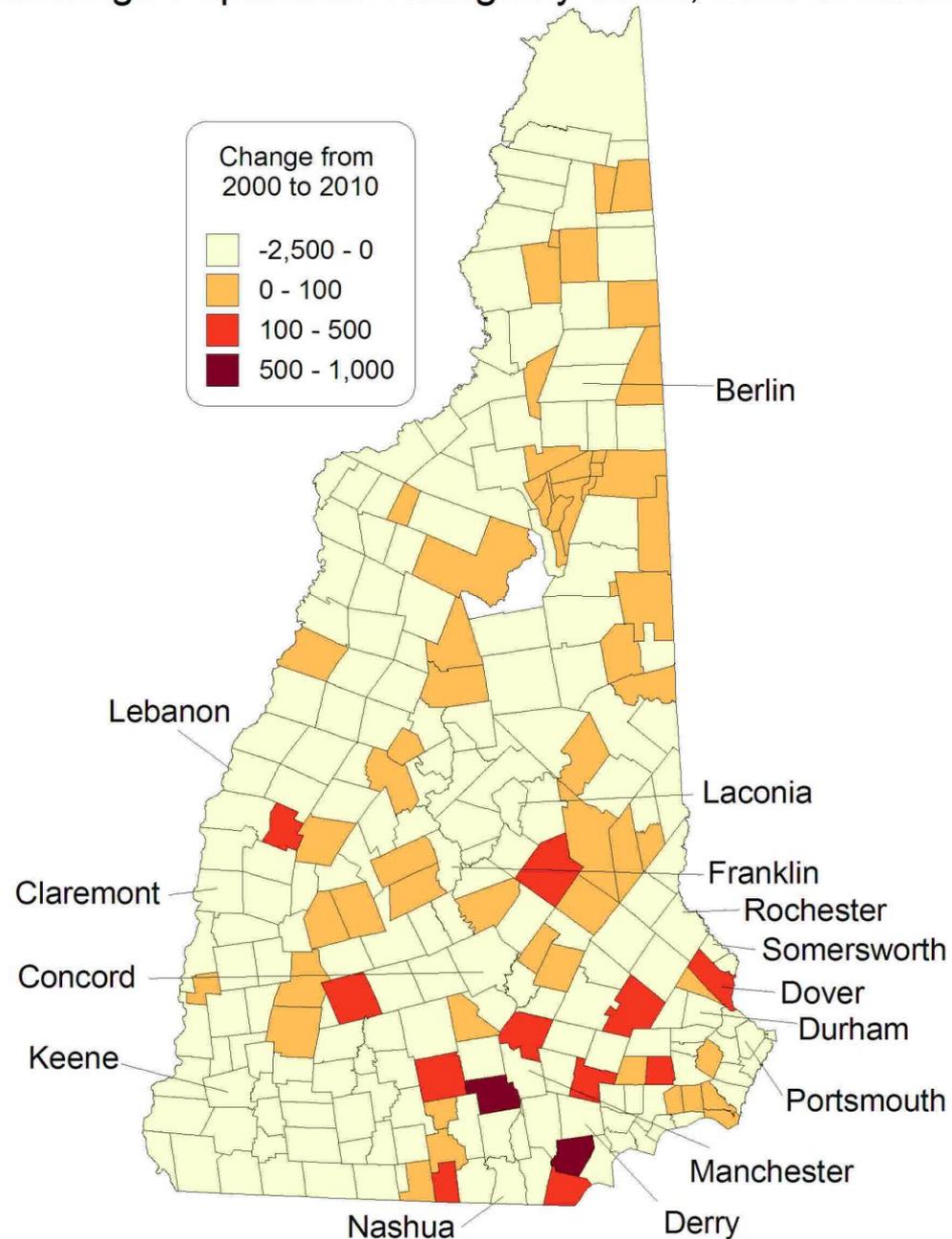


Local School Appropriations Continue to Increase 2007 - 2010

Change in Per Capita Local School Appropriations

