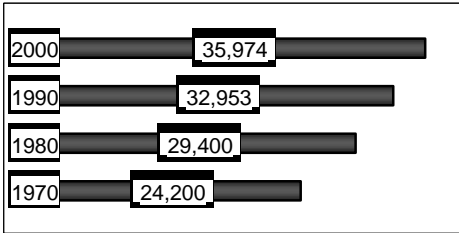


ADDISON COUNTY PROFILE

LOCATION

Addison County is located in mid-Vermont on the “West Coast of New England” in the heart of the Champlain Valley with the Green Mountains on the east and clear views across Lake Champlain to the Adirondack Mountains in New York State on the west.

COUNTY POPULATION



2000 TOWN POPULATIONS

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| Addison | 1,393 |
| Bridport | 1,235 |
| Bristol | 3,788 |
| Cornwall | 1,136 |
| Ferrisburg | 2,657 |
| Leicester | 974 |
| Lincoln | 1,214 |
| Middlebury | 8,183 |
| Monkton | 1,759 |
| New Haven | 1,666 |
| Orwell | 1,185 |
| Panton | 682 |
| Ripton | 556 |
| Salisbury | 1,090 |
| Shoreham | 1,222 |
| Starksboro | 1,898 |
| Vergennes | 2,741 |
| Waltham | 479 |
| Weybridge | 824 |
| Whiting | 380 |

AREA

Addison County includes 818 sq. miles, 501,504 acres, totaling 8.5% of the State – Vermont’s 3rd largest county.

CLIMATE

Annual average temperature: 45° F.
 January 18°, July 70°.
 Average annual rainfall: 32” along the Lake, 40” in mountains.
 Snowfall: 80”.
 Growing Season: 155 days along the Lake, 100 days in the mountains.

DISTANCES

Middlebury, the centrally positioned Shire Town – site of the Addison County Courthouse – is located halfway between Vermont’s two largest towns, Burlington to the north and Rutland to the south, each 35 miles and 50 miles from the State Capital at Montpelier.

Other distances from Middlebury: Albany-129 miles; Boston-200 miles; Hartford-240 miles; Montreal-130 miles; NYC-300 miles; Washington DC-550 miles.

GEOLOGY & SOILS

Champlain Valley: Deep, heavy lake-laid clay with alluvial deposits of loam and organic muck and glacial deposits of sand and loam. Occasional limestone or slate outcroppings. Green Mt. foothills: Deep, well-drained glacial deposits of stoney, sandy loam on ledge or bedrock.

WATERWAYS

Lake Champlain: Largest U.S. Lake (except Great Lakes). 56 miles of Addison County shoreline.

Otter Creek: Longest north-flowing river in eastern U.S. 40 miles through county.

Lake Dunmore: Salisbury/Leicester – 1,035 acres.

Other Large Lakes:
 Goshen: Sugar Hill Reservoir 58 acres
 Leicester: Fern Lake - 69 acres;
 Silver Lake - 104 acres.

Monkton: Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond) - 188 acres
 Bristol: Lake Winona (Bristol Pond)- 199 acres

Shoreham: Richville Pond-160 acres

Otter Creek Tributaries:
 Dead Creek 9 miles
 Lemon Fair River 33 miles
 New Haven River 20 miles
 Neshobe River 11 miles

OTHER RIVERS TO LK. CHAMPLAIN

Lewis Creek - 14 miles
 Little Otter Creek - 30 miles
 Mad River – 3 miles

RIVER TO LONG ISLAND SOUND

White River – 10 miles

FARMS & FORESTS

Addison County’s broad, open lake plains to the west provide some of the most productive dairy grasslands in the county. On the east, the landscape is predominantly forested. About 46% of the county lands are used for farming with about 45% in forest or woodlot use; 17% of the county (86,782 acres) is Green Mountain National Forest.

MOUNTAINS & GAPS

Addison: Snake Mountain – 1,287’
 Bristol: South Mountain – 2,307’
 Goshen: Brandon Gap – 2,170’
 Mt. Horrid – 3,216’
 Romance Mt. – 3,366’
 Hancock: Burnt Hill – 2,980’
 Middlebury Gap-2,149’
 Worth Mountain-3,300’
 Lincoln: Lincoln Gap – 2,424’
 Mt. Abraham – 4,052’
 Mt. Grant – 3,661’
 Mt. Pleasant – 2,040’
 Granville: Mt. Adams – 3,236’
 Gillespie Mt. – 2,928’
 Mt. Cleveland-3,500’
 Orwell: Mt. Independence - 306’
 Ripton: Battell Mt. - 3,471’
 Bread Loaf – 3,823’
 Kirby Peak – 3,120’
 Robert Frost Mt. – 2,513’
 Mt. Roosevelt – 3,580’
 Wilson Mt. - 3,756’
 Salisbury: Mt. Moosalamoo-2,650’
 Starksboro: Hillsboro Mt. – 2,510’
 Shaker Mt. – 1,920’