

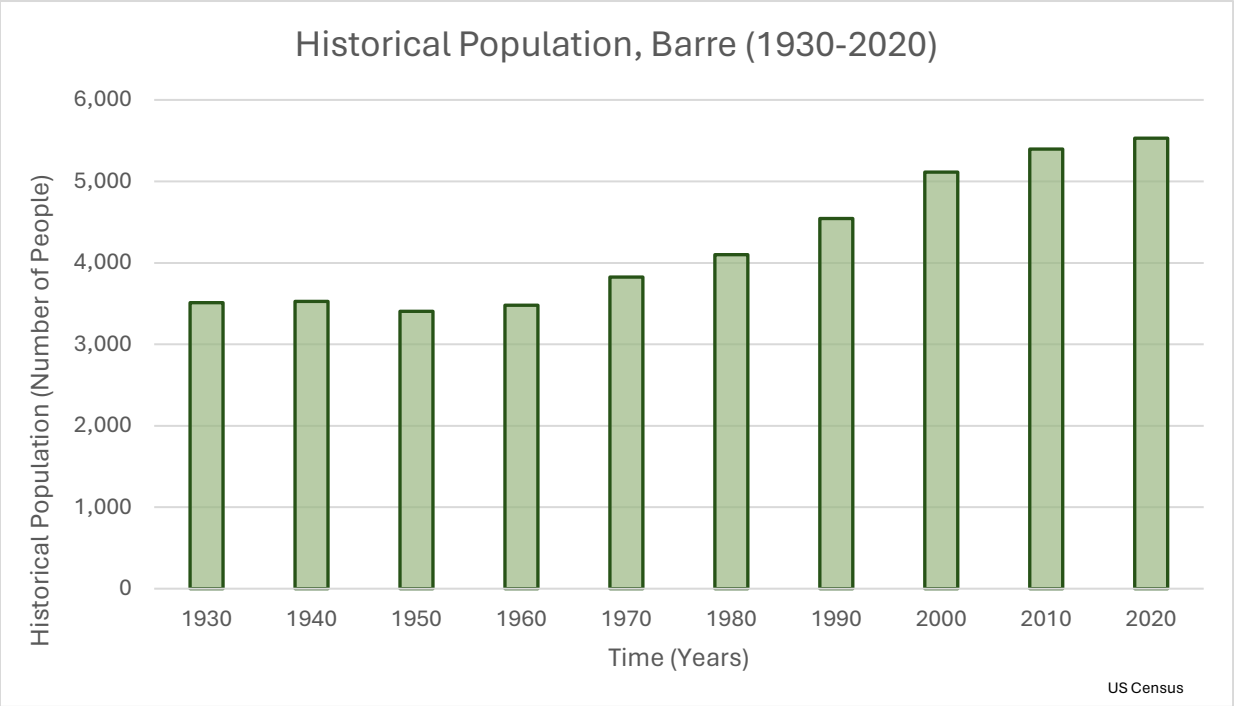


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# BARRE *Massachusetts*

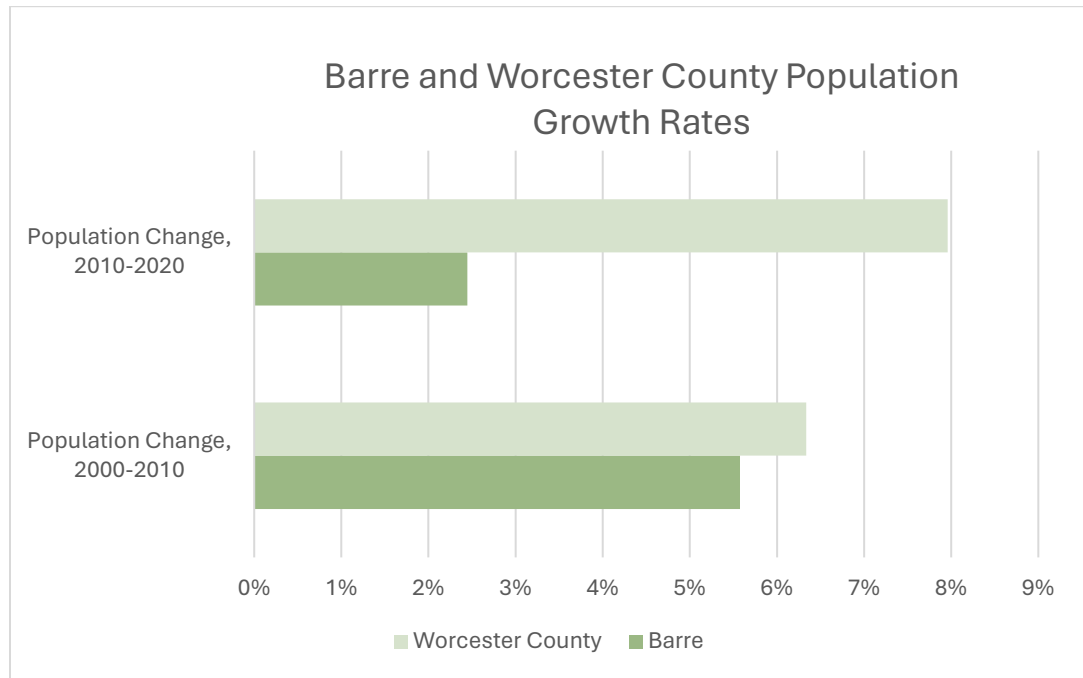
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# Additional context and data



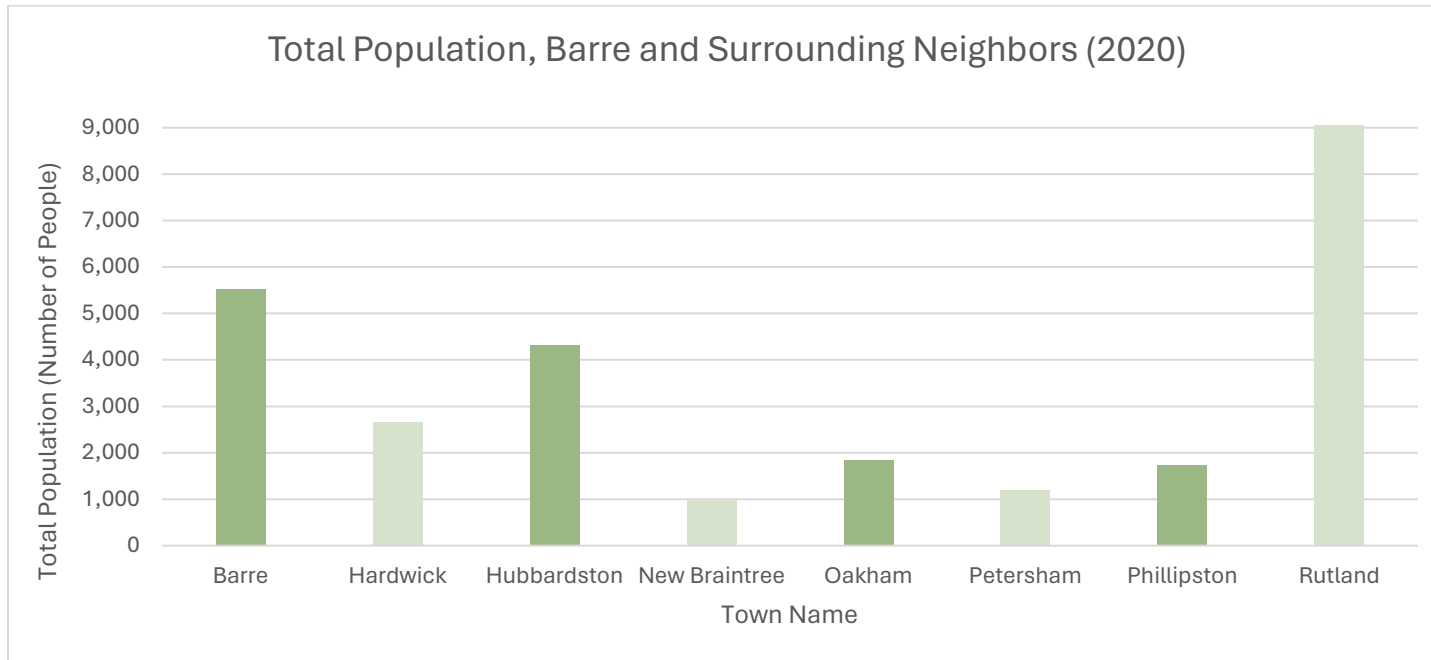
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<i>Population Growth Rates, Barre (2000-2020)</i>					
Geographical Area	2000 Population	2010 Population	2020 Population	Population Change, 2000-2010	Population Change, 2010-2020
Barre	5,113	5,398	5,530	6%	2%
Worcester County	750,963	798,552	862,111	6%	8%



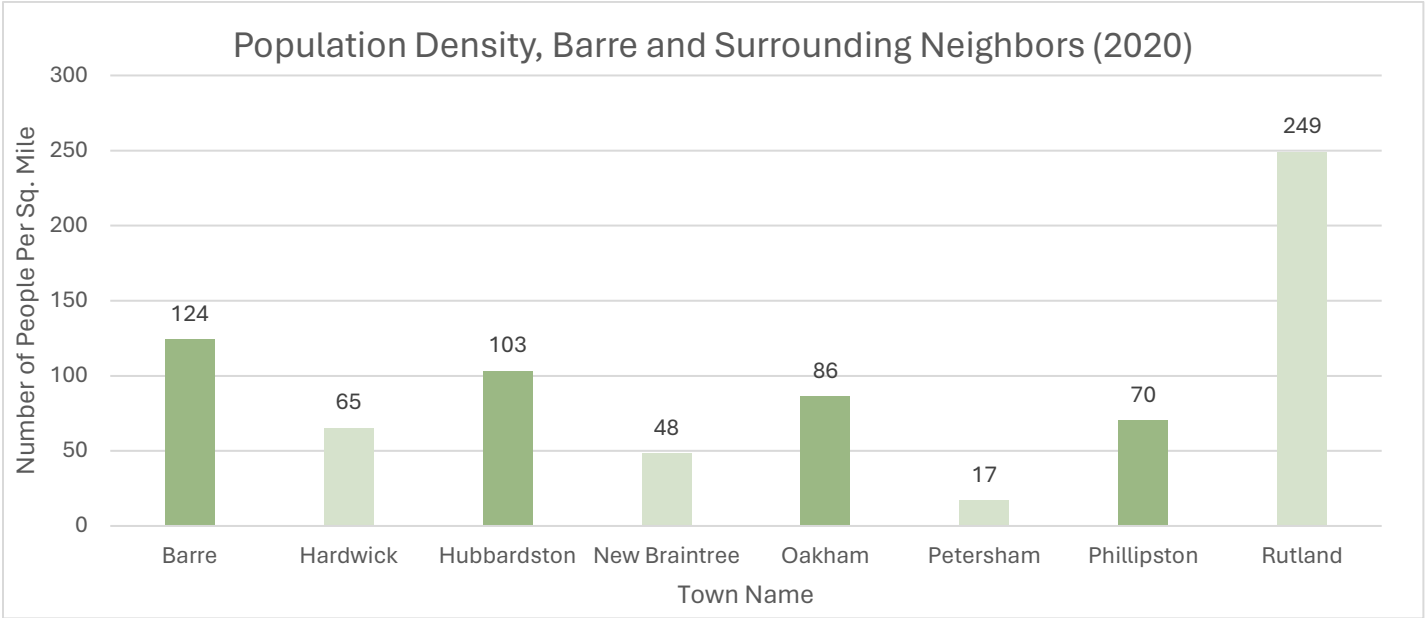
<i>Barre's Population Compared to Surrounding Communities (2020)</i>	
Town Name	2020 Population
Barre	5,530
Hardwick	2,667
Hubbardston	4,328
New Braintree	996
Oakham	1,851
Petersham	1,194
Phillipston	1,726
Rutland	9,049

*Source: 2020 US Decennial Redistricting Data*



<i>Population Density, Barre and Surrounding Communities (2020)</i>	
<b>Town Name</b>	<b>Population Density</b>
Barre	124
Hardwick	65
Hubbardston	103
New Braintree	48
Oakham	86
Petersham	17
Phillipston	70
Rutland	249