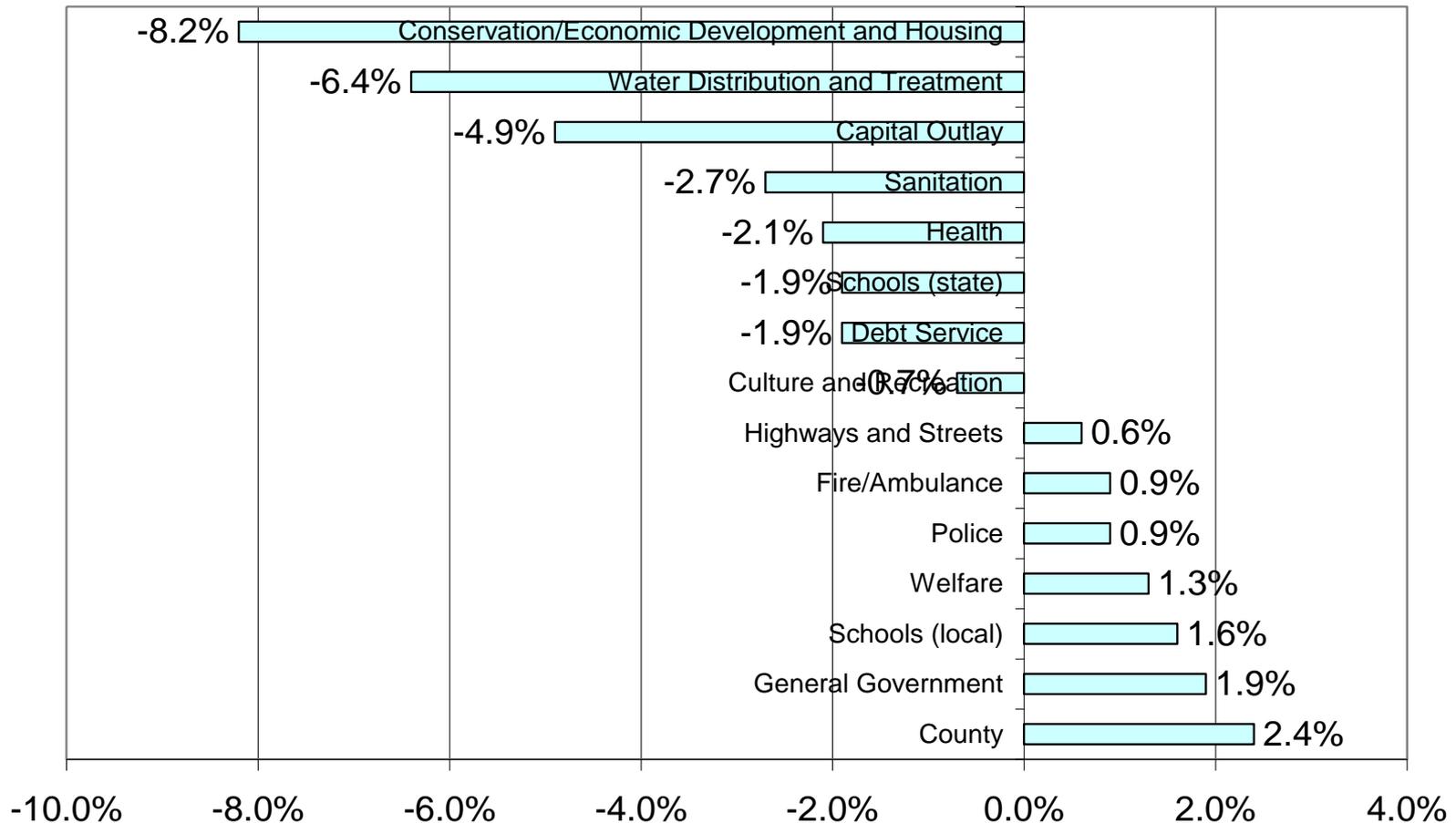


- That appropriations continue to increase while the number of school aged children declines should give policy makers a moments pause



