

C. POPULATION

The U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 population-count for Jamestown is 5,622 persons. This reflects an increase of 623 persons and 12.5 percent in the last decade. The POPULATION GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS Table shows the population since 1900.

POPULATION GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS

1900 - 2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>%Change in Decade</u>
1900	1,091	
1910	1,175	7.1
1920	1,633	28.0
1930	1,599	- 2.0
1940	1,744	9.1
1950	2,068	18.6
1960	2,267	9.6
1970	2,911	28.4
1980	4,040	38.8
1990	4,999	23.7
2000	5,622	12.5
*2010	6,083	8.2
*2020	6,945	14.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

*2010-2020 figures are Population Projections from the RI Dept of Administration, Division of Planning, 1995.

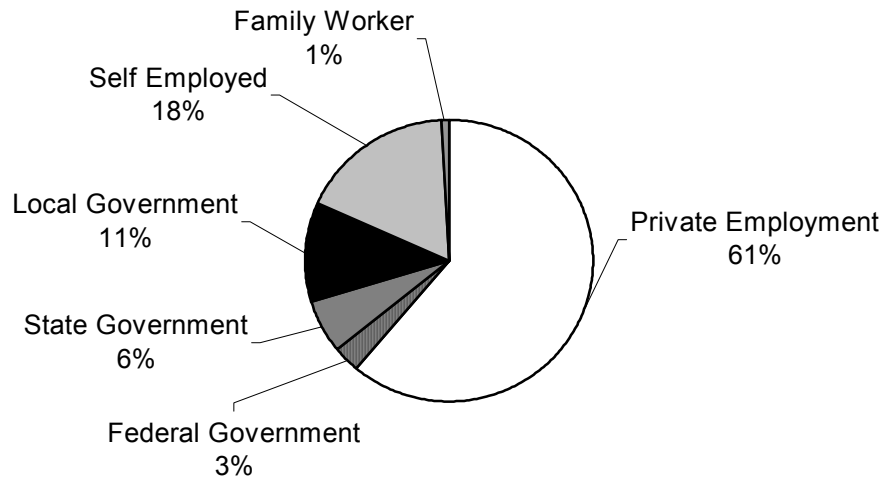
The population of Jamestown has continued to grow at an increasing rate over the last 50 years. Population growth is generally attributed to in-migration with a minor increase due to a greater number of births than deaths (natural increase). An analysis of the most recent mortality and birth data for Jamestown shows an average natural increase of 239 between 1980 and 1997. This data shows that 74 percent of Jamestown's population growth is attributed to in-migration and 26 percent from natural increase.

Improvements in transportation infrastructure have played an important role in this increase as the growth in population is largely attributed to migration to the Island. The ability to commute to Providence in under an hour and Boston in an hour and a half make Jamestown a desirable location for people who would prefer to work in an urban area and live in a rural setting. The 1998 Community Survey indicates that over 14 percent of wage earners that responded to the survey work in metropolitan Providence and over six percent work in Boston or southeastern Massachusetts.

The 2000 US Census for Jamestown shows a 1.2- percent increase in the gap between the male and female population; currently 51.4 percent female and 48.6 percent male. The median age of Jamestowners has increased 6.4 years from 37.8 to 44.2. The average household size has continued its decrease over the last several decades, from 2.41 persons per household in 1990 to 2.38 persons per household in 2000.

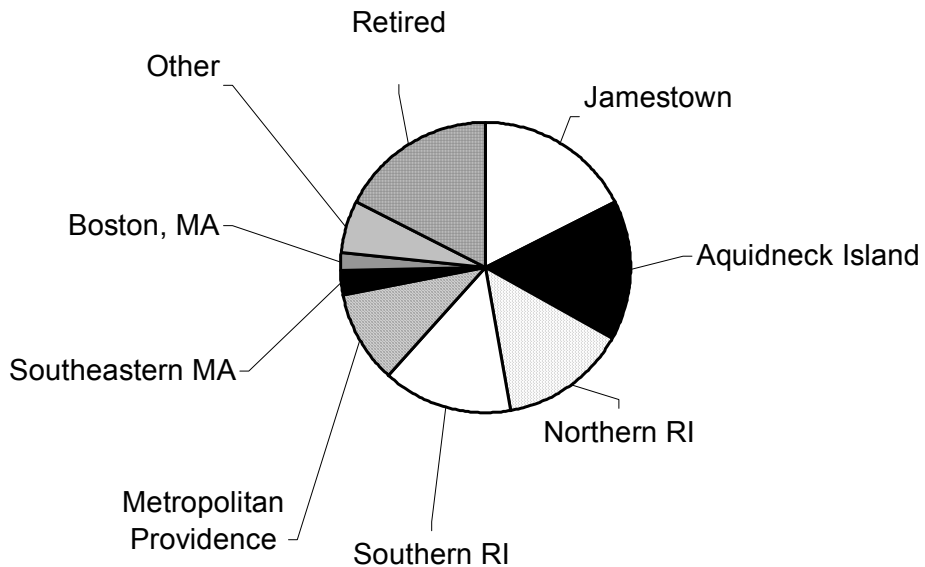
The current population estimate does not include the Island's seasonal population, which is difficult to estimate. Although the local Tax Assessor's records show that there are presently 147 seasonal units in Jamestown, many of these units have been upgraded and are now occupied year-round. Other existing seasonal housing are not listed on the tax records because of their year round capability. There are also approximately 300 or more persons who reside at Fort Getty Campground from late May through early October adding an additional 5-6 percent to the total seasonal population.

