

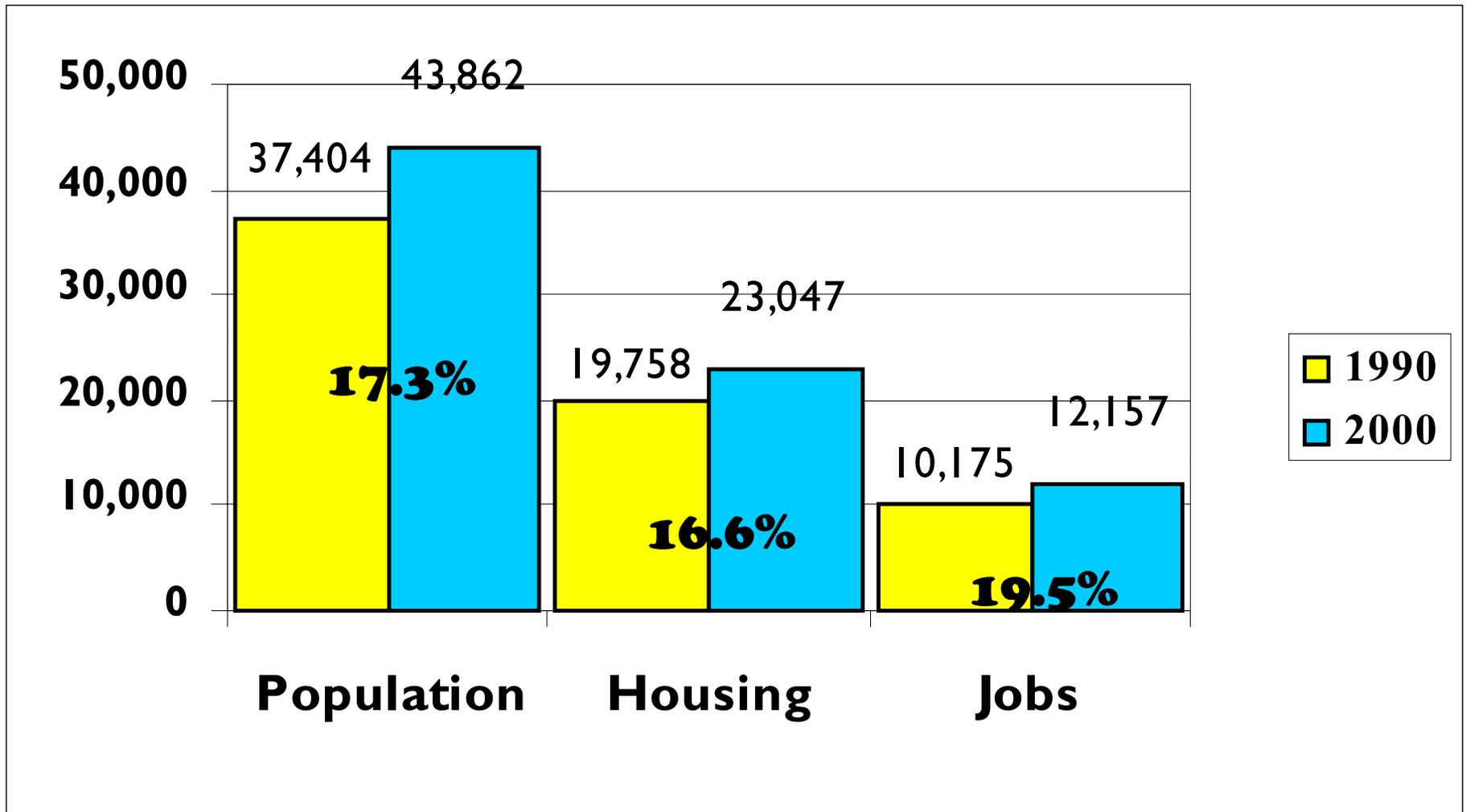
Where Are We Going?