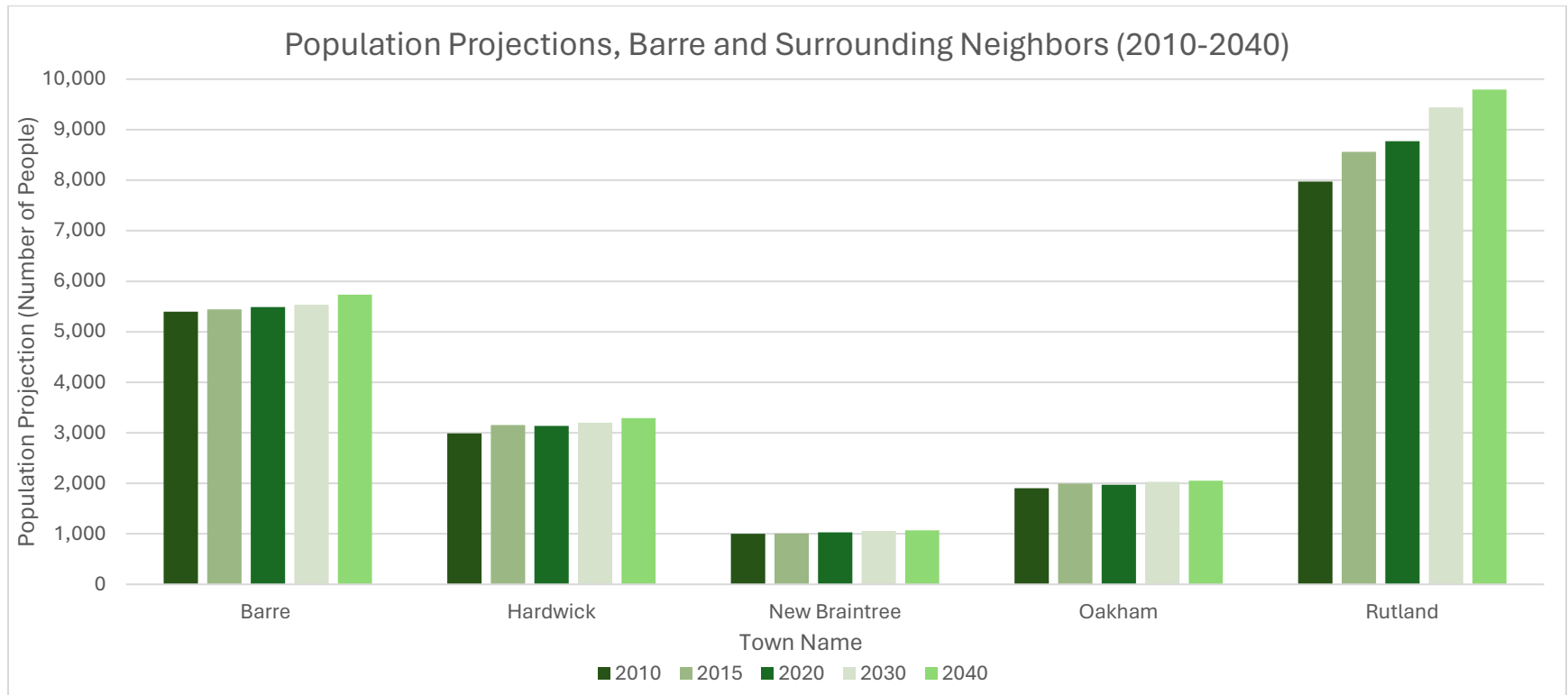
*Source: CMRPC Community Snapshots  
U.S. Census Decennial Redistricting Data, 2020*



**Population Projections, Barre and Surrounding Communities (2010-2040)**

Projection Year	Barre	Hardwick	New Braintree	Oakham	Rutland
2010	5,398	2,990	999	1,902	7,973
2015	5,444	3,154	1,008	1,992	8,562
2020	5,488	3,137	1,032	1,969	8,770
2030	5,534	3,200	1,060	2,030	9,440
2040	5,736	3,289	1,071	2,053	9,793

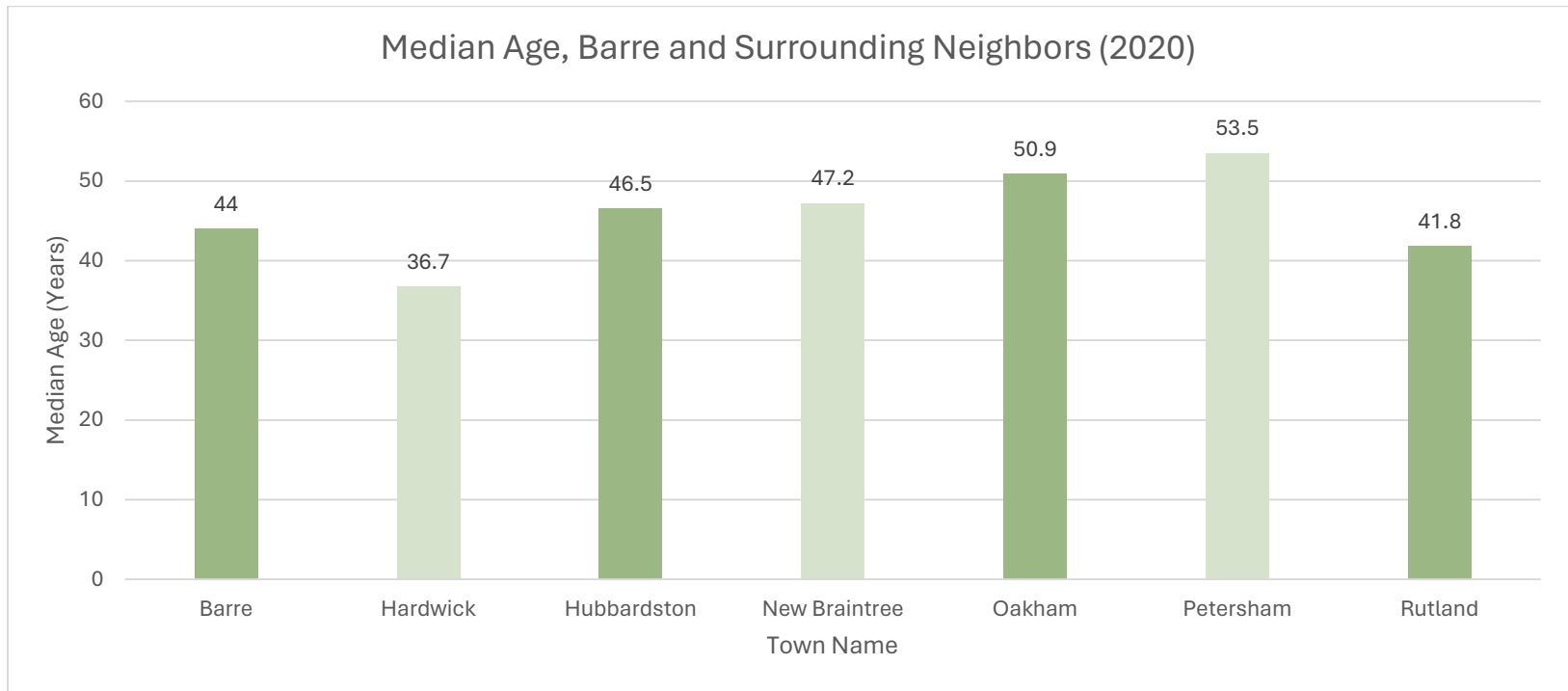
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**Table X: Median Age, Barre and Surrounding Communities**

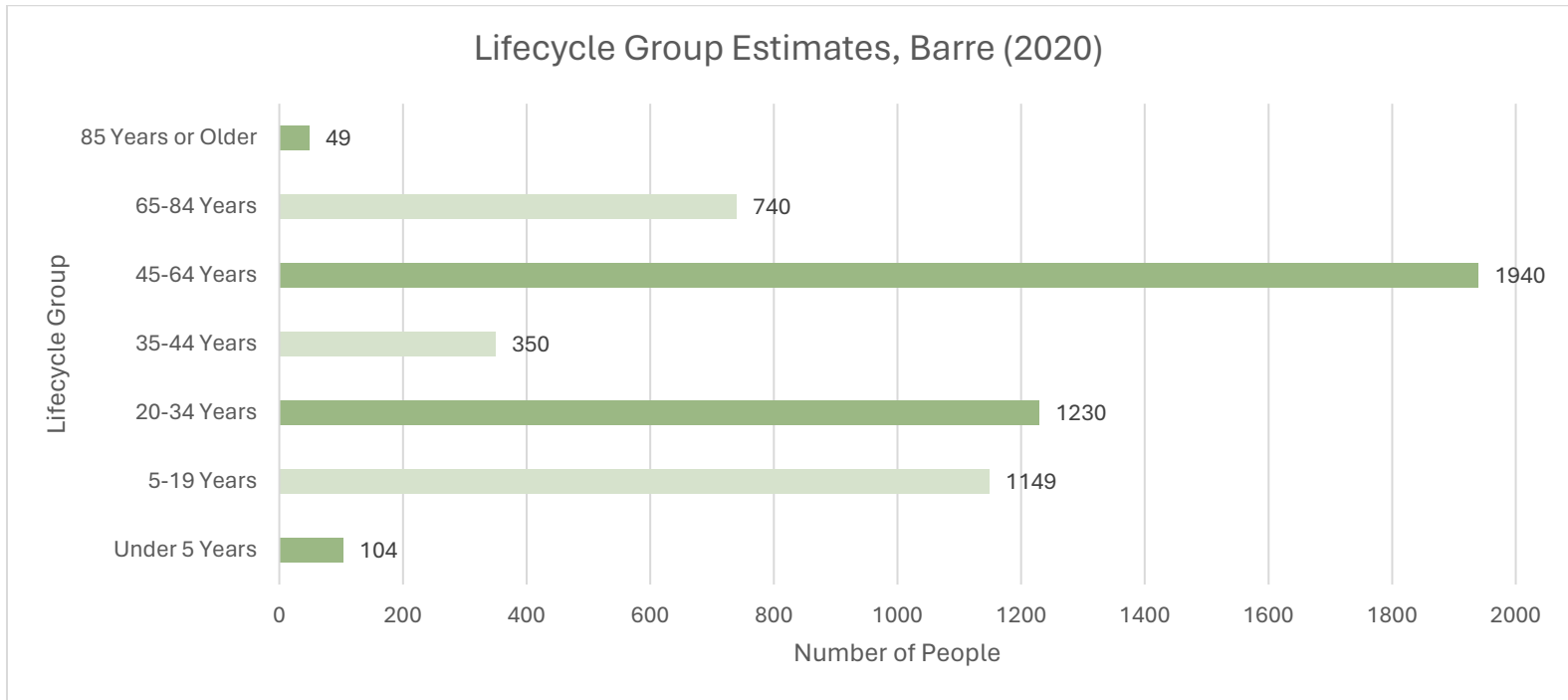
Town Name	Median Age
Barre	44
Hardwick	36.7
Hubbardston	46.5
New Braintree	47.2
Oakham	50.9
Petersham	53.5
Rutland	41.8

*Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates*

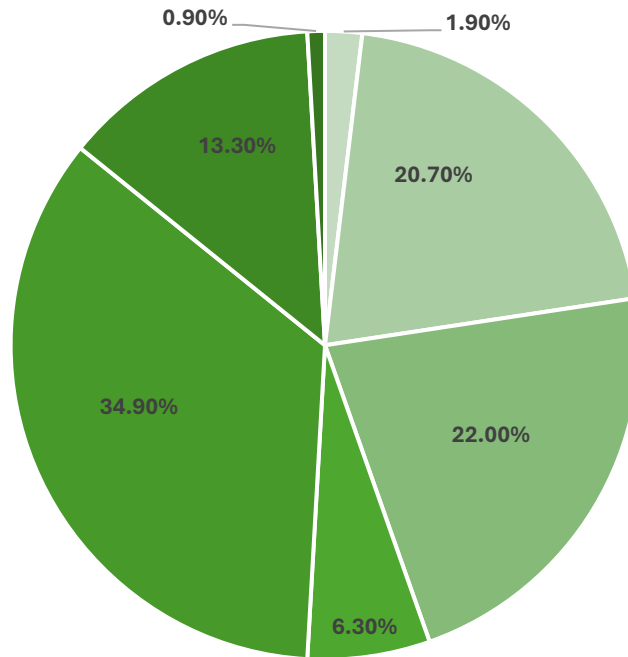


<b>Table X: Percent of Total Population by Lifecycle Group, Barre (2020)</b>		
<b>Lifecycle Group</b>	<b>Number of People/Lifecycle Group</b>	<b>% of Total Population by Lifecycle Group</b>
Under 5 Years	104	1.90%
5-19 Years	1149	20.70%
20-34 Years	1230	22.00%
35-44 Years	350	6.30%
45-64 Years	1940	34.90%
65-84 Years	740	13.30%
85 Years or Older	49	0.90%

*Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables*



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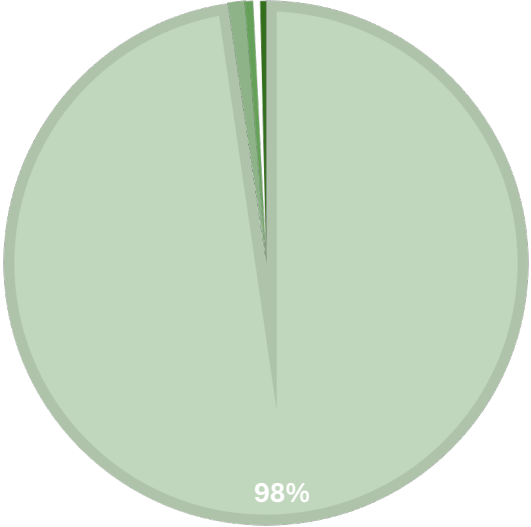


