

# City of Methuen

## 2020 Update of Methuen Open Space & Recreation Plan

Mayor Perry's Advisory  
Committee  
Kick-Off Meeting July 23, 2020





# Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Purpose of the Advisory Committee
- 3) Open Space & Recreation Planning Process
  - Plan Elements
  - Public Process & Outreach
  - Schedule
  - Approval and Adoption
- 4) Overview of Growth and Change in Methuen

# Some Ground Rules



- Monthly meetings.
- Respect Other Opinions - “Be Nice” Rule Applies.
- Go on “Mute” when not speaking.
- Everyone gets a chance to speak.
- Stay focused on agenda. (Don’t jump to projects—We will get there!)

# OSRP & Advisory Committee

- Broad-based & representative of community interests
- Purpose:
  - Identifying Needs & Gaps
  - Prioritizing Projects
  - Champions for OSRP Implementation & capital plan.





# OSRP Elements

- 1) Community Setting
- 2) Environmental Inventory & Analysis
  - Geology, Soils & Topography
  - Landscape Character
  - Water Resources
  - Scenic Resources & Unique Features
  - Fisheries & Wildlife
  - Environmental Challenges
- 3) Inventory of Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest
- 4) Community Vision
- 5) Analysis of Needs
- 6) Plan Goals & Objectives
- 7) Action Plan Priorities



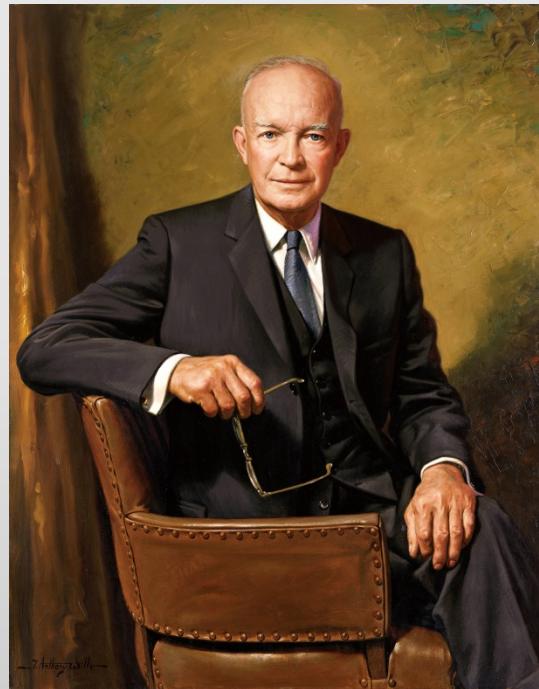
# OSRP Elements (cont'd)

## Public Process & Schedule

- Outreach re Needs Survey & ADA Self Assessment Completed.
- Advisory Committee monthly meetings & review.
- Advisory Committee recommendation to Mayor.
- Public meeting on Plan Draft.
- Submittal to MA Division of Conservation Resources in early 2021.



