Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic area: Palmer town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

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Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	**12,497**	**100.0**
SEX AND AGE		
Male	6,039	48.3
Female	6,458	51.7
Under 5 years	693	5.5
5 to 9 years	903	7.2
10 to 14 years	977	7.8
15 to 19 years	865	6.9
20 to 24 years	558	4.5
25 to 34 years	1,599	12.8
35 to 44 years	2,216	17.7
45 to 54 years	1,747	14.0
55 to 59 years	578	4.6
60 to 64 years	421	3.4
65 to 74 years	914	7.3
75 to 84 years	777	6.2
85 years and over	249	2.0
Median age (years)	38.1	(X)
18 years and over	9,349	74.8
Male	4,401	35.2
Female	4,948	39.6
21 years and over	8,931	71.5
62 years and over	2,193	17.5
65 years and over	1,940	15.5
Male	726	5.8
Female	1,214	9.7
RACE		
One race	12,348	98.8
White	12,100	96.8
Black or African American	94	0.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	29	0.2
Asian	70	0.6
Asian Indian	15	0.1
Chinese	38	0.3
Filipino	7	0.1
Japanese	2	-
Korean	4	-
Vietnamese	1	-
Other Asian [1]	3	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	-	-
Native Hawaiian	-	-
Guamanian or Chamorro	-	-
Samoan	-	-
Other Pacific Islander [2]	-	-
Some other race	55	0.4
Two or more races	149	1.2
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: [3]		
White	12,228	97.8
Black or African American	123	1.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	88	0.7
Asian	105	0.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	7	0.1
Some other race	108	0.9

Subject	Number	Percent
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Total population	**12,497**	**100.0**
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	154	1.2
Mexican	15	0.1
Puerto Rican	96	0.8
Cuban	8	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	35	0.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,343	98.8
White alone	12,024	96.2
RELATIONSHIP		
Total population	**12,497**	**100.0**
In households	12,425	99.4
Householder	5,078	40.6
Spouse	2,462	19.7
Child	3,772	30.2
Own child under 18 years	2,920	23.4
Other relatives	468	3.7
Under 18 years	143	1.1
Nonrelatives	645	5.2
Unmarried partner	343	2.7
In group quarters	72	0.6
Institutionalized population	66	0.5
Noninstitutionalized population	6	-
HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Total households	**5,078**	**100.0**
Family households (families)	3,329	65.6
With own children under 18 years	1,603	31.6
Married-couple family	2,462	48.5
With own children under 18 years	1,098	21.6
Female householder, no husband present	623	12.3
With own children under 18 years	382	7.5
Nonfamily households	1,749	34.4
Householder living alone	1,456	28.7
Householder 65 years and over	658	13.0
Households with individuals under 18 years	1,722	33.9
Households with individuals 65 years and over	1,419	27.9
Average household size	2.45	(X)
Average family size	3.01	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	**5,402**	**100.0**
Occupied housing units	5,078	94.0
Vacant housing units	324	6.0
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	31	0.6
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.7	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	4.7	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	**5,078**	**100.0**
Owner-occupied housing units	3,322	65.4
Renter-occupied housing units	1,756	34.6
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.65	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.07	(X)

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[1] Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

[2] Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

[3] In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000

Geographic area: Palmer town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	**3,223**	**100.0**
Nursery school, preschool	212	6.6
Kindergarten	163	5.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,583	49.1
High school (grades 9-12)	751	23.3
College or graduate school	514	15.9
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	**8,510**	**100.0**
Less than 9th grade	511	6.0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,199	14.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,294	38.7
Some college, no degree	1,627	19.1
Associate degree	728	8.6
Bachelor's degree	858	10.1
Graduate or professional degree	293	3.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	79.9	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	13.5	(X)
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	**9,944**	**100.0**
Never married	2,567	25.8
Now married, except separated	5,154	51.8
Separated	237	2.4
Widowed	988	9.9
Female	826	8.3
Divorced	998	10.0
Female	527	5.3
GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS		
Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	**163**	**100.0**
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	39	23.9
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	**9,333**	**100.0**
Civilian veterans	1,236	13.2
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION		
Population 5 to 20 years	**2,936**	**100.0**
With a disability	262	8.9
Population 21 to 64 years	**6,896**	**100.0**
With a disability	1,492	21.6
Percent employed	70.1	(X)
No disability	5,404	78.4
Percent employed	86.2	(X)
Population 65 years and over	**1,890**	**100.0**
With a disability	730	38.6
RESIDENCE IN 1995		
Population 5 years and over	**11,812**	**100.0**
Same house in 1995	7,655	64.8
Different house in the U.S. in 1995	4,103	34.7
Same county	2,984	25.3
Different county	1,119	9.5
Same state	876	7.4
Different state	243	2.1
Elsewhere in 1995	54	0.5