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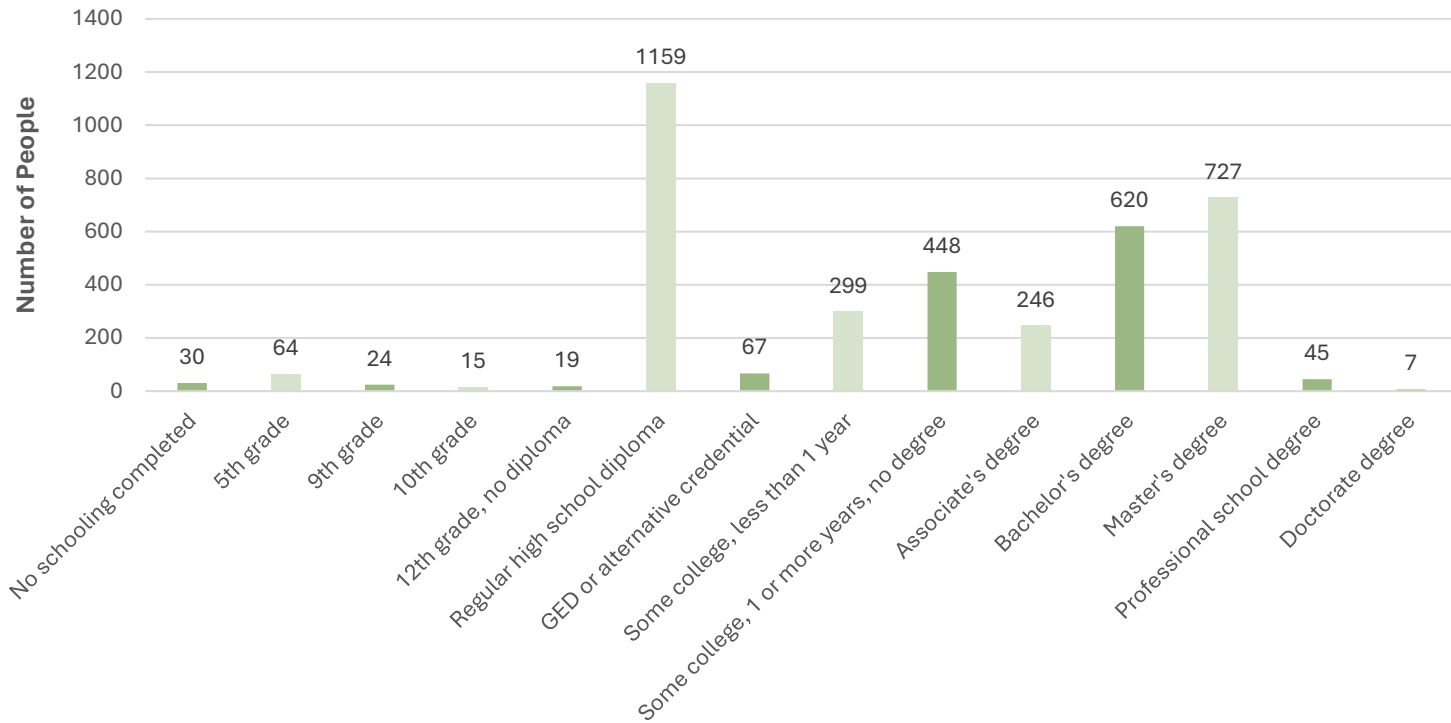
Race	# of People	% of Total Population
White alone	5034	90%
Black or African American alone	61	1.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	11	0.20%
Asian alone	43	0.78%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	4	0.07%
Some Other Race alone	97	1.75%
White; Black or African American	28	5.06%
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	81	1.46%
White; Asian	25	0.45%
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6	0.11%
White; Some Other Race	120	2.20%
Black or African American; Asian	2	0.03%
Black or African American; Some Other Race	6	0.11%
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3	0.05%
Asian; Some Other Race	4	0.07%
White; Black/African American; American Indian & Alaska Native	2	0.04%
White; Asian; Some Other Race	1	0.02%
White; Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; Other Race	2	0.04%
<i>Source: 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data</i>		

### BARRE LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

- Speak only English
- Spanish
- French, Haitian, or Cajun
- Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages
- Other Indo-European languages



## Barre Highest Educational Attainment

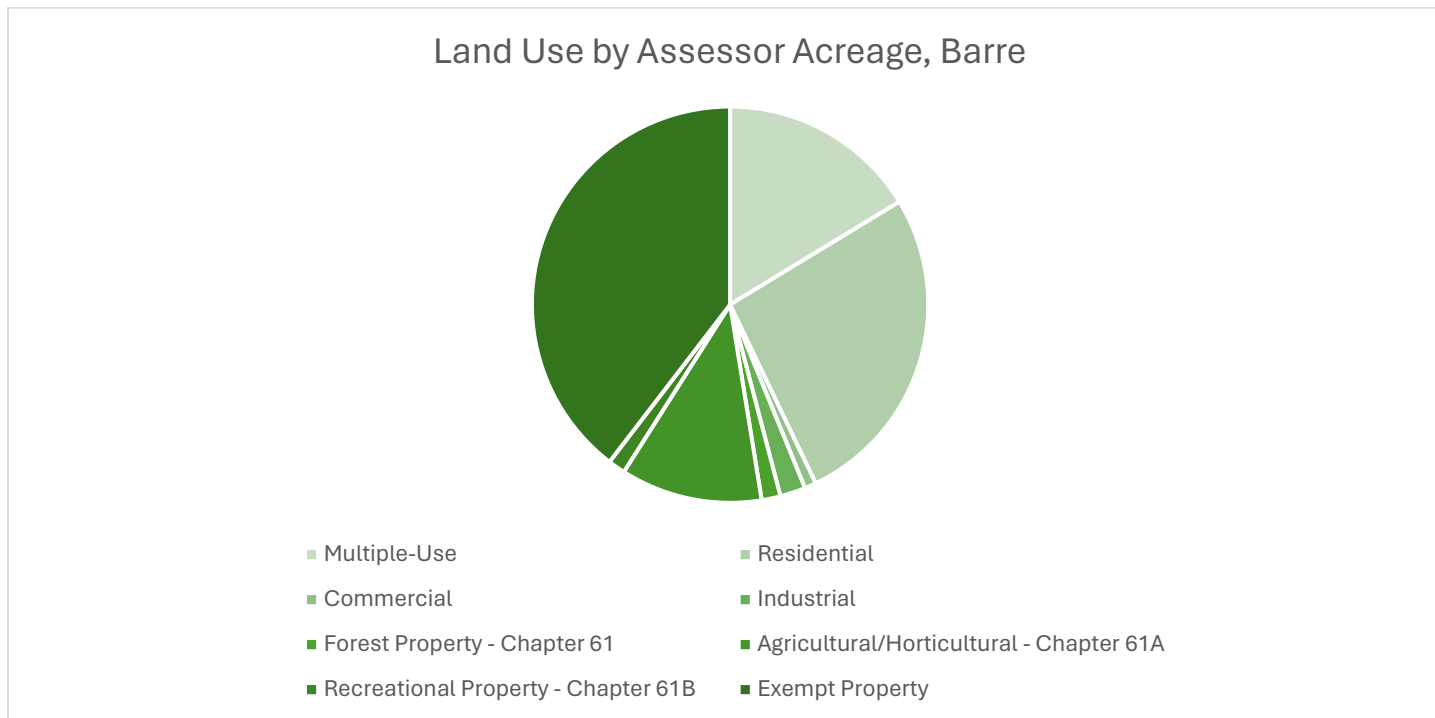


Highest Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment for Population over 25 (U.S. Census)

Classification	DOR Use Code Range Within Dataset	Frequency	Sum of Lot Areas	Percentage of Lot Areas
Multiple-Use	0101-0388, 0713, 0800	145	4538.45	16.31%
Residential	1010-1320	2384	7395.96	26.58%
Commercial	3020-3920	57	262.31	0.94%
Industrial	4000-4510	50	577.93	2.08%
Forest Property - Chapter 61	6010	21	428.98	1.54%
Agricultural/Horticultural - Chapter 61A	0712, 0716, 7120-7200	136	3217.60	11.56%
Recreational Property - Chapter 61B	8010-8080	22	391.94	1.41%
Exempt Property	9000-9730, 995	283	11015.25	39.58%
Total	0101-9730	3098	27828.42	100.00%

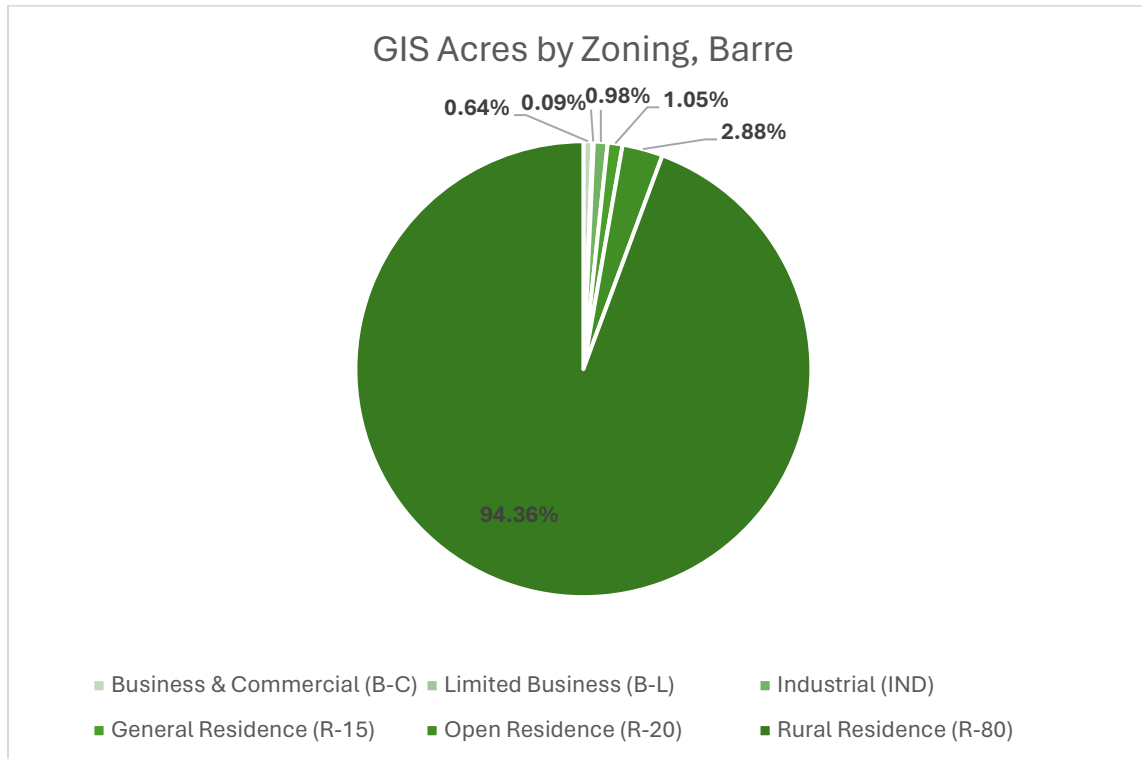
Source: CMRPC DOR Use Code GIS Data, from Mass GIS and the Town of Barre, FY 2022



Land Cover / Land Use Hybrid Type	Frequency	Sum of GIS Acres	Percentage of GIS Acres
Aquatic Bed	111	62.01	0.22%
Bare Land	505	92.93	0.33%
Commercial	169	34.23	0.12%
Cultivated	136	192.72	0.67%
Deciduous Forest	15992	10877.24	38.08%
Developed Open Space	9068	1050.65	3.68%
Evergreen Forest	9567	9388.19	32.87%
Forested Wetland	1315	1548.43	5.42%
Grassland	1611	970.51	3.40%
Industrial	98	23.25	0.08%
Non-forested Wetland	947	1180.56	4.13%
Other Impervious	2545	124.63	0.44%
Pasture/Hay	855	1541.53	5.40%
Residential - Multi-Family	558	31.22	0.11%
Residential - Single Family	3338	164.61	0.58%
Right-of-way	504	302.40	1.06%
Scrub/Shrub	1422	656.56	2.30%
Unconsolidated Shore	3	0.62	0.00%
Water	250	320.80	1.12%
CMRPC Land Cover/Land Use GIS Data, from MassGIS, FY 2016			

Zone Name	Frequency	Sum of GIS Acres	Percentage of GIS Acres
Business & Commercial (B-C)	13	183.418645	0.64%
Limited Business (B-L)	3	25.62390062	0.09%
Industrial (IND)	7	278.750637	0.98%
General Residence (R-15)	5	299.7028952	1.05%
Open Residence (R-20)	9	822.4650525	2.88%
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CMRPC Zoning Data, from the Town of Barre, 2019

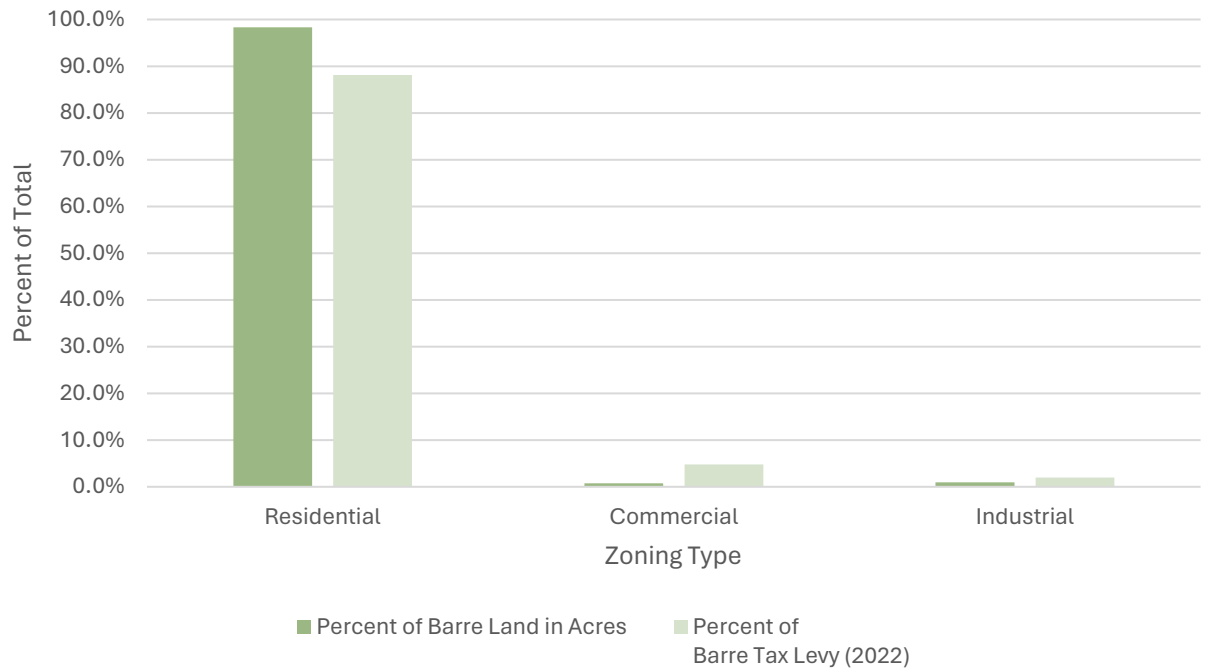


Year	Residential Levy	Open Space Levy	Commercial Levy	Industrial Levy	Personal Property Levy	Total Levy	RO Levy as a % of Total	CIP Levy as a % of Total
2019	\$7,191,312.00	0	\$475,643.00	\$187,301.00	\$529,803.00	\$8,384,059.00	85.77	14.23
2020	\$7,506,031.00	0	\$463,652.00	\$195,169.00	\$512,018.00	\$8,676,869.00	86.51	13.49
2021	\$7,818,001.00	0	\$465,754.00	\$195,206.00	\$478,636.00	\$8,957,597.00	87.28	12.72
2022	\$8,156,276.00	0	\$441,056.00	\$182,559.00	\$472,315.00	\$9,252,206.00	88.15	11.85