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Tonight's Focus: *Spending*



Lake Region Growth



Lakeville

Population: 43,862

Transportation

Major East/West route

Recreation travel

Vacation destination

Regional truck routes

Abandoned rail line

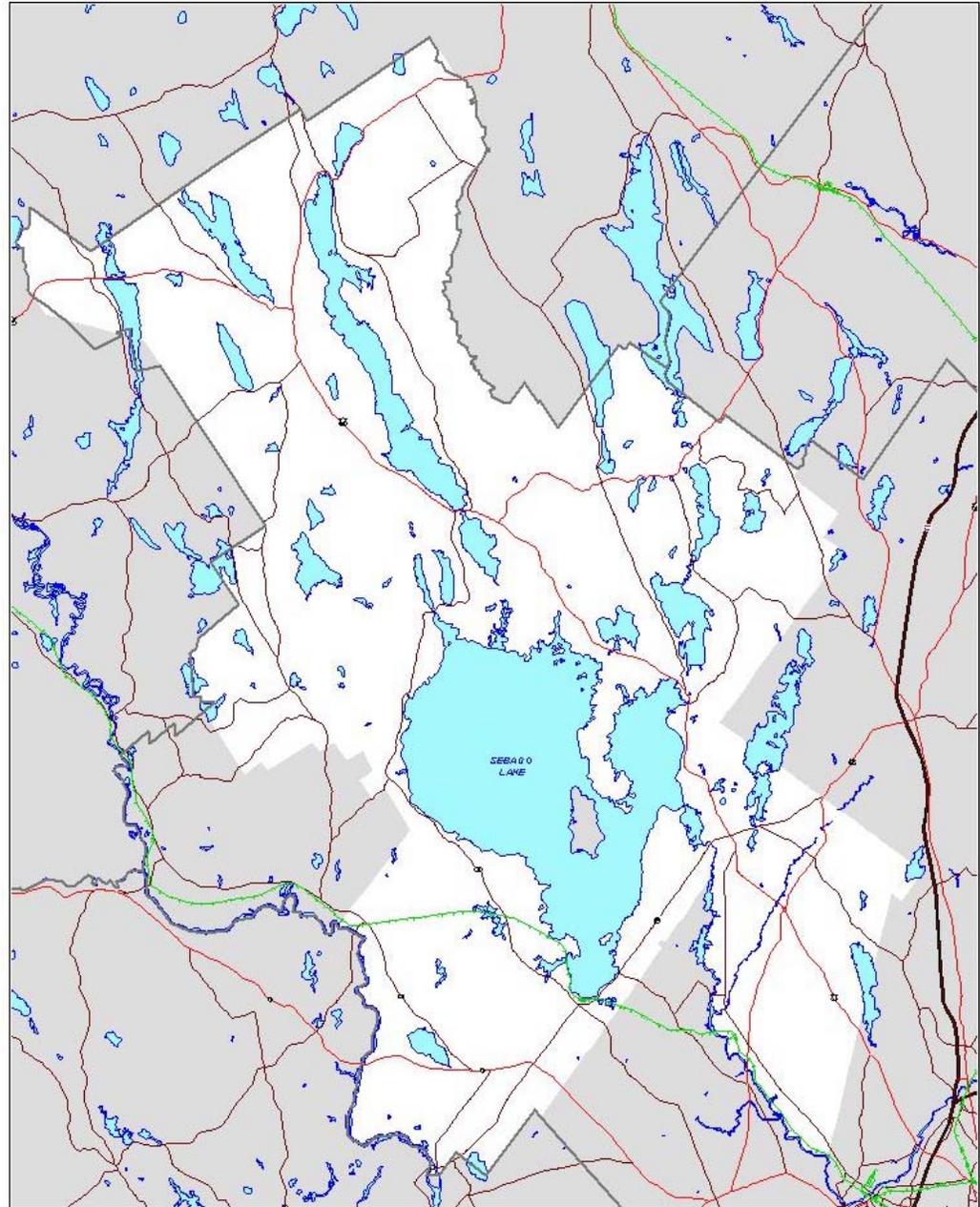
Bicycle/trail systems

Lack of public transit

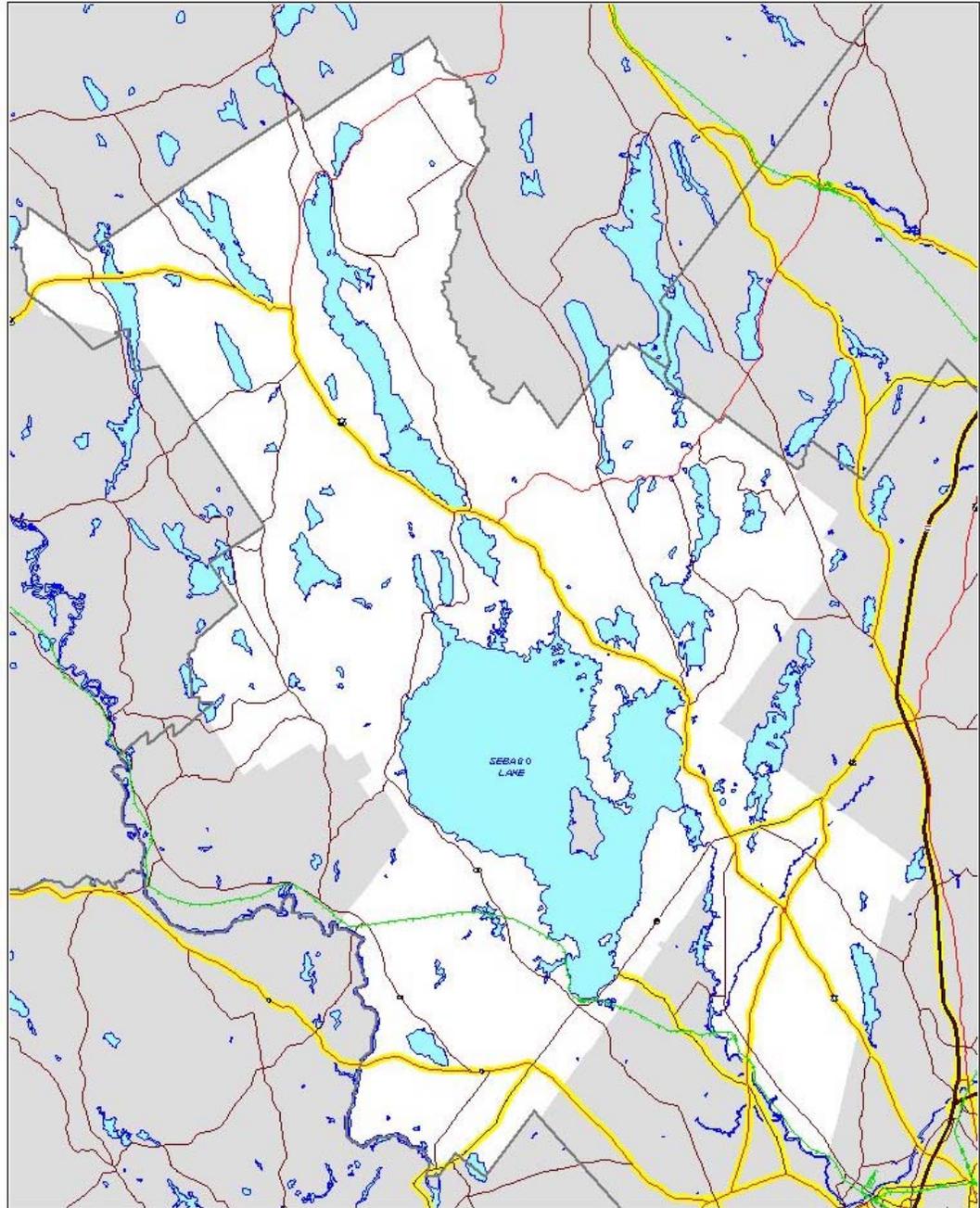
Construction backlog

Traffic Volumes

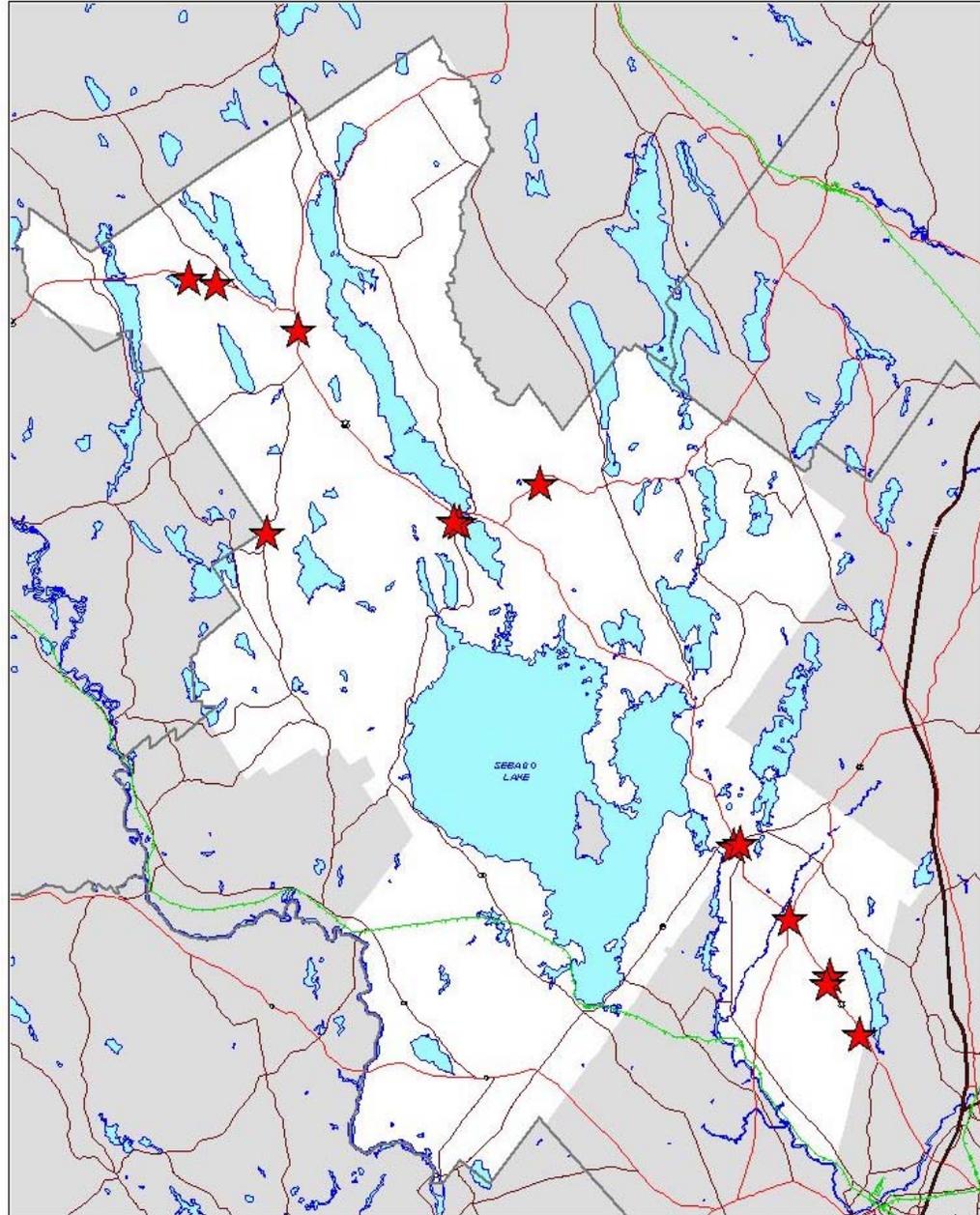
Crash Locations



Regional Truck Routes



High Crash Locations



Why Spending is Rising

- Personnel costs
- Sprawl
- Demand and level of service
- State and federal mandates



Burden of Increased Spending

Too much government

1 unit of local gov't/2,500 people
