CHILD POVERTY & Economic Conditions in Somerset County
INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

New England: 11.5%
Maine: 13.9%
Somerset County: 17.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN IN POVERTY

New England: 15.3%
Maine: 18.6%
Somerset County: 24.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN UNDER 5 IN POVERTY

New England: 17.8%
Maine: 23.4%
Somerset County: 33.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Growth of children in deep poverty

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, children in households with incomes below 50% of poverty, 3-year average 2009-2011 and 2013-2015
42% likelihood of a child born into a poor household being poor as an adult

9% likelihood of a child born into a wealthy household being poor as an adult

For the average Maine town, every 1% increase in poverty in 2000 corresponded to 0.4% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
1 in 4 children in Somerset County are food insecure.

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Children with food insecurity

- U.S.: 20.0%
- Maine: 23.3%
- Somerset County: 27.2%

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Maine's state rank for children who are food insecure was falling. Now it is rising.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year.
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- New England: $64,697
- Maine: $49,331
- Somerset County: $40,066

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Education drives earnings.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
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Individuals with a bachelor's degree

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, residents age 25-64 with at least a bachelor's degree
Blue-collar wages have stagnated.

Average hourly earnings
U.S. production and non-supervisory employees
adjusted for inflation to 2015 dollars

Goods-production is declining; services are growing.

In Somerset County, most service jobs pay less than production jobs.

**Production job**
$37,401

**Service job**
$25,923

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings for full-time, year-round workers
Somerset County is gaining jobs slower than other regions.

- U.S.: +9.1%
- Maine: +3.1%
- Somerset County: +1.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, change in total employment 2010 to 2015
MEDIAN AGE

New England 40.4 yrs
Maine 43.8 yrs
Somerset County 44.9 yrs

U.S. 37.6 yrs

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
For the average Maine town, every 1-year increase in median age in 2000 corresponded to 1% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
Individuals with a disability

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
New England: 9%

Somerset County 18-64 year olds have a disability: 18%

Maine: 14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
27% of Somerset County 16-64 year olds have not worked in the past 12 months.

21% of Maine.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Somerset County is losing residents while other regions are growing.

New England: +2.0%
Maine: +0.1%
Somerset County: -1.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, population change 2006-2010 to 2011-2015
Top 5 contributors to poor health in Somerset County:

- poverty
- employment
- access to oral health
- transportation
- health literacy

Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Resources, Maine Shared Needs Assessment & Planning Process