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
Percent of Barre Land in Acres	98.3%	0.7%	1.0%
Percent of Barre Tax Levy (2022)	88.2%	4.8%	2.0%

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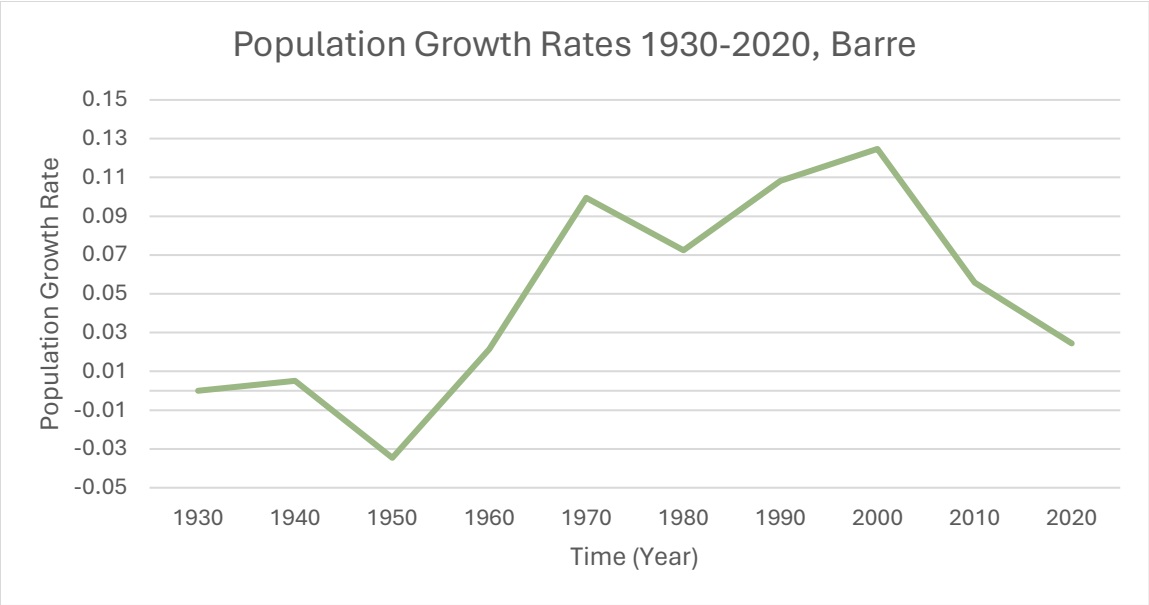


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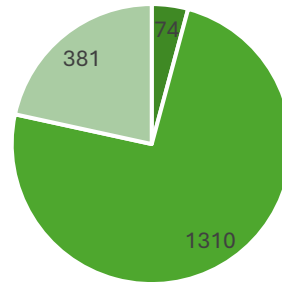
**Historical Population Growth Rates,  
Barre (U.S. Census)**

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Sources - US Census Data		



Occupied Housing Types - Number of Bedrooms, Barre Town (2020)			
Number of Bedrooms	# of Owner-Occupied Structures	# of Renter-Occupied Structures	Total Occupied Structures
No bedroom	0	0	0
1 bedroom	74	64	138
2 or 3 bedrooms	1310	103	1413
4 or more bedrooms	381	45	426
<i>Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates</i>			

# of Occupied Structures By Number of Bedrooms, Barre Town (2020)



■ 1 bedroom ■ 2 or 3 bedrooms ■ 4 or more bedrooms

<i>Housing Units &amp; Vacancy Rates by Town</i>								
	Barre	Hardwick	Hubbardston	New Braintree	Oakham	Petersham	Phillipston	Rutland
Occupied	2,121	1,107	1,684	377	713	479	674	3,233
Vacant	141	135	81	22	25	79	134	143
Percentage Occupied	94%	89%	95%	94%	97%	86%	83%	96%
Percentage Vacant	6%	11%	5%	6%	3%	14%	17%	4%
<b>Total:</b>	2,262	1,242	1,765	399	738	558	808	3,376
<i>Source: 2020 Decennial Census Data</i>								

*Table X: Age of Housing Stock, Barre (2020)*

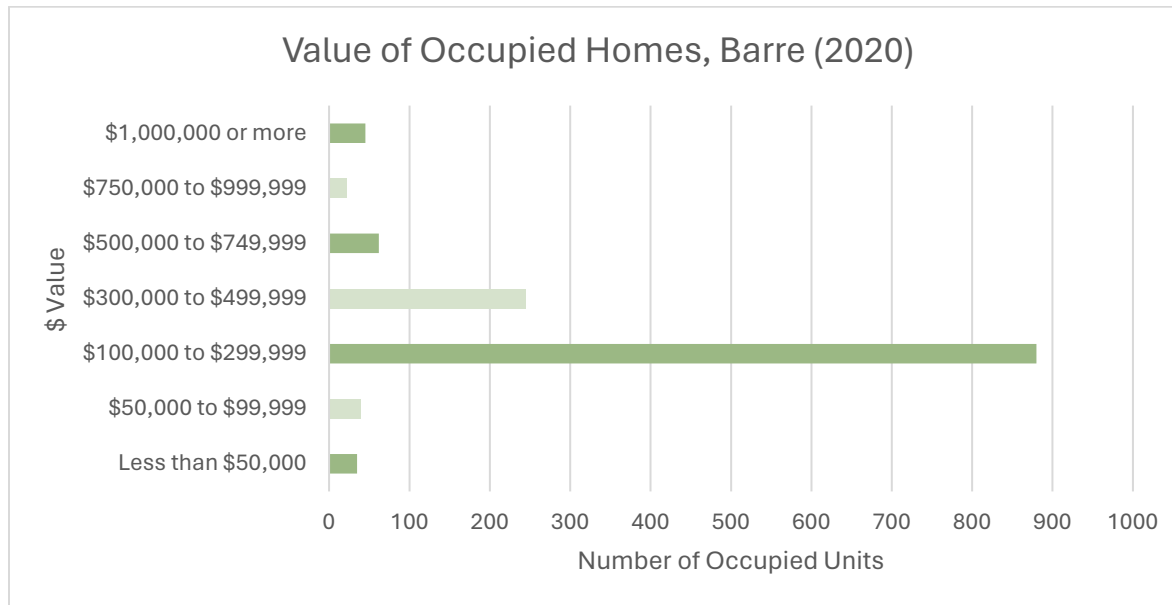
<b>Age of Housing Stock</b>	<b>Number of Houses</b>
Built 2014 or later	0
Built 2010 to 2013	62
Built 2000 to 2009	257
Built 1990 to 1999	208
Built 1980 to 1989	300
Built 1970 to 1979	276
Built 1960 to 1969	27
Built 1950 to 1959	191
Built 1940 to 1949	27
Built 1939 or earlier	847

*Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates*

Median Sales Price - Single Family Homes, Barre (2006-2021)



<i>Value of Occupied Homes, Barre (2020)</i>		
Value of Occupied Homes	# of Occupied Homes	Percentage
Less than \$50,000	35	2.60%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	2.90%
\$100,000 to \$299,999	880	66.30%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	245	18.40%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	62	4.70%
\$750,000 to \$999,999	22	1.70%
\$1,000,000 or more	45	3.40%
Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates		



*Table X: Median Rent, Barre (2020)*

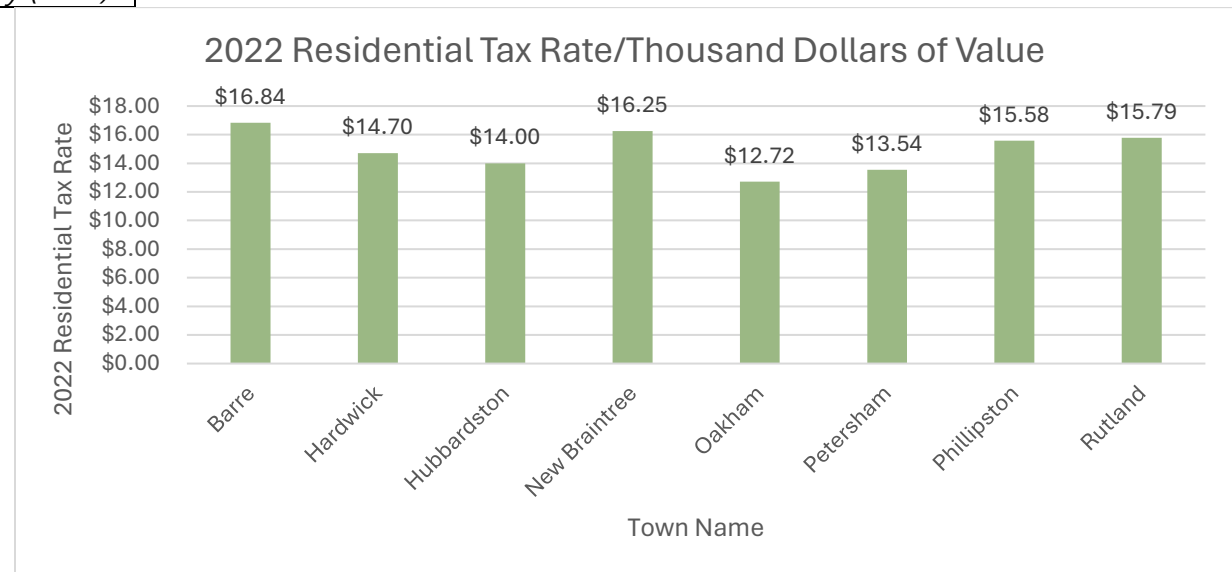
Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Occupied units paying rent	186	100%
Less than \$500	0	0.00%
\$500 to \$999	52	28.00%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	134	72.00%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	0	0.00%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	0	0.00%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	0	0.00%
\$3,000 or more	0	0.00%
Median (dollars)	1,103	(X)

*Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates*

*Residential Tax Rate Comparison,  
Barre and Surrounding Neighbors (2022)*

Town	2022 Residential Tax Rate/Thousand Dollars of Value
Barre	\$16.84
Hardwick	\$14.70
Hubbardston	\$14.00
New Braintree	\$16.25
Oakham	\$12.72
Petersham	\$13.54
Phillipston	\$15.58
Rutland	\$15.79

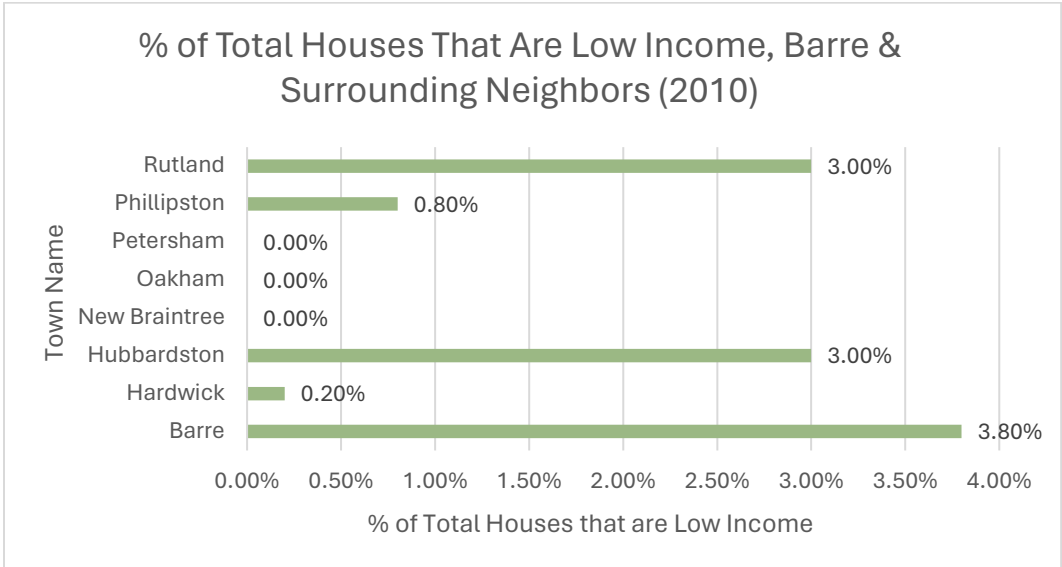
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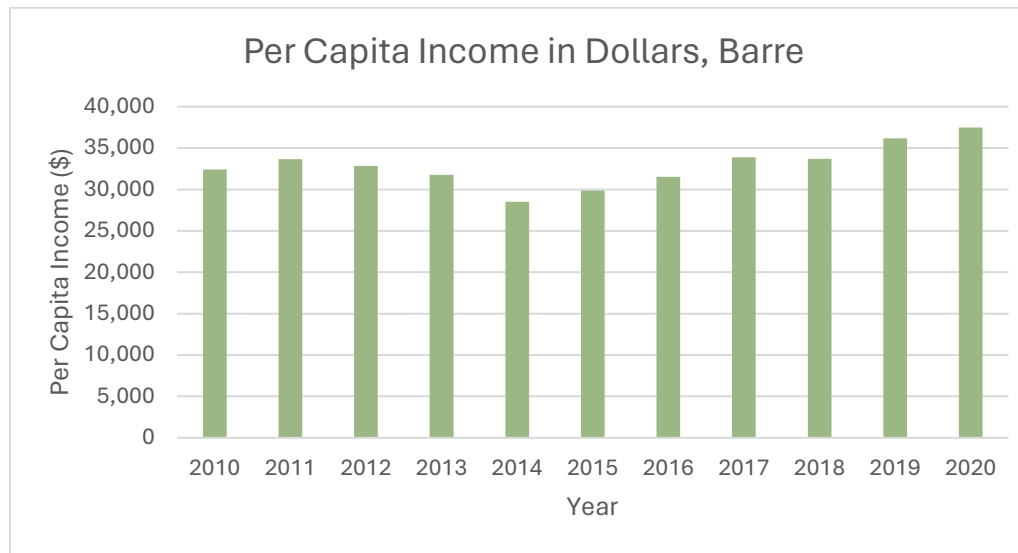
**Table X: Low Income Households, % of Total Houses (2010)**