# Wisdom from Ike



**“Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.”**

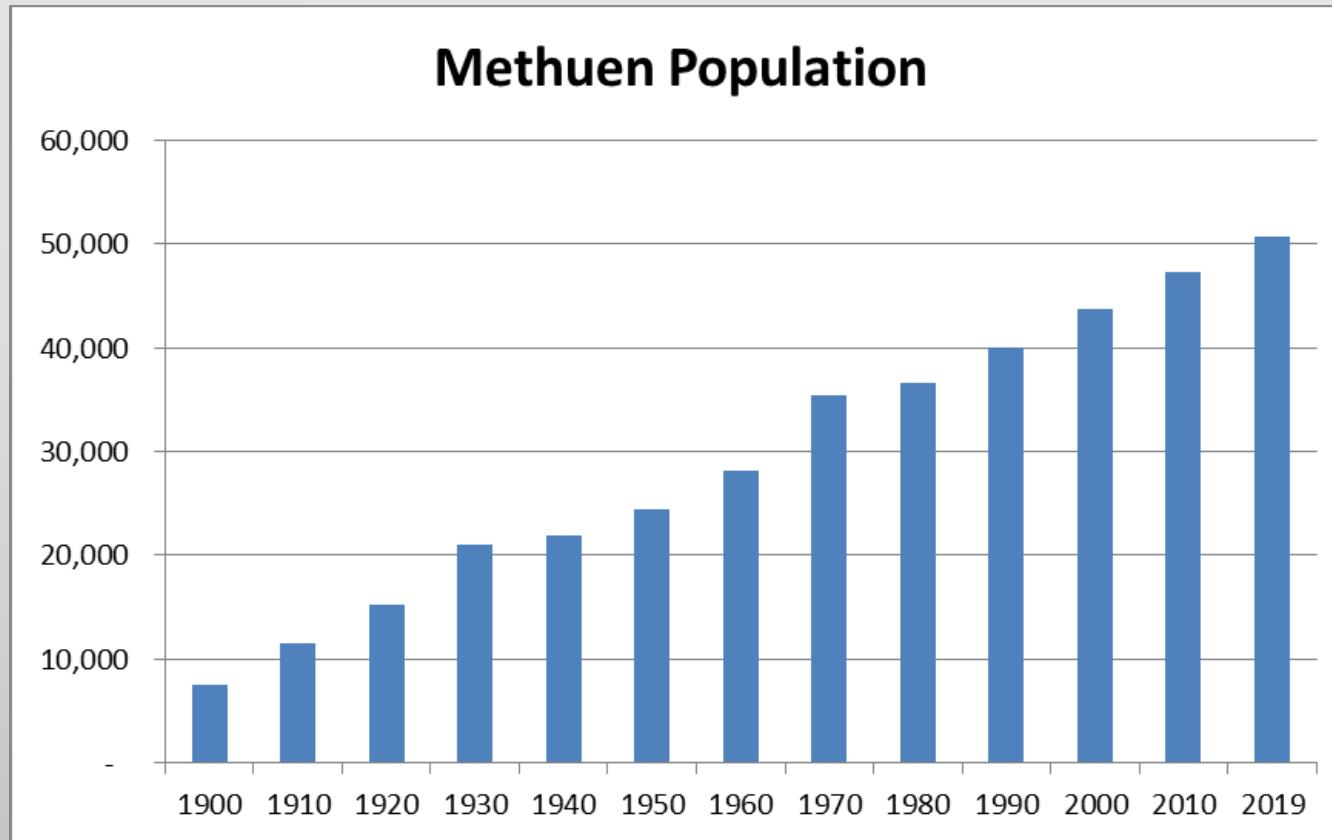
# Questions on OSRP Planning Process



# Growth & Change in Methuen



# Population Change

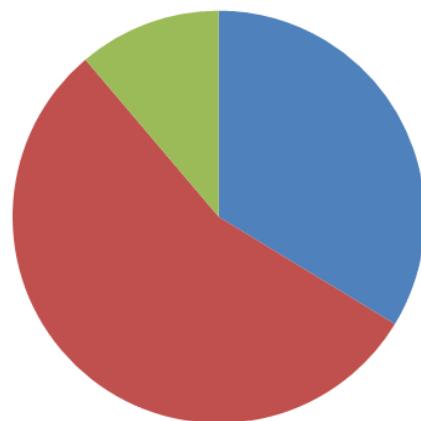


# Population Change

## -Age

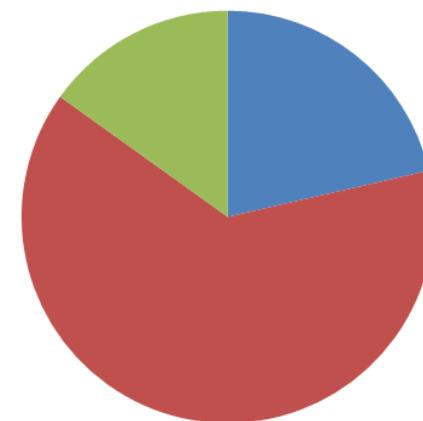


Age Breakdown 1970



- Under 18
- 19 to 64
- Over 65

Age Breakdown 2019

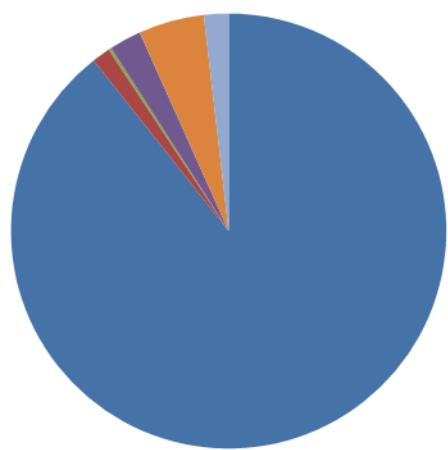


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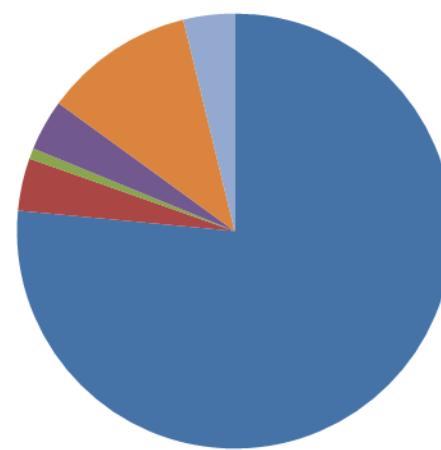
# Population Change -Race & Ethnicity



