Demographic Trends in the Adirondacks & Northern Forest

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Overview

• Population
  • Density
  • Change over time
  • Components of Change

• School Enrollment

• Racial Diversity

• Case example for attracting new residents
Source Data for this Presentation: Demographic Change in the Northern Forest, presentation commissioned from Dr. Kenneth Johnson, University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute, March 2018
Components of Population Change 2010-2016

• Net Migration: In- vs out-migration
  • Net loss from migration
  • Out-migration largely by younger people, and in-migration, when it occurred, by older people.

• Natural Increase: Births-Deaths
  • Most of the Adirondack region has decrease or minimal (<0.5%) increase
Age-Specific Net Migration:
Manufacturing Dependent Counties, 1980-2010

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Influx of older adults

Influx of family age adults

All nonmetro recreation counties

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Child diversity much higher than adult

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Source: US Census Bureau FSCPE Estimates, 2015
Case Example: Millinocket, ME
Getting on the Map

MILLINOCKET MARATHON & HALF
FINISH

OUR KATAHDIN
designlab
Building the Recreation Economy
Strengthening Civic Institutions
Strengthening ‘Third Places’
Creating Quality Housing
Creating Quality Housing
Deliberate, Integrated Investment
What We’ve Learned

- Invest in **stacked and connected projects** that attract and retain younger entrepreneurial people
  - Recreational trails and assets from towns
  - Reliable and affordable high speed internet and cell coverage
  - Authentic, diverse and walkable communities
  - Activities and places that create relationships among visitors and residents
  - Quality rental housing and co-working space

- Build on local leadership, vision and momentum
- Harness new forms of public, philanthropic and private investment
PSA: Participate in the 2020 Census!

https://2020census.gov

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