Subject	Number	Percent
NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH		
Total population	**12,497**	**100.0**
Native	12,138	97.1
Born in United States	12,020	96.2
State of residence	10,052	80.4
Different state	1,968	15.7
Born outside United States	118	0.9
Foreign born	359	2.9
Entered 1990 to March 2000	90	0.7
Naturalized citizen	170	1.4
Not a citizen	189	1.5
REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Total (excluding born at sea)	**359**	**100.0**
Europe	269	74.9
Asia	23	6.4
Africa	-	-
Oceania	-	-
Latin America	-	-
Northern America	67	18.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		
Population 5 years and over	**11,812**	**100.0**
English only	10,829	91.7
Language other than English	983	8.3
Speak English less than "very well"	288	2.4
Spanish	129	1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	56	0.5
Other Indo-European languages	835	7.1
Speak English less than "very well"	225	1.9
Asian and Pacific Island languages	7	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	7	0.1
ANCESTRY (single or multiple)		
Total population	**12,497**	**100.0**
Total ancestries reported	*15,798*	*126.4*
Arab	22	0.2
Czech[1]	15	0.1
Danish	78	0.6
Dutch	68	0.5
English	1,080	8.6
French (except Basque)[1]	3,043	24.3
French Canadian[1]	1,235	9.9
German	576	4.6
Greek	128	1.0
Hungarian	13	0.1
Irish[1]	2,365	18.9
Italian	1,190	9.5
Lithuanian	136	1.1
Norwegian	59	0.5
Polish	3,132	25.1
Portuguese	231	1.8
Russian	140	1.1
Scotch-Irish	177	1.4
Scottish	451	3.6
Slovak	-	-
Subsaharan African	66	0.5
Swedish	159	1.3
Swiss	55	0.4
Ukrainian	42	0.3
United States or American	373	3.0
Welsh	23	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups)	-	-
Other ancestries	941	7.5

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[1]The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

Table DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic area: Palmer town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	**9,753**	**100.0**
In labor force	6,656	68.2
Civilian labor force	6,633	68.0
Employed	6,363	65.2
Unemployed	270	2.8
Percent of civilian labor force	4.1	(X)
Armed Forces	23	0.2
Not in labor force	3,097	31.8
Females 16 years and over	**5,128**	**100.0**
In labor force	3,162	61.7
Civilian labor force	3,162	61.7
Employed	3,017	58.8
Own children under 6 years	**816**	**100.0**
All parents in family in labor force	606	74.3
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	**6,291**	**100.0**
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone	5,238	83.3
Car, truck, or van - - carpooled	593	9.4
Public transportation (including taxicab)	5	0.1
Walked	236	3.8
Other means	73	1.2
Worked at home	146	2.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)[1]	22.9	(X)
Employed civilian population 16 years and over	**6,363**	**100.0**
OCCUPATION		
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,687	26.5
Service occupations	1,062	16.7
Sales and office occupations	1,659	26.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	12	0.2
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	503	7.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,440	22.6
INDUSTRY		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	58	0.9
Construction	307	4.8
Manufacturing	1,363	21.4
Wholesale trade	255	4.0
Retail trade	753	11.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	473	7.4
Information	158	2.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	360	5.7
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	347	5.5
Educational, health and social services	1,315	20.7
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	412	6.5
Other services (except public administration)	287	4.5
Public administration	275	4.3
CLASS OF WORKER		
Private wage and salary workers	4,768	74.9
Government workers	1,160	18.2
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	426	6.7
Unpaid family workers	9	0.1

Subject	Number	Percent
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	**5,090**	**100.0**
Less than $10,000	449	8.8
$10,000 to $14,999	395	7.8
$15,000 to $24,999	635	12.5
$25,000 to $34,999	661	13.0
$35,000 to $49,999	966	19.0
$50,000 to $74,999	1,229	24.1
$75,000 to $99,999	431	8.5
$100,000 to $149,999	293	5.8
$150,000 to $199,999	22	0.4
$200,000 or more	9	0.2
Median household income (dollars)	41,443	(X)
With earnings	3,940	77.4
Mean earnings (dollars)[1]	48,153	(X)
With Social Security income	1,573	30.9
Mean Social Security income (dollars)[1]	10,731	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	195	3.8
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)[1]	6,469	(X)
With public assistance income	172	3.4
Mean public assistance income (dollars)[1]	3,467	(X)
With retirement income	888	17.4
Mean retirement income (dollars)[1]	10,855	(X)
Families	**3,383**	**100.0**
Less than $10,000	127	3.8
$10,000 to $14,999	90	2.7
$15,000 to $24,999	339	10.0
$25,000 to $34,999	490	14.5
$35,000 to $49,999	655	19.4
$50,000 to $74,999	980	29.0
$75,000 to $99,999	403	11.9
$100,000 to $149,999	278	8.2
$150,000 to $199,999	12	0.4
$200,000 or more	9	0.3
Median family income (dollars)	49,358	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)[1]	18,664	(X)
Median earnings (dollars):		
Male full-time, year-round workers	35,748	(X)
Female full-time, year-round workers	26,256	(X)