Town	2010 Census Year Round Housing Units	Total Development Units	SHI Units	Percentage
Barre	2,164	83	83	3.80%
Hardwick	1,185	3	2	0.20%
Hubbardston	1,627	49	49	3.00%
New Braintree	386	0	0	0.00%
Oakham	702	0	0	0.00%
Petersham	525	0	0	0.00%
Phillipston	658	5	5	0.80%
Rutland	2,913	86	86	3.00%

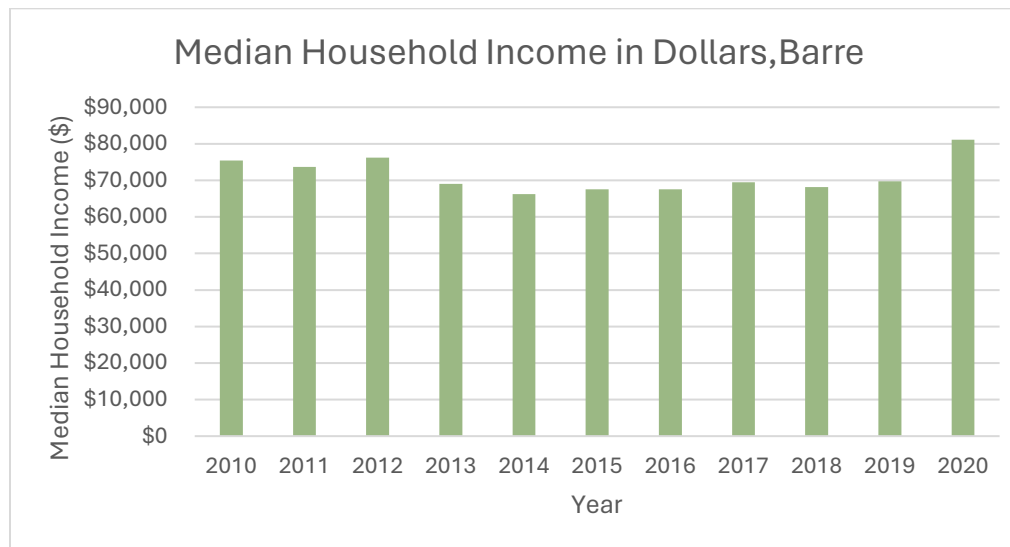
*Source: 2010 Subsidized Housing Inventory, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development*



Year	Per Capita Income in Dollars	Margin of Error
2010	32,436	±3,185
2011	33,647	±3,102
2012	32,857	±3,078
2013	31,754	±4,419
2014	28,529	±3,968
2015	29,877	±3,919
2016	31,530	±3,510
2017	33,871	±4,479
2018	33,685	±3,343
2019	36,173	±3,635
2020	37,463	±3,749
Source: 2010-2020 ACS 5-year estimates		

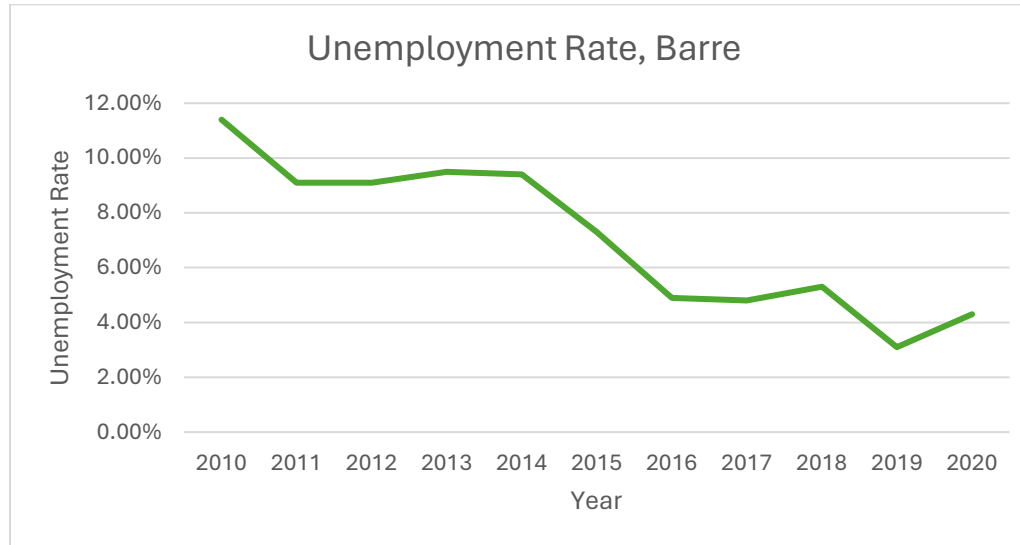


Year	Median Household Income in Dollars
2010	\$75,423
2011	\$73,687
2012	\$76,234
2013	\$69,016
2014	\$66,250
2015	\$67,536
2016	\$67,500
2017	\$69,432
2018	\$68,139
2019	\$69,735
2020	\$81,109
Source: 2020 ACS 5-year estimates data	



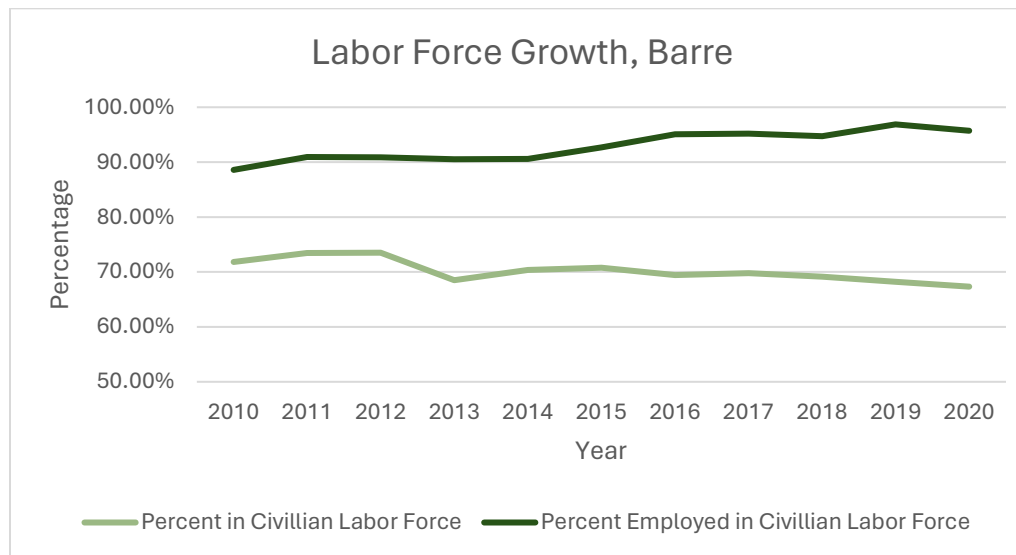
Year	Population 16 Years or Older	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed in Civilian Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
2010	4,418	3,173	362	11.40%
2011	4,392	3,225	293	9.10%
2012	4,319	3,175	289	9.10%
2013	4,292	2,939	279	9.50%
2014	4,231	2,978	280	9.40%
2015	4,353	3,081	226	7.30%
2016	4,465	3,100	153	4.90%
2017	4,495	3,136	150	4.80%
2018	4,575	3,163	167	5.30%
2019	4,654	3,174	99	3.10%
2020	4,726	3,182	136	4.30%

*Source: 2010-2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates*

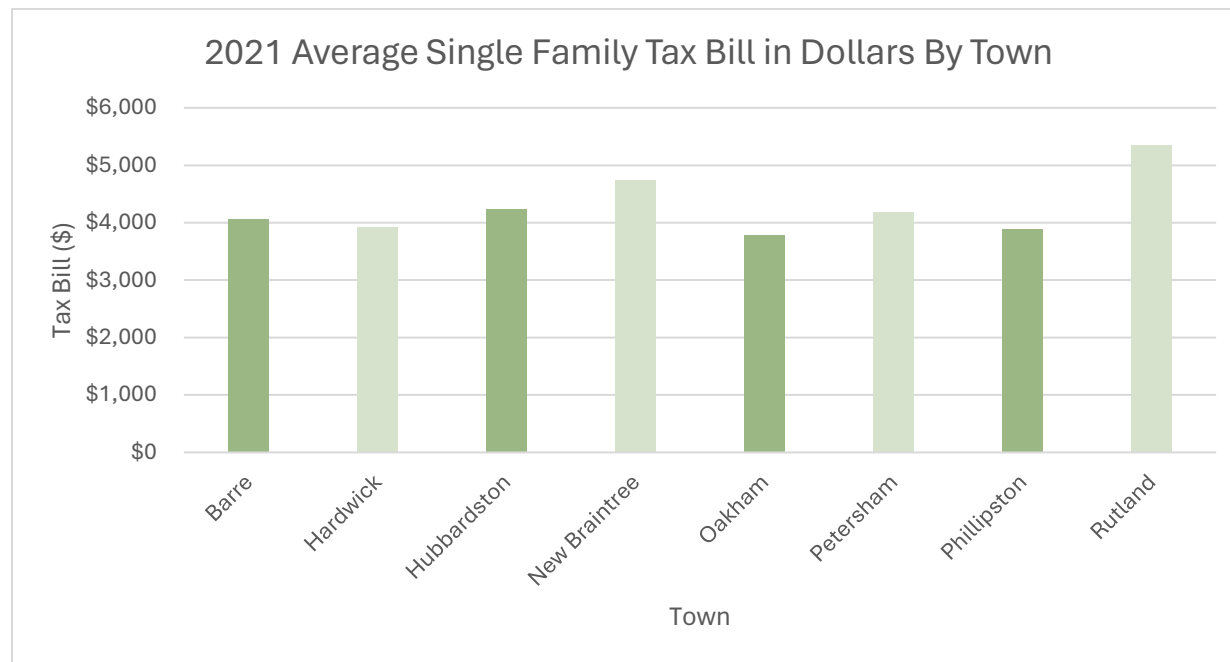


Year	Population 16 Years or Older	Population in Civillian Labor Force	Percent in Civillian Labor Force	Population Employed in Civillian Labor Force	Percent Employed in Civillian Labor Force
2010	4,418	3,173	71.82%	2,811	88.59%
2011	4,392	3,225	73.43%	2,932	90.91%
2012	4,319	3,175	73.51%	2,886	90.90%
2013	4,292	2,939	68.48%	2,660	90.51%
2014	4,231	2,978	70.39%	2,698	90.60%
2015	4,353	3,081	70.78%	2,855	92.66%
2016	4,465	3,100	69.43%	2,947	95.06%
2017	4,495	3,136	69.77%	2,986	95.22%
2018	4,575	3,163	69.14%	2,996	94.72%
2019	4,654	3,174	68.20%	3,075	96.88%
2020	4,726	3,182	67.33%	3,046	95.73%

ACS 5-year estimates, 2010-2020



Municipality	2021 Average Single Family Tax Bill in Dollars
Barre	\$4,070
Hardwick	\$3,929
Hubbardston	\$4,244
New Braintree	\$4,747
Oakham	\$3,777
Petersham	\$4,179
Phillipston	\$3,886
Rutland	\$5,355