**Race Breakdown 2000**



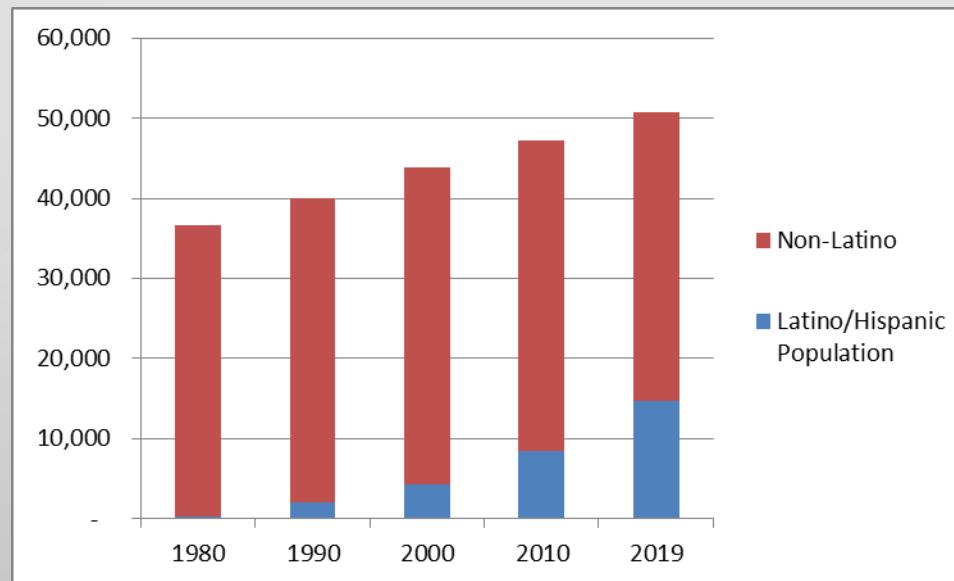
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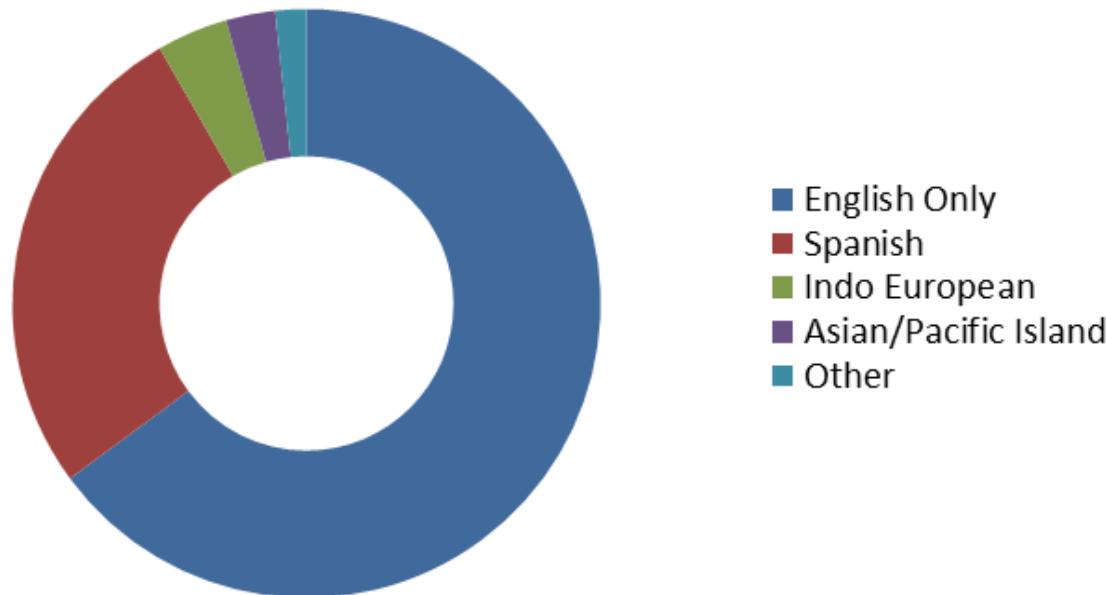
## Latino/Hispanic Population Growth in Methuen