Employed Persons 16 Years of Age and Over - Jamestown, RI



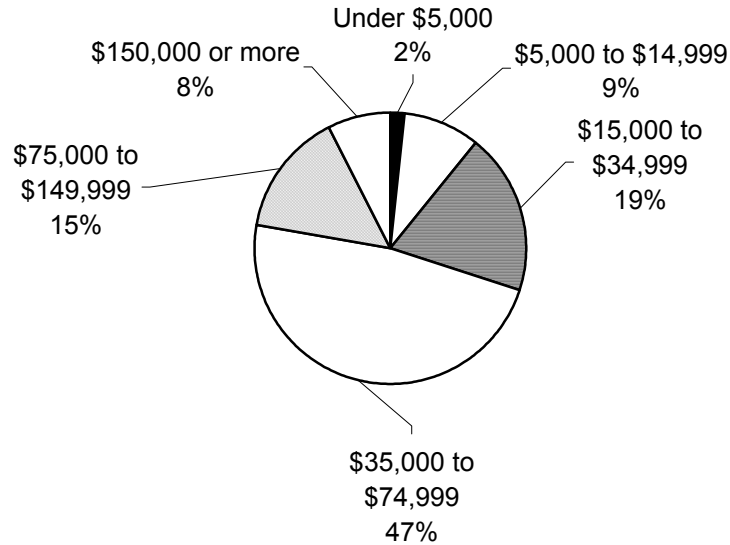
Source: US Census Data for Jamestown, 1990.

1998 Employment Locations Jamestown, RI



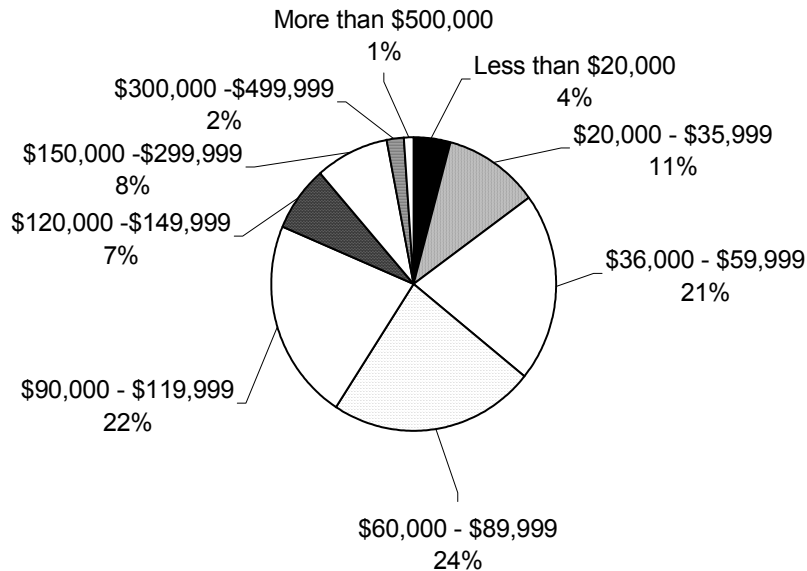
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Family Income Jamestown, RI