**Tax Levies by Class, 2023**

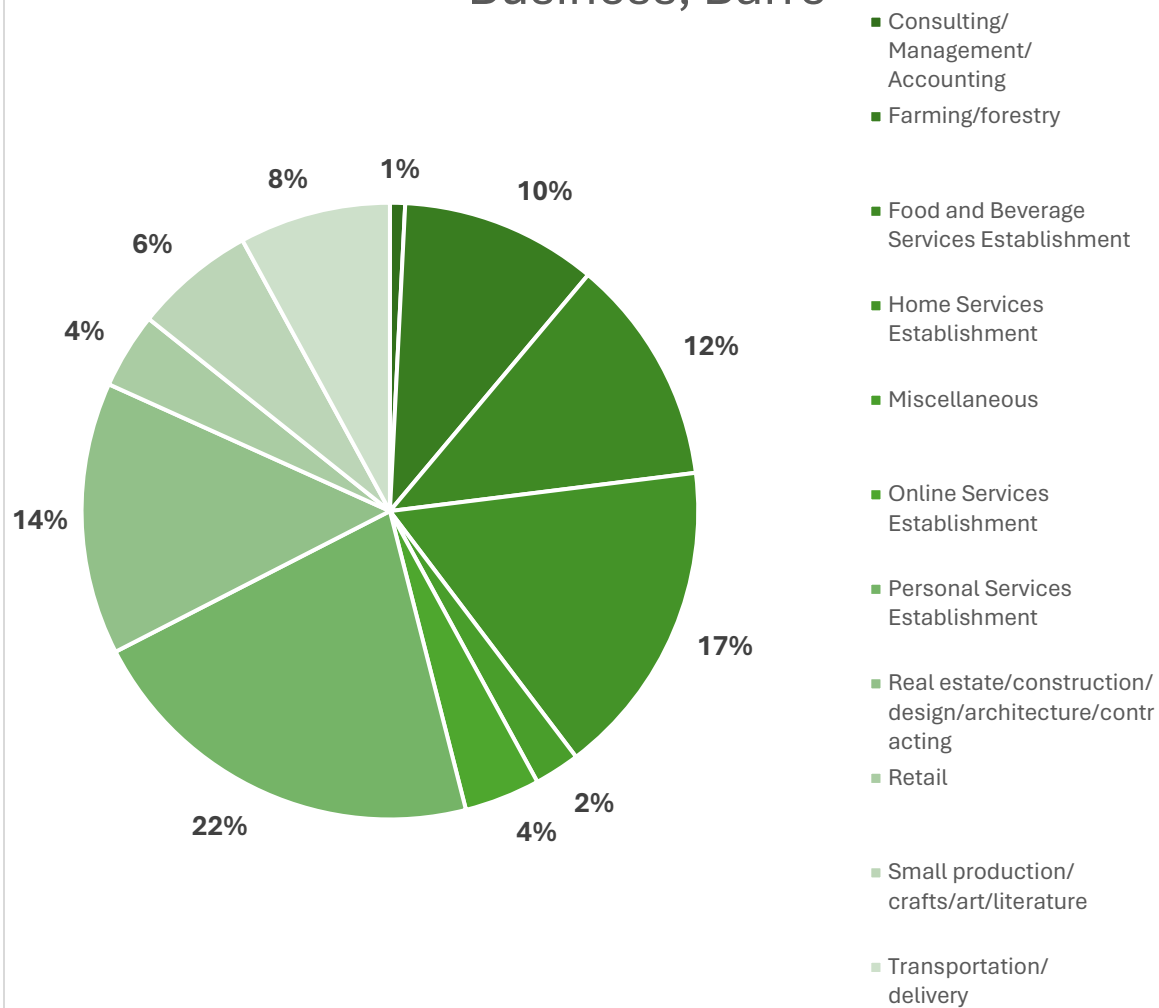
<b>Town</b>	<b>Residential Levy</b>	<b>Open Space Levy</b>	<b>Commercial Levy</b>	<b>Industrial Levy</b>	<b>Personal Property Levy</b>	<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>RO Levy as a % of Total</b>	<b>CIP Levy as a % of Total</b>
Barre	\$8,492,086	\$0	\$422,857	\$171,524	\$452,014	\$9,538,481	89.03	10.97
Petersham	\$2,909,271	\$0	\$78,370	\$3,336	\$240,622	\$3,231,600	90.03	9.97
New Braintree	\$2,128,906	\$0	\$94,103	\$18,150	\$101,857	\$2,343,016	90.86	9.14
Rutland	\$18,235,965	\$0	\$385,655	\$60,906	\$505,640	\$19,188,165	95.04	4.96
Hardwick	\$4,166,526	\$0	\$196,093	\$29,727	\$155,167	\$4,547,513	91.62	8.38
Hubbardston	\$7,574,025	\$0	\$174,262	\$65,713	\$239,998	\$8,053,998	94.04	5.96
Phillipston	\$3,737,146	\$0	\$102,825	\$8,468	\$88,724	\$3,937,163	94.92	5.08
Oakham	\$3,149,061	\$0	\$67,709	\$15,935	\$166,736	\$3,399,442	92.63	7.37

Source: Data Analytics and Resources Bureau Tax Rates by Class, Division of Local Services

Tax Rates by Class, 2023					
Town	Residential	Open Space	Commercial	Industrial	Personal Property
Barre	15.86	0	15.86	15.86	15.86
Petersham	15.79	0	15.79	15.79	15.79
New Braintree	14.68	0	14.68	14.68	14.68
Rutland	13.72	0	13.72	13.72	13.72
Hardwick	13.3	0	13.3	13.3	13.3
Hubbardston	13.3	0	13.3	13.3	13.3
Phillipston	12.84	0	12.84	12.84	12.84
Oakham	11.57	0	11.57	11.57	11.57

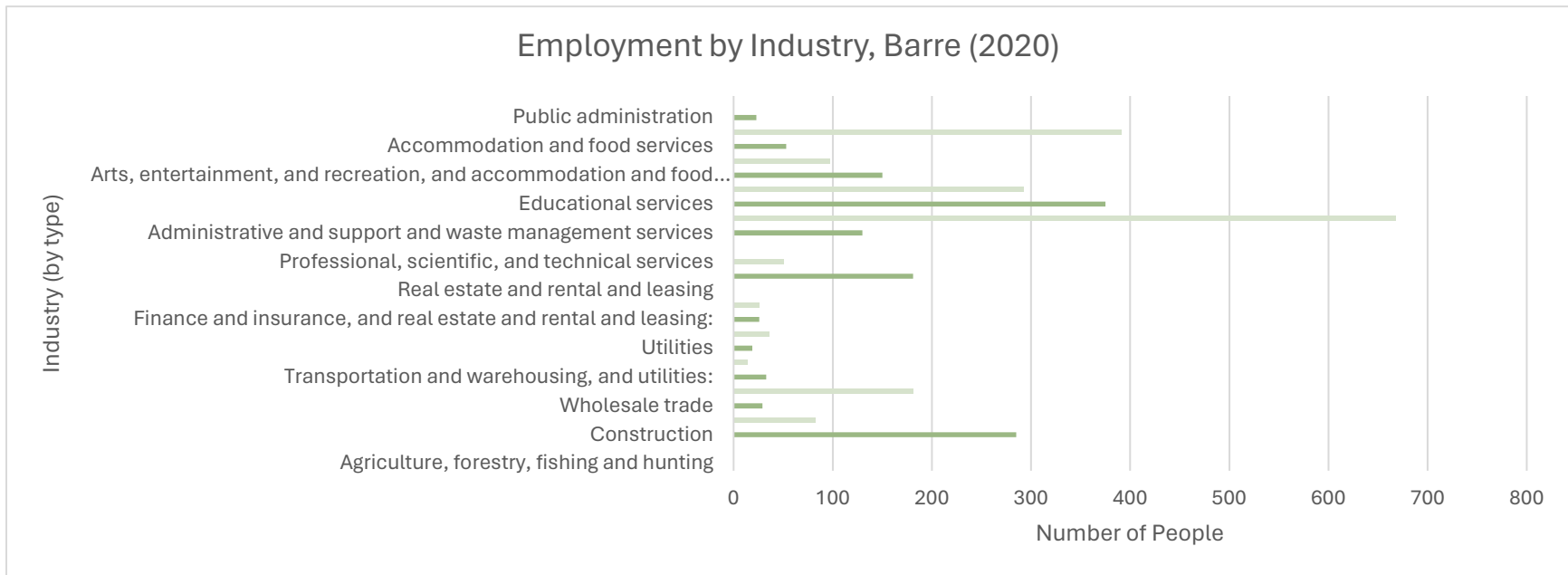
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## Businesses Registered as Doing Business, Barre



Industry	Barre Employment
Full-time, year-round civilian employed population 16 years and over	2,086
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining:	0
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Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0
Construction	285
Manufacturing	83
Wholesale trade	29
Retail trade	181
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities:	33
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Utilities	19
Information	36
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing:	26
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Real estate and rental and leasing	0
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services:	181
Professional, scientific, and technical services	51
Management of companies and enterprises	0
Administrative and support and waste management services	130
Educational services, and health care and social assistance:	668
Educational services	375
Health care and social assistance	293
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services:	150
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	97
Accommodation and food services	53
Other services, except public administration	391
Public administration	23

Source: 2020 ACS 5-year estimates



Employer	Number of Employees
<a href="#">Seven Hills Foundation Inc</a>	250-499
<a href="#">Quabbin Regional High School</a>	100-249
<a href="#">Camp Coldbrook</a>	50-99
<a href="#">Ruggles Lane Elementary School</a>	50-99
<a href="#">Barre Center For Buddhist</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Barre Family Health Ctr</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Barre Police Dept</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Chas G Allen Co</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Harding Allen Estate</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Higgins Powersports</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Participatory Culture Fndtn</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Quabbin Regional School Dist</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Quality Water Products</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Rockwerx</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Stetson School Inc</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Town of Barre Fire Dept</a>	20-49
<a href="#">Barre Mill Restaurant</a>	10-19

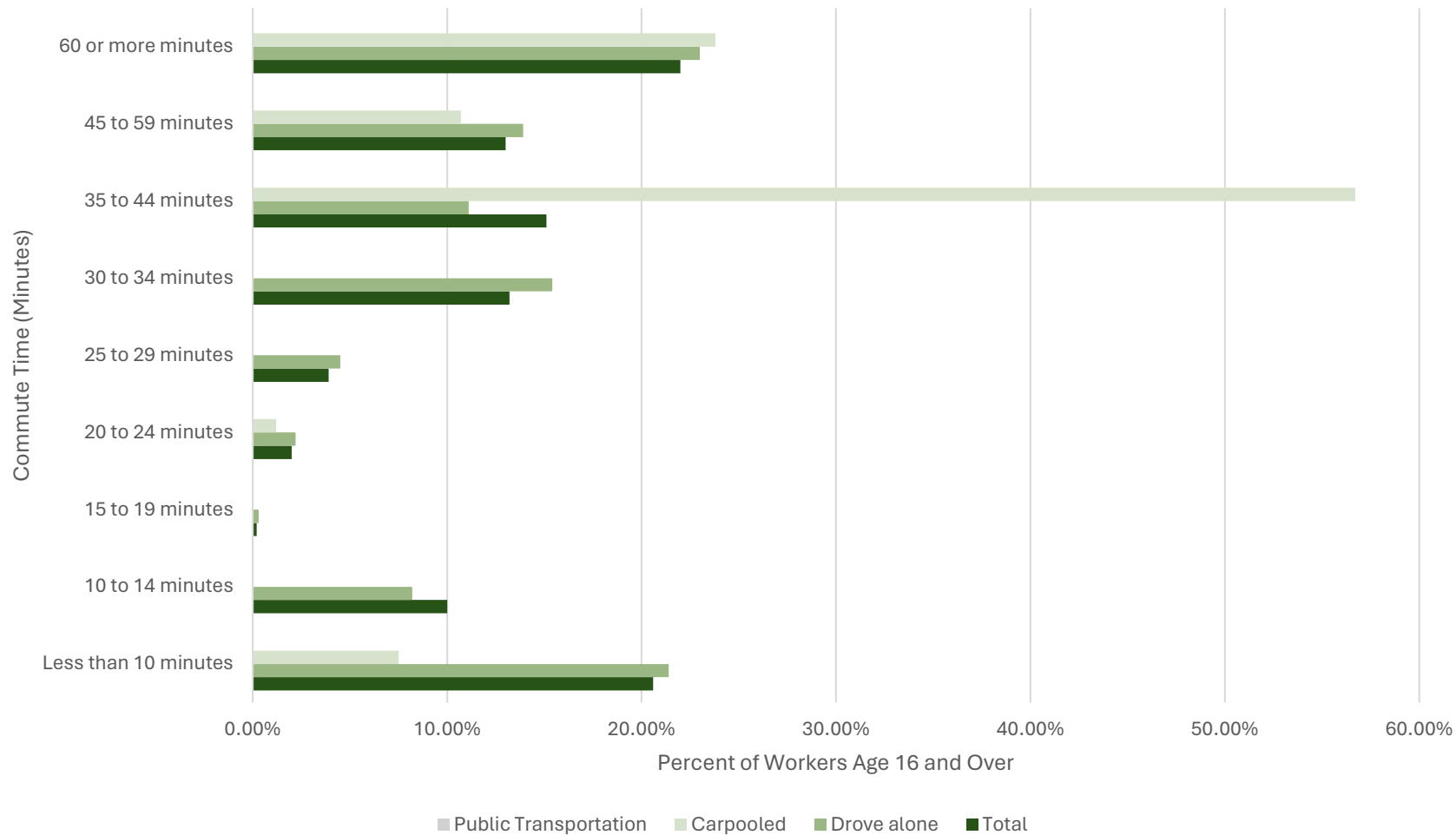
<a href="#">Bionutrient Food Assn</a>	10-19
<a href="#">Caregiver Patient Connection</a>	10-19
<a href="#">Dunkin'</a>	10-19
<a href="#">Leader Home Ctr</a>	10-19
<a href="#">Northeast Organic Farming Assn</a>	10-19
<a href="#">R J Mcdonald Inc</a>	10-19
Stone Cow Brewery	10-19
Xfinity	10-19
<i>Source: Labor Market Information, Mass Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development</i>	

Commute Patterns, Place of Work				
Class of Work	Total	Drove alone	Carpooled	Public Transportation
Workers 16 years and over	2,947	2,201	252	0
Worked in state of residence	97.10%	96.10%	100.00%	-
Worked in county of residence	83.00%	82.40%	55.20%	-
Worked outside county of residence	14.10%	13.70%	44.80%	-
Worked outside state of residence	2.90%	3.90%	0.00%	-
Workers 16 years and over who did not work from home	2,569	2,201	252	0
Median age (years)	47	49.2	34.3	-
<i>Source: 2020 ACS 5-year estimates</i>				

Commute Patterns, Travel Time				
Travel Time	Total	Drove alone	Carpooled	Public Transportation
Workers 16 years and over	2,947	2,201	252	0
Less than 10 minutes	20.60%	21.40%	7.50%	-
10 to 14 minutes	10.00%	8.20%	0.00%	-
15 to 19 minutes	0.20%	0.30%	0.00%	-
20 to 24 minutes	2.00%	2.20%	1.20%	-
25 to 29 minutes	3.90%	4.50%	0.00%	-
30 to 34 minutes	13.20%	15.40%	0.00%	-
35 to 44 minutes	15.10%	11.10%	56.70%	-
45 to 59 minutes	13.00%	13.90%	10.70%	-
60 or more minutes	22.00%	23.00%	23.80%	-
Median age (years)	47	49.2	34.3	-
<i>Source: 2020 ACS 5-year estimates</i>				