# Population Change -Languages At Home



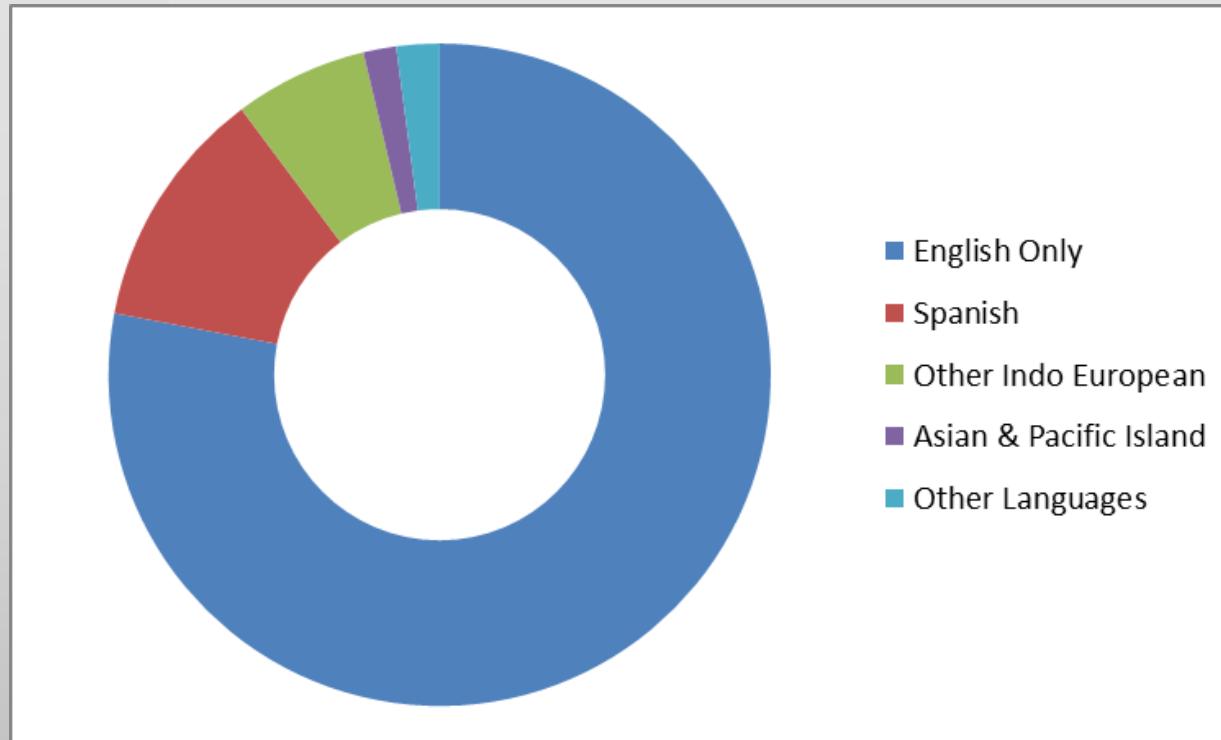
**% Population by Primary Language**



# Population Change -Age by Language



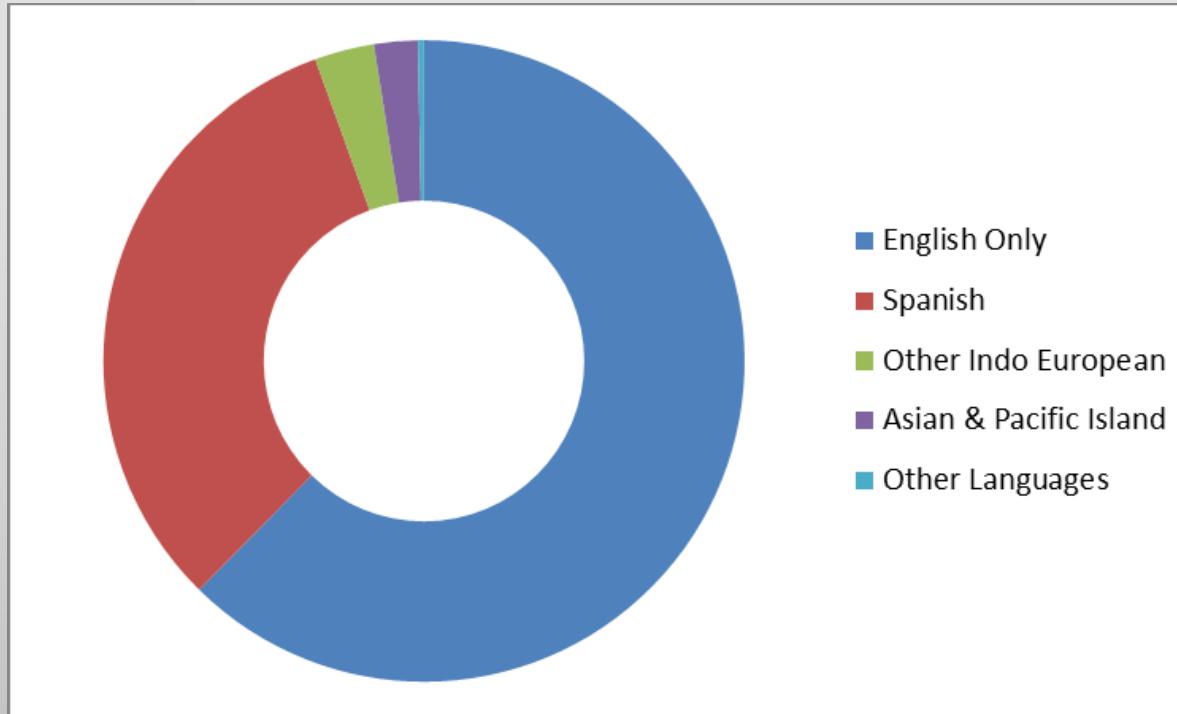
Methuen Seniors



# Population Change -Age by Language



## Methuen Youth

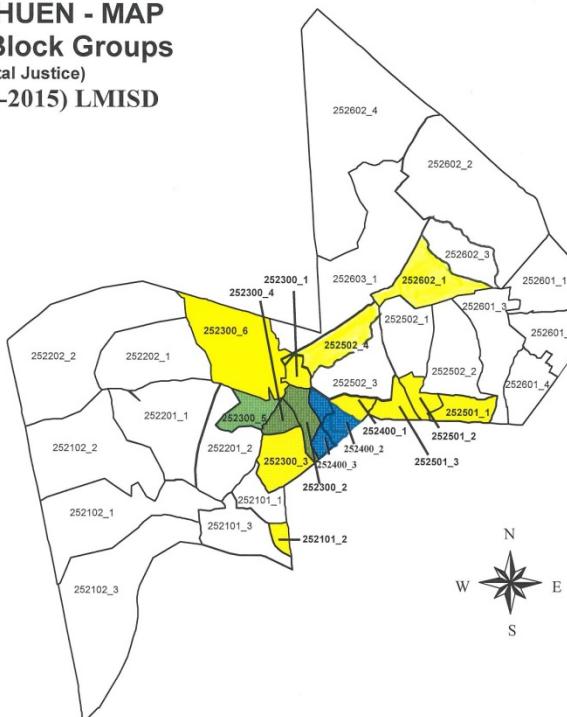


# Population Change -Environmental Justice



**CITY OF METHUEN - MAP  
Census 2010 Block Groups  
(Environmental Justice)  
HUD (ACS 2011-2015) LMISD**

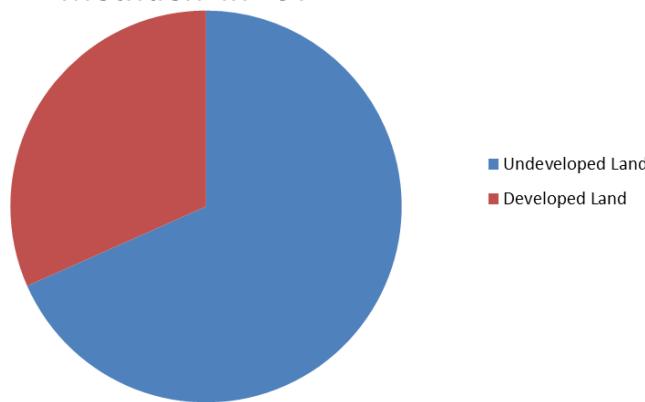
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2521.01	1	35.5
	2	35.7
	3	54.5
2521.02	1	15.7
	2	19.6
	3	23.2
2522.01	1	30.7
	2	44.6
2522.02	1	10.1
	2	21.2
2523	1	62.3
	2	64.4
	3	57.4
	4	56.6
	5	67.9
	6	36.0
2524 Methuen	1	65.5
	2	63.8
	3	77.2
Arlington Neighborhood	1	49.5
	2	39.5
	3	53.1
Model Block	1	35.8
	2	37.1
	3	30.5
	4	52.2
2525.01	1	35.4
	2	35.9
	3	34.6
	4	38.7
2525.02	1	35.8
	2	37.1
	3	30.5
	4	52.2
2526.01	1	35.4
	2	35.9
	3	34.6
	4	38.7
2526.02	1	51.9
	2	26.8
	3	3.8
	4	11.6
2526.03	1	20.7