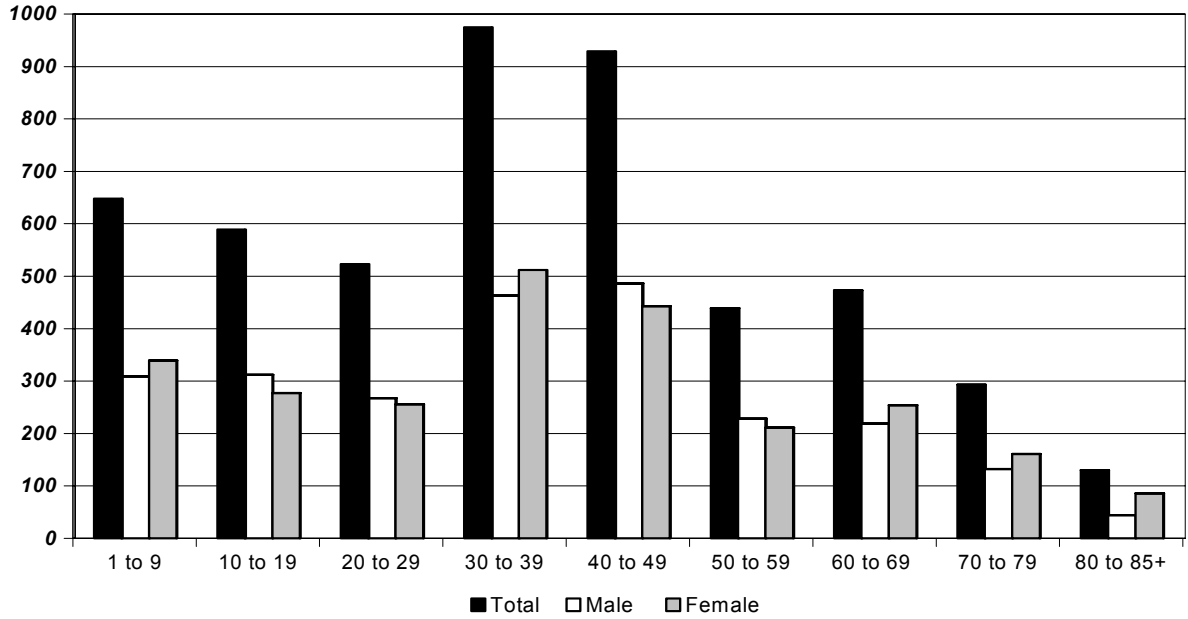
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Household Income Jamestown, RI

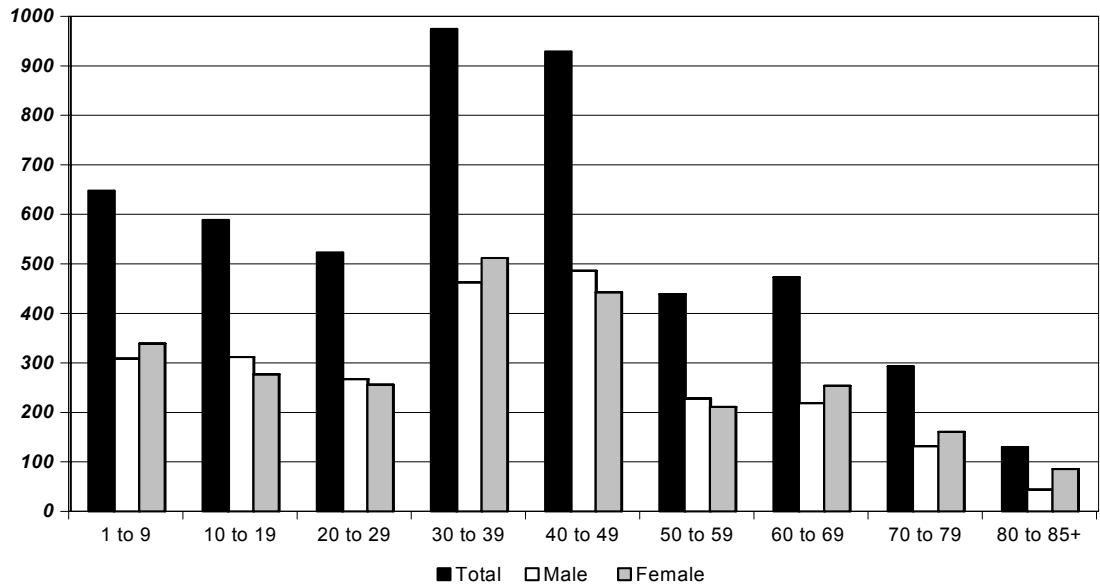


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Persons by Sex and Age Jamestown, RI



Sex and Marital Status, Jamestown, RI



Source: US Census, Jamestown, 1990

