

BELKNAP COUNTY
CITIZENS COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND



Data Report Number 2003-003

Community Profile:

KIDS COUNT:

Population, Households

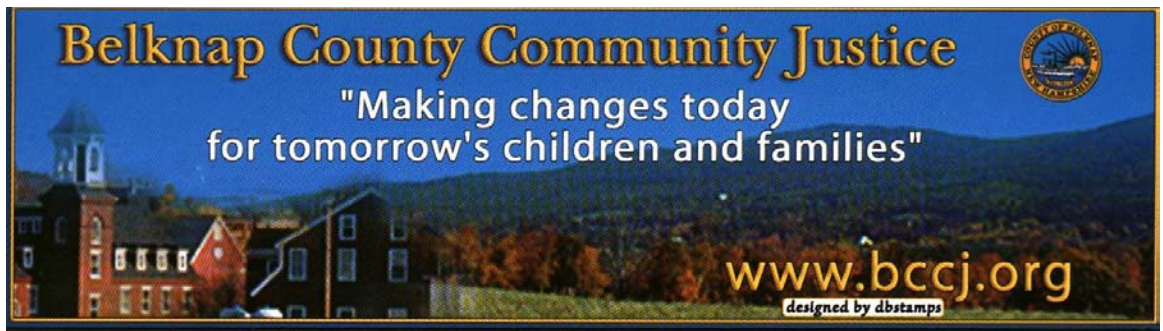
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TO: Members, Belknap Citizens Council on Children and Families

FROM: The Council Data Committee

SUBJECT: Report Number 2003-003

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This is the third in a series of reports to Council members. The reports are designed to help members understand more about Belknap County, as a whole, and about the issues, which affect the well being of children and families in the county.

This report presents data on Belknap County communities based primarily on the," KIDS COUNT Data Online. Some data were taken from the web site of the NH Department of Employment Security.

What is KIDS COUNT? "KIDS COUNT a project of the Annie E Casey Foundation¹, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the United States. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being. KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children. At the national level, the principal activity of the initiative is the publication of the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book, which uses the best available data to measure the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. The Foundation also funds a nationwide network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects that provide a more detailed community-by-community picture of the condition of children.²"

This report presents data on population, population in specific age ranges, households, employment, wages, unemployment, children living in poverty, and children with other risk

¹ Council members have heard of the Casey Foundation in relationship to our juvenile justice activities.

² In New Hampshire, the KIDS COUNT project is administered by the "Children's Alliance of N.H.

factors. We have also included the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services 2000 Poverty Guidelines.

We ask members of the Council to study the data in this report to:

1. Get to know more about total and school population in Belknap County;
2. To make suggestions for improving the presentation of the data; and,
3. To raise questions about the data itself as well as issues raised by the data in this and other data reports.

Any comments or observations regarding this report may be addressed to F. André Paquette, Council member and member of the Data Committee. He can be reached via Email at fap@worldpath.net, by telephone at 524-8598, or by U.S. mail at 149 Franklin St. Laconia, NH 03246.

NOTES:

1. For those who use the Internet who may wish to explore KIDS COUNT data further, you may wish to access the following URLs.

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount>

<http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/aecensus.cgi?action=profile>

2. For those interested in knowing more about Federal Poverty Guidelines, use the following URL.

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed-reg>.

Belknap County Community Profile Population & Households

SOURCE: KIDS COUNT Census Data Online Based on 2000 Census Data

	<u>Total Population</u>	<u># of Population Under 18</u>	<u># of Occupied Households</u>	<u># of Households with Children</u>
Alton	4,502	1,072	1,825	553
Barnstead	3,886	1,026	1,422	539
Bemont	6,716	1,678	2,641	946
Center Harbor	996	214	414	126
Gilford	6,803	1,613	2,766	899
Gilmanton	3,060	741	1,165	409
Laconia	16,411	3,663	6,724	2,020
Meredith	5,943	1,336	2,447	756
New Hampton	1,950	523	726	279
Sanbornton	2,581	653	969	342
Tilton	3,477	800	1,360	439
Belknap County	56,325	13,319	22,459	7,308
State of New Hampshire	1,235,786	309,562	474,606	168,371

**Belknap County
Community Profile
Average Employment & Wages & 2002 Unemployment Rates**

SOURCE: Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau NH Employment Security

	<u>Total Private + Government Ave. Employment for 2002</u>	<u>Total Private + Government Ave. Weekly Wage for 2002</u>	<u>Total Private + Government Ave. Annually Wage for 2002</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate for 2002</u>
Alton	793	\$404.00	\$21,008.00	5.60%
Barnstead	419	\$441.00	\$22,932.00	5.40%
Belmont	2,261	\$672.00	\$34,944.00	4.00%
Center Harbor	415	\$466.00	\$24,232.00	3.40%
Gilford	3,357	\$502.00	\$26,104.00	2.90%
Gilmanton	259	\$492.00	\$25,584.00	3.60%
Laconia	10,794	\$606.00	\$31,512.00	3.70%
Meredith	2,998	\$552.00	\$28,704.00	3.80%
New Hampton	460	\$512.00	\$26,624.00	4.70%
Sanbornton	283	\$683.00	\$35,516.00	4.20%
Tilton	4,006	\$489.00	\$25,428.00	5.50%
Belknap County	26,045	\$529.00	\$27,508.00	4.25%