Subject	Number below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
POVERTY STATUS IN 1999		
Families	**195**	**5.8**
With related children under 18 years	169	9.8
With related children under 5 years	77	15.6
Families with female householder, no husband present	**150**	**22.5**
With related children under 18 years	150	34.1
With related children under 5 years	68	54.4
Individuals	**975**	**7.9**
18 years and over	656	7.1
65 years and over	185	9.8
Related children under 18 years	319	10.3
Related children 5 to 17 years	216	9.0
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	424	18.8

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[1]If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator. See text.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000

Geographic area: Palmer town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent
Total housing units	**5,402**	**100.0**
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
1-unit, detached	3,023	56.0
1-unit, attached	77	1.4
2 units	777	14.4
3 or 4 units	589	10.9
5 to 9 units	295	5.5
10 to 19 units	148	2.7
20 or more units	113	2.1
Mobile home	380	7.0
Boat, RV, van, etc	-	-
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
1999 to March 2000	37	0.7
1995 to 1998	151	2.8
1990 to 1994	277	5.1
1980 to 1989	633	11.7
1970 to 1979	765	14.2
1960 to 1969	624	11.6
1940 to 1959	1,138	21.1
1939 or earlier	1,777	32.9
ROOMS		
1 room	32	0.6
2 rooms	169	3.1
3 rooms	387	7.2
4 rooms	951	17.6
5 rooms	1,324	24.5
6 rooms	1,142	21.1
7 rooms	622	11.5
8 rooms	449	8.3
9 or more rooms	326	6.0
Median (rooms)	5.4	(X)
Occupied housing units	**5,078**	**100.0**
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT		
1999 to March 2000	630	12.4
1995 to 1998	1,350	26.6
1990 to 1994	834	16.4
1980 to 1989	892	17.6
1970 to 1979	555	10.9
1969 or earlier	817	16.1
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
None	332	6.5
1	2,061	40.6
2	2,048	40.3
3 or more	637	12.5
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		
Utility gas	286	5.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	316	6.2
Electricity	677	13.3
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	3,697	72.8
Coal or coke	6	0.1
Wood	79	1.6
Solar energy	-	-
Other fuel	17	0.3
No fuel used	-	-
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	34	0.7
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	14	0.3
No telephone service	103	2.0

Subject	Number	Percent
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM		
Occupied housing units	**5,078**	**100.0**
1.00 or less	5,044	99.3
1.01 to 1.50	27	0.5
1.51 or more	7	0.1
Specified owner-occupied units	**2,583**	**100.0**
VALUE		
Less than $50,000	31	1.2
$50,000 to $99,999	644	24.9
$100,000 to $149,999	1,373	53.2
$150,000 to $199,999	395	15.3
$200,000 to $299,999	112	4.3
$300,000 to $499,999	28	1.1
$500,000 to $999,999	-	-
$1,000,000 or more	-	-
Median (dollars)	120,500	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS		
With a mortgage	1,764	68.3
Less than $300	-	-
$300 to $499	22	0.9
$500 to $699	245	9.5
$700 to $999	519	20.1
$1,000 to $1,499	839	32.5
$1,500 to $1,999	119	4.6
$2,000 or more	20	0.8
Median (dollars)	1,044	(X)
Not mortgaged	819	31.7
Median (dollars)	352	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999		
Less than 15.0 percent	879	34.0
15.0 to 19.9 percent	419	16.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	396	15.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	388	15.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	150	5.8
35.0 percent or more	351	13.6
Not computed	-	-
Specified renter-occupied units	**1,740**	**100.0**
GROSS RENT		
Less than $200	74	4.3
$200 to $299	100	5.7
$300 to $499	435	25.0
$500 to $749	848	48.7
$750 to $999	116	6.7
$1,000 to $1,499	41	2.4
$1,500 or more	-	-
No cash rent	126	7.2
Median (dollars)	562	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999		
Less than 15.0 percent	368	21.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	347	19.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	191	11.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	175	10.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	82	4.7
35.0 percent or more	427	24.5
Not computed	150	8.6

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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.