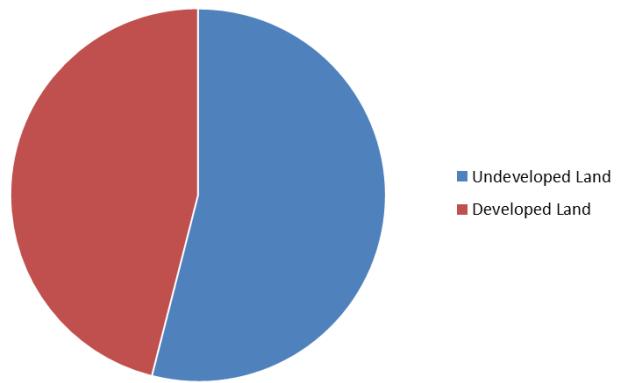
# Community Growth -Land Use & Development



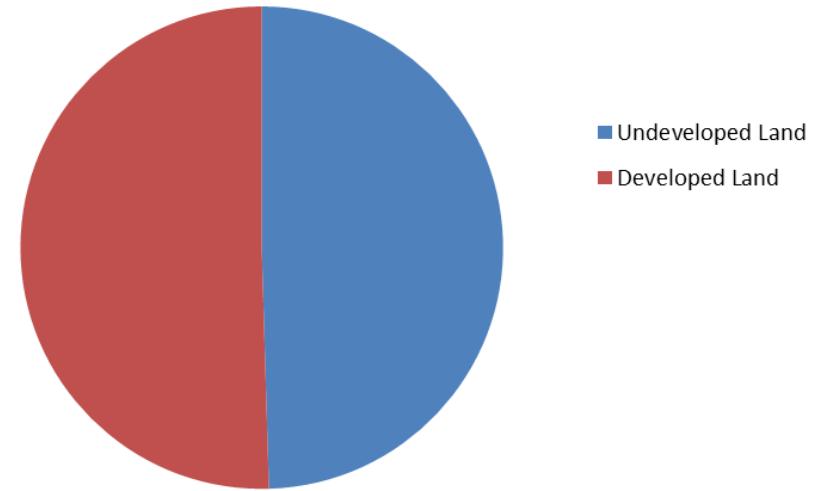
Methuen in 1971



Methuen in 1999



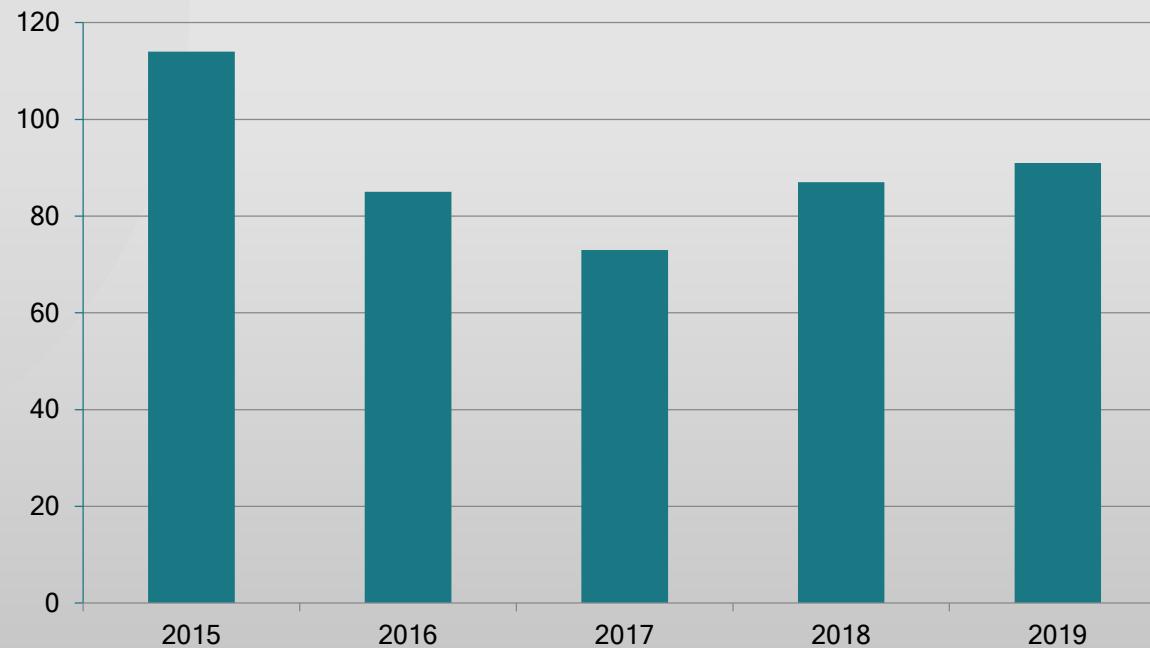
Methuen in 2017



# Community Growth -Housing



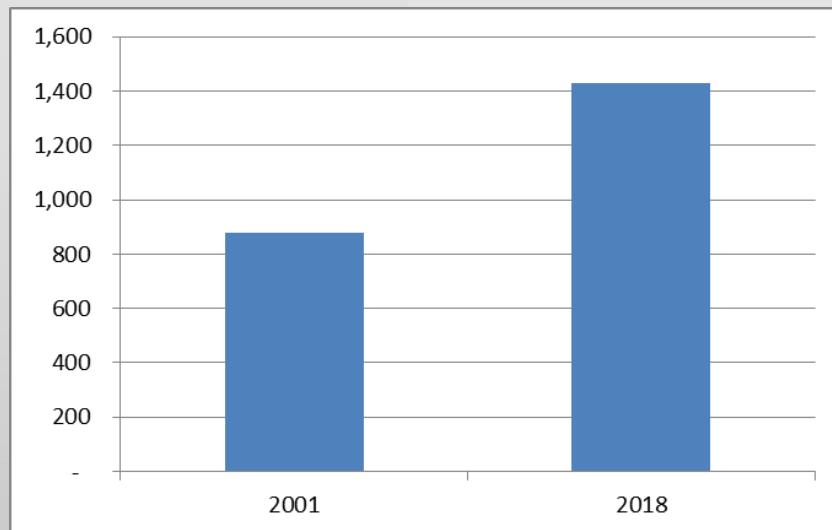
Bldg Permits Issued



# Community Change - Economy

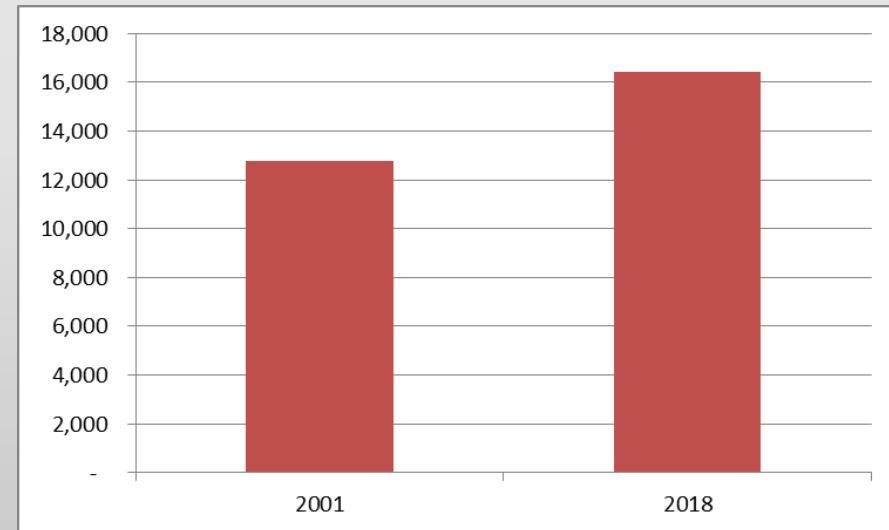


Methuen Business  
Establishments



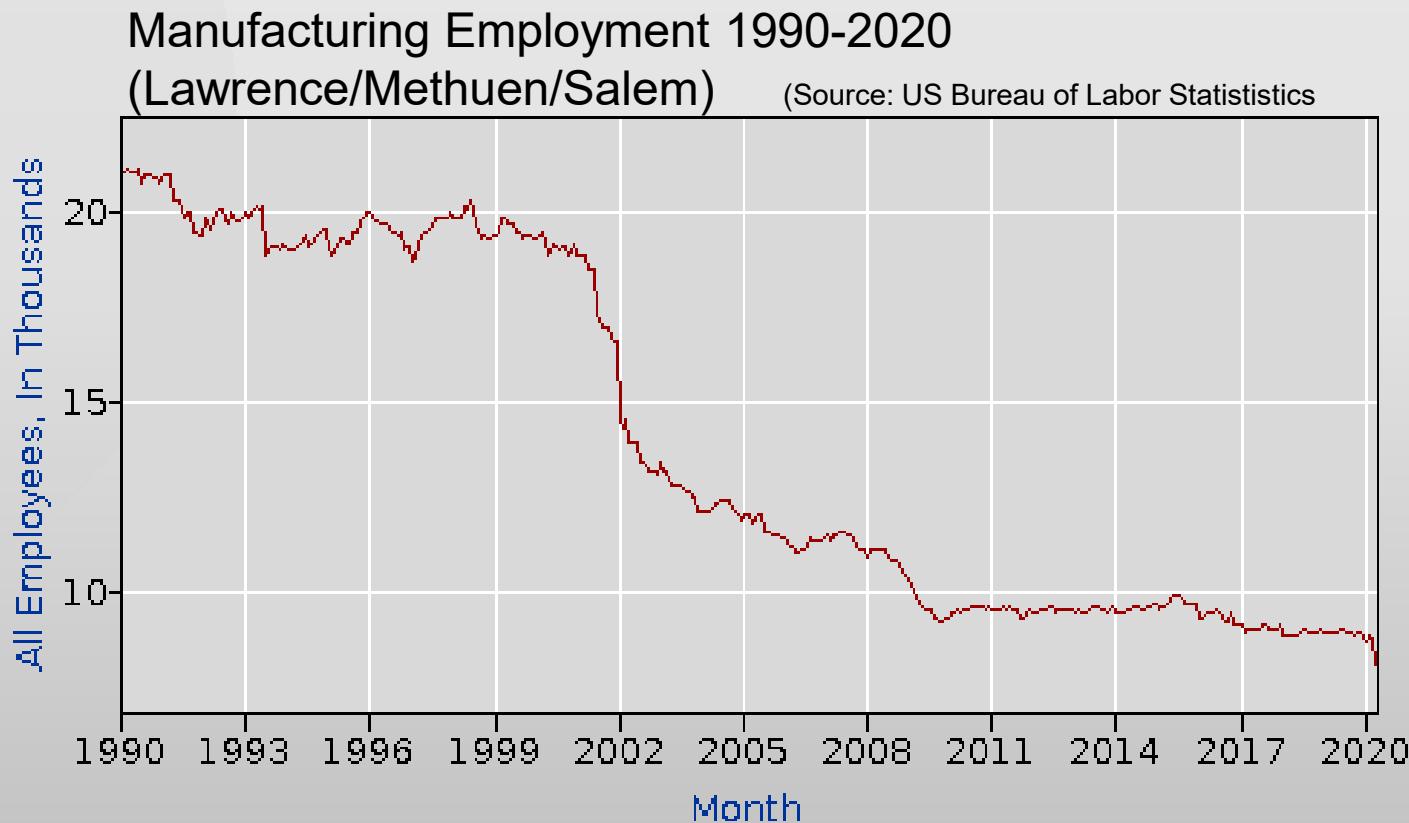
↑ 63%

Methuen Employment



↑ 29%

# Community Change - Economy



# Key Summary Points



- Methuen is a mature suburban community approaching buildout based on current zoning blueprint.
- City has experienced moderate, steady commercial & housing growth during period of significant economic & demographic change.
- City has become increasingly diverse in terms of race, culture & ethnicity.
- Social equity concerns with low income and racial/ethnic minorities concentrated in central neighborhoods.

# Questions to Consider



- How Do You Think Methuen's Growth & Demographic Changes Over the Last Decades Impact our Open Space/Recreation Needs?
- What Should Be Areas/Issues of Focus For the 2020s?



# Next Meeting



- August 27th @ 6:30 P.M. by Zoom
  - Benchmarking Activities Since the 2013 OSRP
  - Needs Survey Analysis
  - Discussion of Plan Goals & Vision Statement
- Homework—Take the Needs Survey (if you haven't already)...and forward to others!  
<https://www.cityofmethuen.net/office-of-economic-community-development/pages/2020-open-space-recreation-community-needs-survey>
- Check out  
<https://www.cityofmethuen.net/openspaceandrecreationplan> including link to interactive MV Active Transportation map