Belknap County
Community Profile
Key Indicator of Child Well-Being:
Poverty Levels

SOURCES: KIDS COUNT Census Data Online Based on 2000 Census Data
&
Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security

	Population Under 18				Population Under 18			
	<u>#</u> <u>Below 1/2</u> <u>The Poverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	<u>#</u> <u>Below</u> <u>The Poverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	<u>#</u> <u>Below 2 x</u> <u>The Poverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	<u>%</u> <u>of Families</u> <u>Below Poverty</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Below 1/2</u> <u>The Poverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Below</u> <u>ThePoverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Below 2 x</u> <u>The Poverty</u> <u>Level*</u>	
Alton	67	110	378	5.40%	6%	10%	35%	
Barnstead	39	65	249	2.80%	7%	11%	24%	
Bemont	90	113	360	3.80%	4%	7%	21%	
Center Harbor	20	29	62	4.40%	31%	51%	29%	
Gilford	10	19	208	2.20%	4%	7%	13%	
Gilmanton	6	49	151	3.30%	9%	15%	20%	
Laconia	99	400	1,365	7.50%	2%	3%	37%	
Meredith	57	138	430	4.20%	5%	8%	32%	
New Hampton	7	31	129	2.70%	13%	21%	25%	
Sanbornton	4	56	140	2.20%	10%	17%	21%	
Tilton	14	38	177	2.90%	8%	14%	22%	
Belknap County	413	1,048	3,649	3.76%	9.05%	14.86%	25.54%	

**Belknap County
Community Profile**

**Key Indicators of Child Well-Being: Dropouts, Dropouts Not Working,
Children w/ Difficulty Speaking English, and Children with Disabilities**

SOURCE: KIDS COUNT Census Data Online Based on 2000 Census Data

	<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Population Under 18</u>	<u># Households w/ Own Children w/ Single Parent</u>	<u># of 16-19 Population Who Are H.S. Dropouts</u>	<u># of 16-19 Population Not In School & Not Working</u>	<u># of 5-17 Population w/ Difficulty Speak. English</u>	<u># of 5-15 Population w/ 1 or More Disabilities</u>
Alton	4,502	1,072	206	0	0	6	55
Barnstead	3,886	1,026	145	12	3	9	54
Bemont	6,716	1,678	396	37	7	11	57
Center Harbor	996	214	50	4	0	4	2
Gilford	6,803	1,613	310	5	5	26	44
Gilmanton	3,060	741	81	14	11	4	19
Laconia	16,411	3,663	1,113	110	102	70	185
Meredith	5,943	1,336	362	7	2	5	50
New Hampton	1,950	523	91	13	16	0	29
Sanbornton	2,581	653	109	0	6	11	26
Tilton	3,477	800	248	26	11	0	67
Belknap County	56,325	13,319	3,111	228	163	146	588
State of New Hampshire	1,235,786	309,562	61,841	4,951	3,333	3,443	13,558

**Belknap County
Community Profile**
Key Indicators of Child Well-Being: Dropouts, Dropouts Not Working, Non-English Speaking & Children with Disabilities

SOURCE: KIDS COUNT Census Data Online
Based on 2000 Census Data

	<u>% of Population Under 18</u>	<u>% of Households w/ Own Children w/ Single Parent</u>	<u>H.S. Dropouts as a % of 2000-2001 H.S. ADM</u>	<u>Pop. 16-19 Not In School Not Working As a % of 2000*2001 H.S. ADM</u>	<u>Pop. 5-17 w/ Diff Speak. English</u>
Alton	23.81%	11.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.56%
Barnstead	26.40%	10.20%	5.66%	1.42%	0.88%
Belmont	24.99%	14.99%	10.34%	1.96%	0.66%
Center Harbor	21.49%	12.08%	5.88%	0.00%	1.87%
Gilford	23.71%	11.21%	1.39%	1.39%	1.61%
Gilmanton	24.22%	6.95%	8.24%	6.47%	0.54%
Laconia	22.32%	16.55%	15.03%	13.93%	1.91%
Meredith	22.48%	14.79%	2.36%	0.67%	0.37%
New Hampton	26.82%	12.53%	15.29%	18.82%	0.00%
Sanbornton	25.30%	11.25%	0.00%	5.13%	1.68%
Tilton	23.01%	18.24%	14.13%	5.98%	0.00%
Belknap County	23.65%	13.85%	8.18%	5.85%	1.10%

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF Health and Human Services			
The 2000 HHS Poverty Guidelines			
SOURCE: Website of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation			
<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>48 Contiguous States & D.C.</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>
1	\$8,350	\$10,430	\$9,590
2	\$11,250	\$14,060	\$12,930
3	\$14,150	\$17,690	\$16,270
4	\$17,050	\$21,320	\$19,610
5	\$19,950	\$24,950	\$22,950
6	\$22,850	\$28,580	\$26,290
7	\$25,750	\$32,210	\$29,630
8	\$28,650	\$35,840	\$32,970
For Each Additional person, add	\$2,900	\$3,630	\$3,340