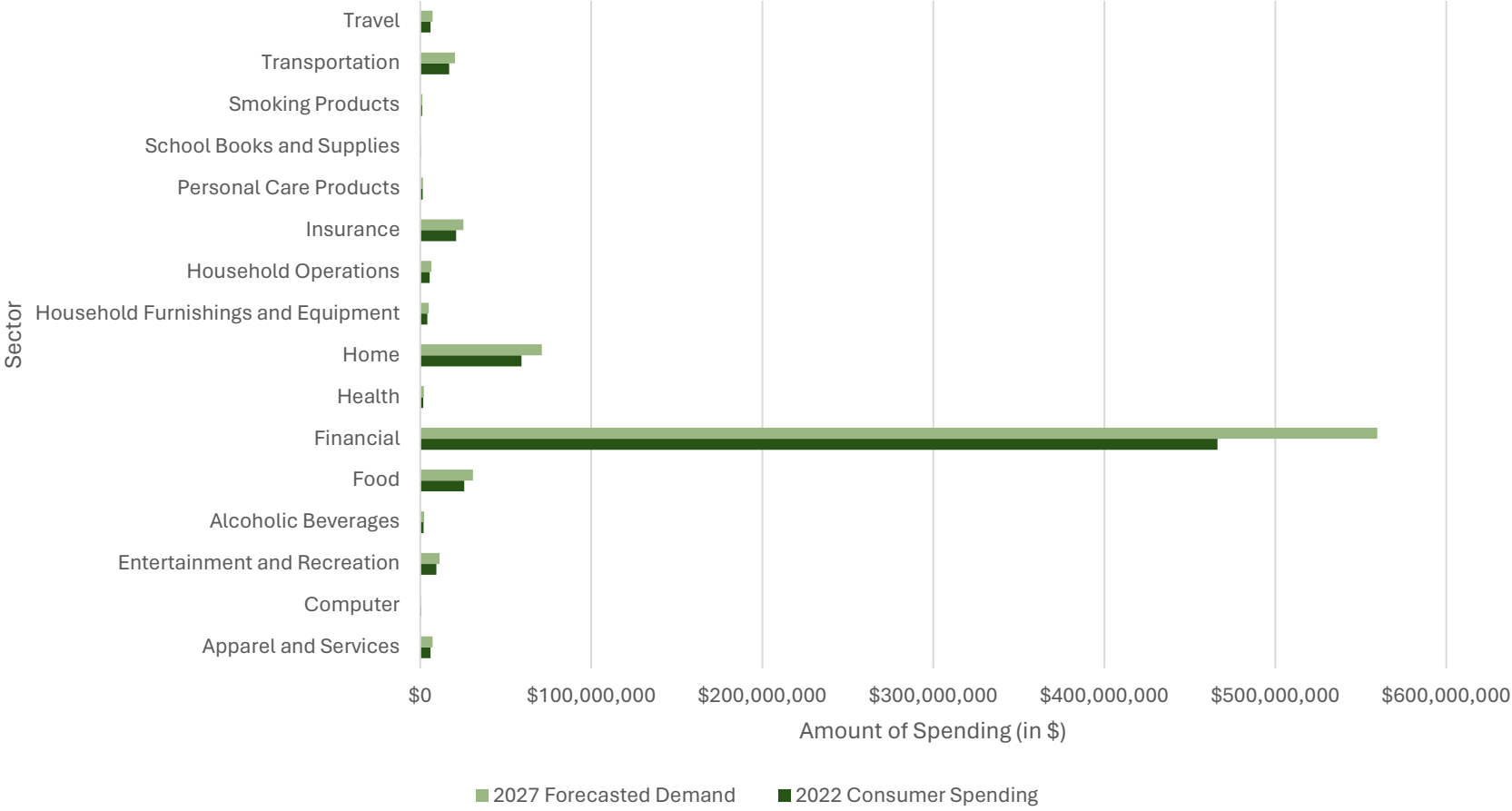
Commute Patterns, Age				
Age	Total	Drove alone	Carpooled	Public Transportation
Workers 16 years and over	2,947	2,201	252	0
16 to 19 years	7.50%	7.50%	4.40%	-
20 to 24 years	13.70%	12.70%	13.50%	-
25 to 44 years	25.70%	20.90%	49.60%	-
45 to 54 years	20.80%	23.10%	23.80%	-
55 to 59 years	15.20%	14.10%	0.00%	-
60 years and over	17.20%	21.70%	8.70%	-
Median age (years)	47	49.2	34.3	-
<i>Source: 2020 ACS 5-year estimates</i>				

### Commute Patterns: Travel Time by Travel Type, Barre (2020)



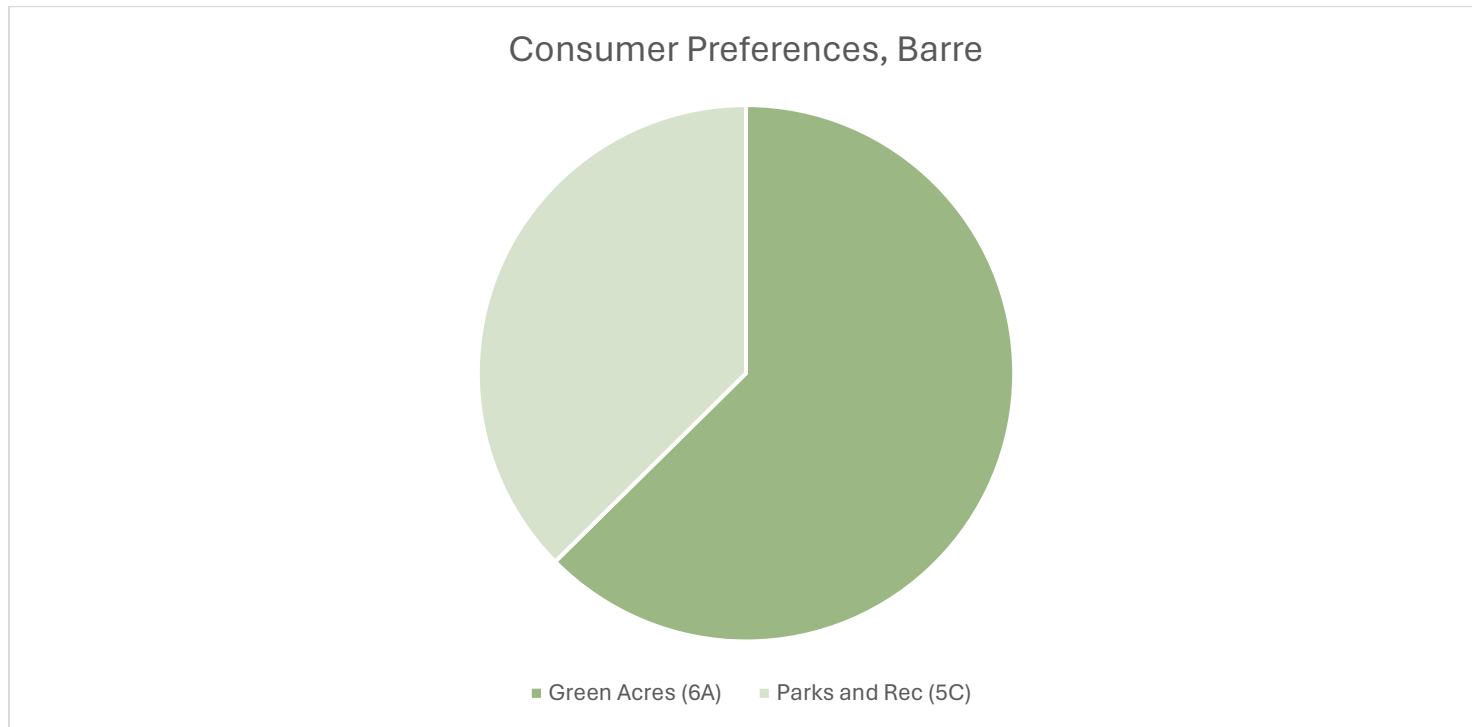
	2022 Consumer Spending	2027 Forecasted Demand	Projected Spending Growth
Apparel and Services	\$5,975,354	\$7,183,396	\$1,208,042
Computer	\$542,755	\$652,643	\$109,888
Entertainment and Recreation	\$9,373,270	\$11,263,897	\$1,890,627
Alcoholic Beverages	\$1,852,736	\$2,226,809	\$374,073
Food	\$25,683,216	\$30,874,882	\$5,191,666
Financial	\$466,229,831	\$559,721,374	\$93,491,543
Health	\$1,686,031	\$2,023,850	\$337,819
Home	\$59,201,254	\$71,135,285	\$11,934,031
Household Furnishings and Equipment	\$4,114,558	\$4,944,036	\$829,478
Household Operations	\$5,474,171	\$6,578,447	\$1,104,276
Insurance	\$20,954,607	\$25,173,301	\$4,218,694
Personal Care Products	\$1,376,810	\$1,654,636	\$277,826
School Books and Supplies	\$344,642	\$414,073	\$69,431
Smoking Products	\$1,024,066	\$1,231,168	\$207,102
Transportation	\$16,891,824	\$20,287,492	\$3,395,668
Travel	\$5,930,269	\$7,127,798	\$1,197,529
Source: Retail Demand Outlook Area Profile, ESRI Business Analyst			

### Barre Retail Demand Outlook, 2022-2027



Tapestry Segment	Percentage of Barre Consumer Households
Green Acres (6A)	63%
Parks and Rec (5C)	37%

Source: Tapestry Segmentation Area Profile, ESRI Business Analyst



Managing Agency	Current Use	Condition	Public Access	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Protection Status	Type of Grant Received
Parks and Recreation Committee	Monument, green space	Good	Allowed	Could host small events.	R-80 Rural Residence	Permanent, use restricted in deed	None
South Barre Common Committee	Bandstand, monument, green space	Excellent	Allowed	Could use a bathroom or water feature to facilitate events.	R-80 Rural Residence	Permanent, use restricted in deed	None
Town Common Committee	Bandstand, monument, green space	Excellent	Allowed	No additional recreation potential.	R-15 General Residence	Permanent	None
Felton Field Committee	A historic fairground with 19 <sup>th</sup> -century exhibition hall, tennis courts, basketball court, baseball diamond, recreation fields, horseback riding ring, and a pavilion	Good	Allowed	Could be used more frequently.	R-20 Open Residence	Permanent	None
Parks and Recreation Committee	Green space, picnicking	Fair	Allowed	Swimming – it was formerly allowed, and circumstances for the beach's closure are unclear.	R-20 Open Residence	Unprotected	None
Parks and Recreation Committee	Basketball courts, play equipment	Fair	Allowed	Could host town kiosk and	R-15 General Residence	Permanent, use restricted in deed	None

				historical information.			
Parks and Recreation Committee	A historic spot offering hiking and mountain biking, among other recreational activities. Unmarked and indistinguishable from nearby residential properties.	Fair	Allowed	Could host historical information and be better maintained.	R-80 Rural Residence	Permanent	None
Parks and Recreation Committee	Baseball diamond	Fair	Allowed	Could host a small playground or link with undeveloped open space connecting to the Ware River.	R-20 Open Residence	Permanent, use restricted in deed	None
Town of Barre Water Department	Water supply	Good	Closed to public	None.	R-80 Rural Residence	Permanent	None
Parks and Recreation Committee	Soccer field and playground	Fair	Allowed	Playground could be replaced or expanded.	R-80 Rural Residence	Limited	None
Town of Barre Water Department	Water supply	Good	Limited	None.	R-80 Rural Residence	Permanent	None

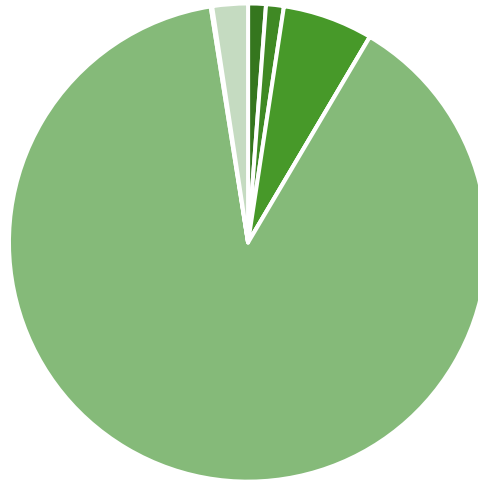
Apparatus	Year	Location	Remarks
Engine 4	2019	Station 1	1st Due Engine for Fire District 1
Engine 6	1996	Station 1	Engine Tanker partially refurbished December 2018
Engine 1	2002	Station 2	1 st Due Engine for Fire District 2
Engine 5	1990	Station 2	Refurb 2004, New Pump 2012
Ladder 1	1999	Station 1	Purchased used in 2017 – Refurbished
Rescue 1	2005	Station 1	
Forestry 1	1985	Station 3	
Forestry 2	1986	Public Safety	
Forestry 4	1986	Station 1	
Ambulance 1	2016	Station 1	
Ambulance 2	2005	Public Safety	
Source: 2021 Barre Town Report, page 100			

Fund	Expenditures
002-Stabilization Fund	\$0.00
022-Cafeteria	\$203,318.73
023-Athletic	\$11,795.78
024-School Choice	\$349,818.87
025-Insurance Claims	\$47,100.00
026-Gifts and Grants	\$9,566.77
027-Recycling	\$0.00
028-Tuition Revolving	\$0.00
030-QUEST Grants	\$691.48
041-Parking	\$0.00
042-School Property Use	\$17,457.54
043-Pre-K Tuition	\$0.00
044-Lost & Damaged Books	\$0.00

052-OPEB	\$0.00
069-Extended Day Program	\$113,170.06
Scholarships	\$4,400.00
100-Circuit Breaker	\$0.00
Total	\$757,319.23
Source: Quabbin Regional School District FY23 Revolving Accounts as of 9/30/22	