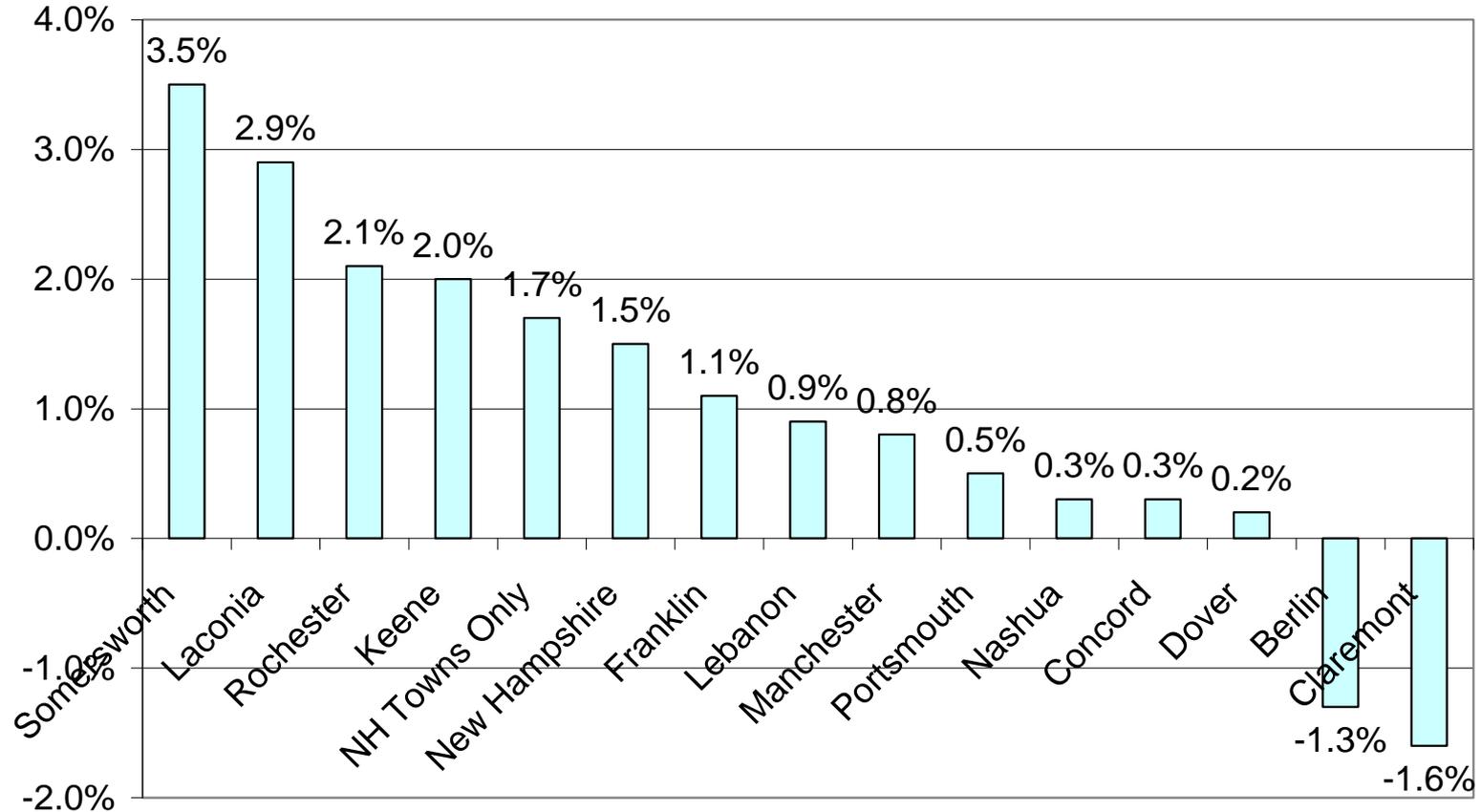
Changing Spending Patterns in NH's Cities and Towns. What does this mean?

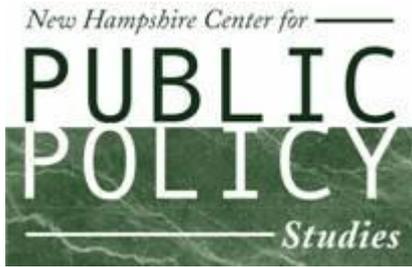
Change in Per Capita, Inflation Adjusted Appropriations 2007 to 2010 in NH's Cities and Towns



Per person property tax burden continues to grow in the absence of revenue and sufficient cost savings

Change in Property Tax Receipts Per Person, Inflation Adjusted 2007 - 2010





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Strengthening NH Communities

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Bringing people together for engaged conversations

and informed community solutions

Community Conversations

Civic
Engagement:

Individual and
collective actions
designed to
identify and
address issues of
community
concern.

Why civic engagement?

- ❑ It is important to give voice to all
- ❑ People are looking to participate
- ❑ People are looking for a *different* way to participate
- ❑ It gives community members a model to replicate
- ❑ Results will inform the plans as part of A Granite State Future
- ❑ It is very interesting to listen and learn

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Civic Engagement efforts for A Granite State Future

- Based on the NH Livability Principles
- Asking the question “*How can the places we live, work, play and learn become sustainable, livable, and meaningful for ALL our residents?*”
- Focus on those who traditionally may have been left out of the planning process.

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□ **Communities of Interest**

25 meetings and focus groups throughout the state
September-December 2012

□ **Communities of Place**

9 to 12 regional community forums focused on place
April – July 2013

□ **Regional Forums**

4 regional forums
September – November 2013