24%-adults with bachelor's degree
43rd-gross state product/per capita

We can't afford it

36th-per capita income
20.7%- Percent of income as household
debt, excluding mortgage

We're getting older

50th-birth rate
49th-% of population under 17
-28,000 people under 35 left state in 1990's

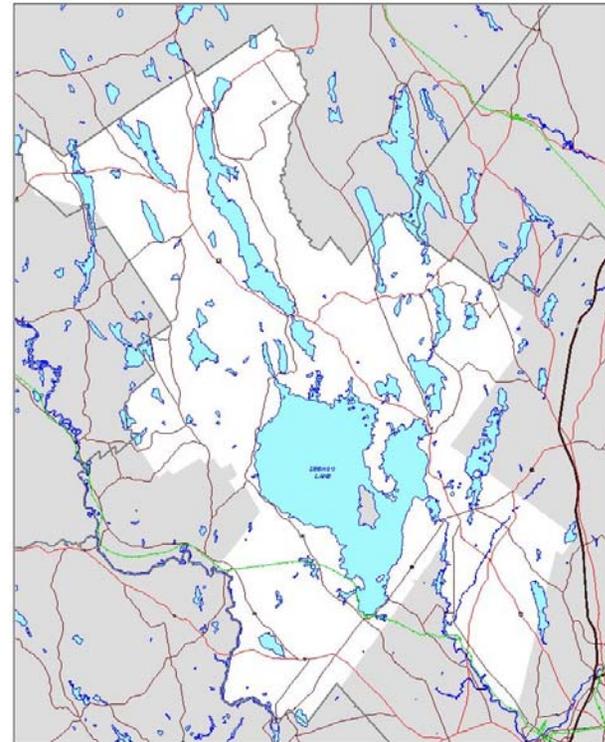
It costs a lot to live here

10th-% of population over 65
9th-cost of living
8th-cost of doing business

Regionalization

Written agreement by two or more towns to share in the governance and associated costs of meeting a public purpose

- *Administration*
- *Planning*
- *Staffing*
- *Training*
- *Facilities*
- *Equipment*
- *Purchasing*
- *Programs and Services*
- *Service Delivery Contracts*



Principles of Regional Cooperation

- Articulation of *shared goals*
- *Inventory* of existing services, including providers, capacity, demand, delivery methods, and level of service
- Recognition of *local differences*
- Agreement on *desired* level of service and standards for delivery
- Analysis of *alternative* service delivery structures
- Determination of *costs* - start-up, capital & operating plus cost saving, sharing, and containment strategies

Task for Small Group Session

1. Appoint group leader to report out
2. Review principles of regional cooperation
3. Apply principles to assigned public service area
- education, social services, public safety,
public works, utilities, transportation
4. Develop service delivery plan
5. Report back