Student Race and Ethnicity	Percentage
African American	1.2%
Asian	1.2%
Hispanic	6.1%
Native American	0.0%
White	88.9%
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.1%
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	2.4%
Selected Populations	Percentage
First Language not English	1.4%
English Language Learner	0.4%
Students With Disabilities	20.0%
High Needs	47.7%
Low-Income	38.7%
Source: Quabbin Regional School District 2021-2022 Enrollment Data	

Enrolled Student Race and Ethnicity, Quabbin Regional School District, 2021-2022



■ African American

■ Asian

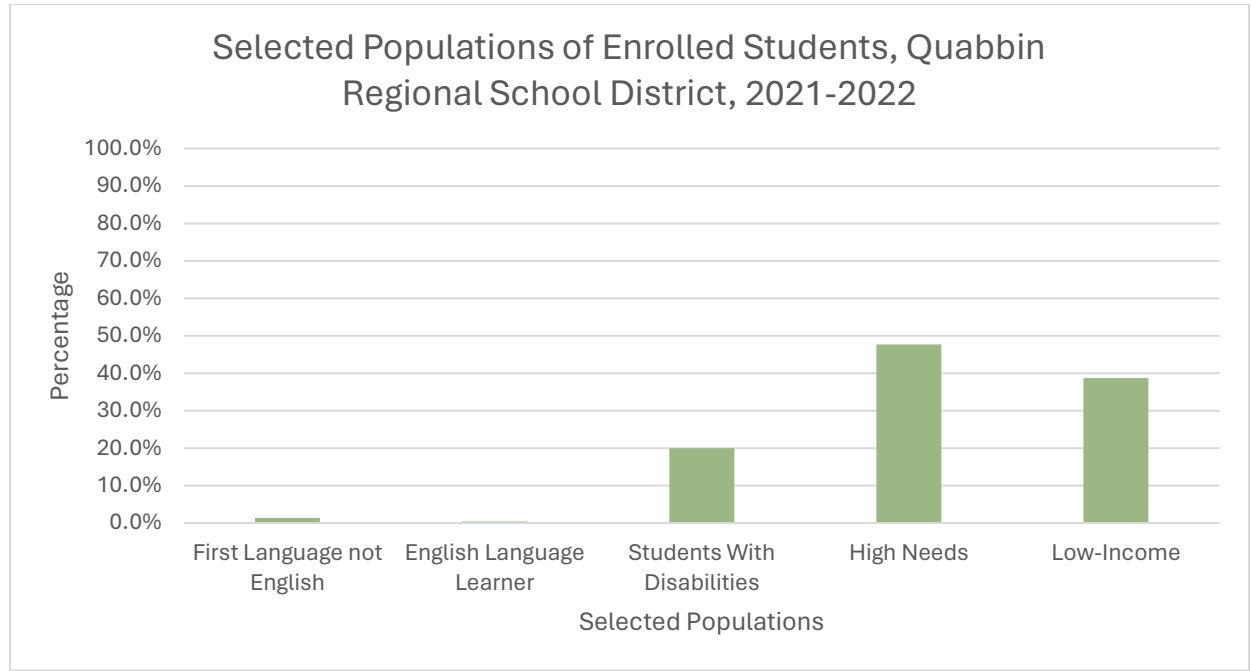
■ Hispanic

■ Native American

■ White

■ Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

■ Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic

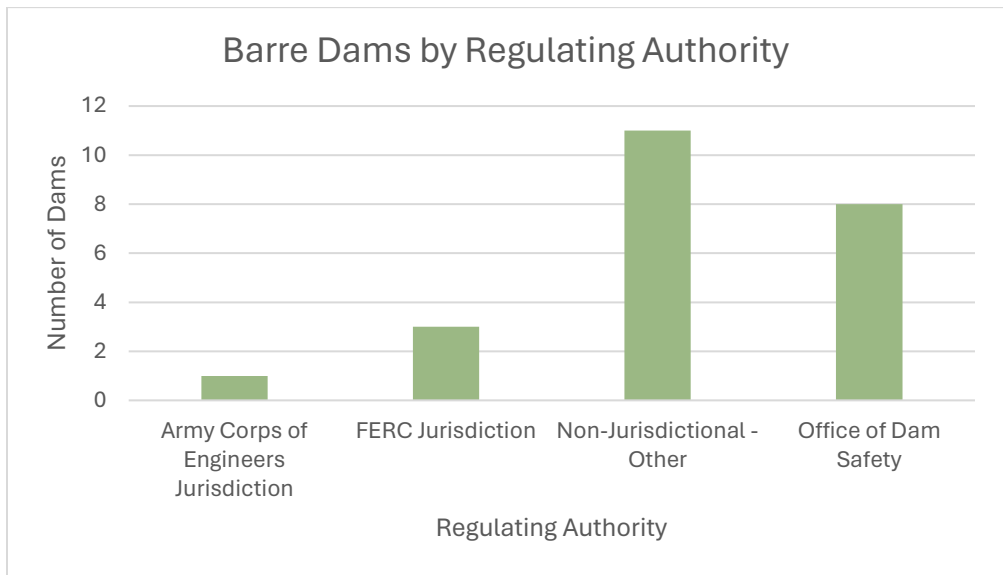


Appropriation Category	FY23 APPROVED 8.22.22	FY23 Expended as of 10/20/2022	FY23 Encumbered as of 10/20/22	FY23 \$ Balance Remaining as of 10/20/2022	FY23 % Balance Remaining as of 10/20/2022
<b>Undesignated &amp; Reg Education</b>					
1100-1435 District Administration & Legal	\$959,900	\$276,577	\$548,242	\$135,080	14.1%
1450/2250 Administrative Technology & Support	\$258,516	\$88,127	\$794	\$169,595	65.6%
2110-3200 Instructional Support	\$13,805,509	\$2,345,520	\$10,350,905	\$1,109,084	8.0%

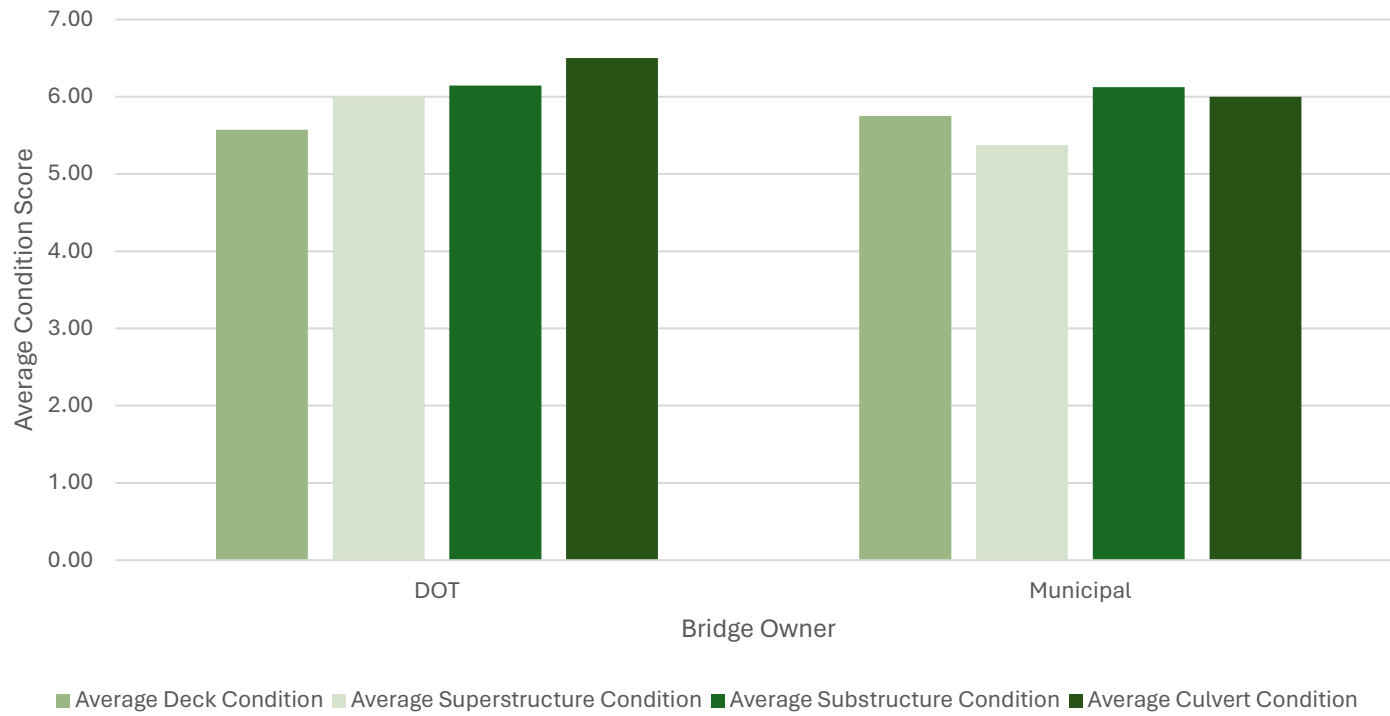
3300 Transportation Services	\$1,584,680	\$287,820	\$1,151,280	\$145,580	9.2%
3400 School Nutrition Services	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	100.0%
3510-3520 Athletics & Student Activities	\$651,728	\$74,332	\$452,320	\$125,076	19.2%
3600 School Security	\$243,584	\$27,625	\$36,067	\$179,892	73.9%
4110-4300 Facilities	\$3,356,143	\$840,449	\$1,677,982	\$837,713	25.0%
4400/4450 Technology Infrastructure Mtce & Support	\$582,190	\$143,887	\$307,967	\$130,336	22.4%
5100-5250 Benefits	\$6,559,965	\$2,033,089	\$2,420,545	\$2,106,330	32.1%
5260 Fixed Charges	\$136,037	\$0	\$0	\$136,037	100.0%
9000 Tuition	\$575,293	\$154,050	\$0	\$421,243	73.2%
<b>Total Undesignated &amp; Reg Ed</b>	<b>\$28,714,046</b>	<b>\$6,271,478</b>	<b>\$16,946,103</b>	<b>\$5,496,466</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
1430/1435 Legal Services	\$25,000	\$19,597	\$5,403	\$0	0.0%
1450 Administrative Technology & Support	\$2,015	\$620	\$0	\$1,395	69.3%
2110-3200 Instructional Support	\$4,989,482	\$805,381	\$3,731,068	\$453,033	9.1%
3300 Transportation Services	\$1,211,645	\$108,123	\$0	\$1,103,522	91.1%
9000 Tuition	\$1,257,147	\$351,285	\$465,278	\$440,583	35.0%
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$7,485,289</b>	<b>\$1,285,005</b>	<b>\$4,201,749</b>	<b>\$1,998,534</b>	<b>26.7%</b>
<b>Total Non-Debt Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$36,199,335</b>	<b>\$7,556,483</b>	<b>\$21,147,852</b>	<b>\$7,495,000</b>	<b>20.7%</b>
8000 Debt	\$119,700	\$7,350	\$112,350	\$0	0.0%

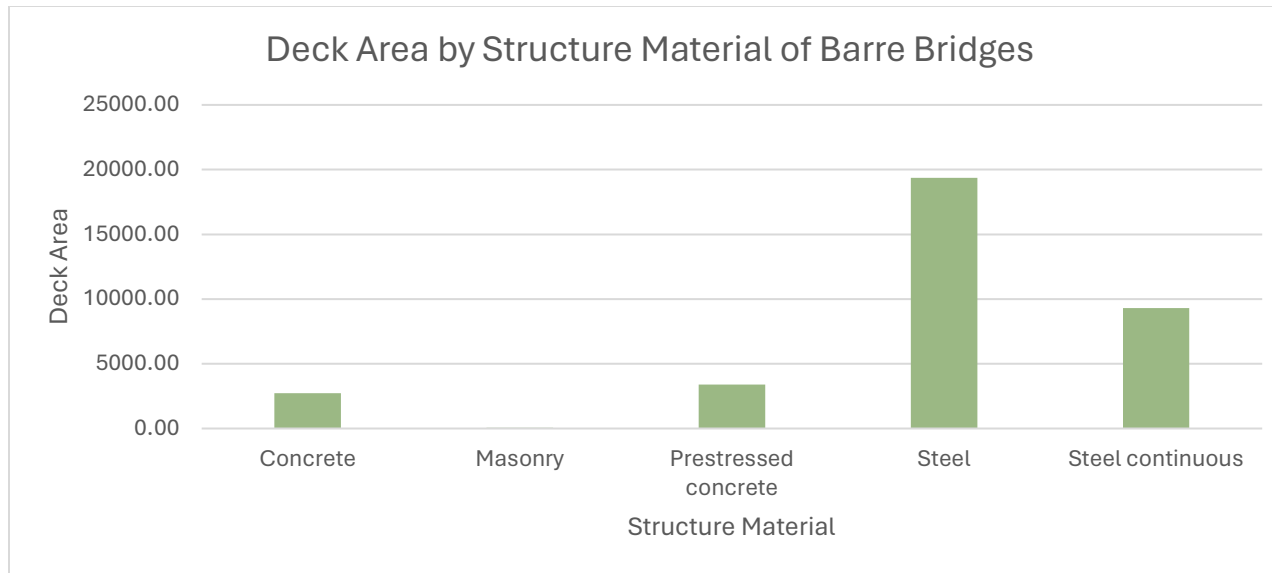
<b>Total Budget Appropriation</b>	\$36,319,035	\$7,563,834	\$21,260,202	\$7,495,001	20.6%
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Source: Quabbin Regional School District: FY23 Budget - Appropriation Control Report



### Condition of Bridges and Culverts by Owner, Barre





Building Characteristics	100 Year Flood Event
Estimated total number of buildings	2,000
Estimated total building replacement value (2010 \$)	\$641,000,000
Building Damages	100 Year Flood Event
# of buildings sustaining minor damage (1-10%)	7
# of buildings sustaining moderate damage (11-40%)	5

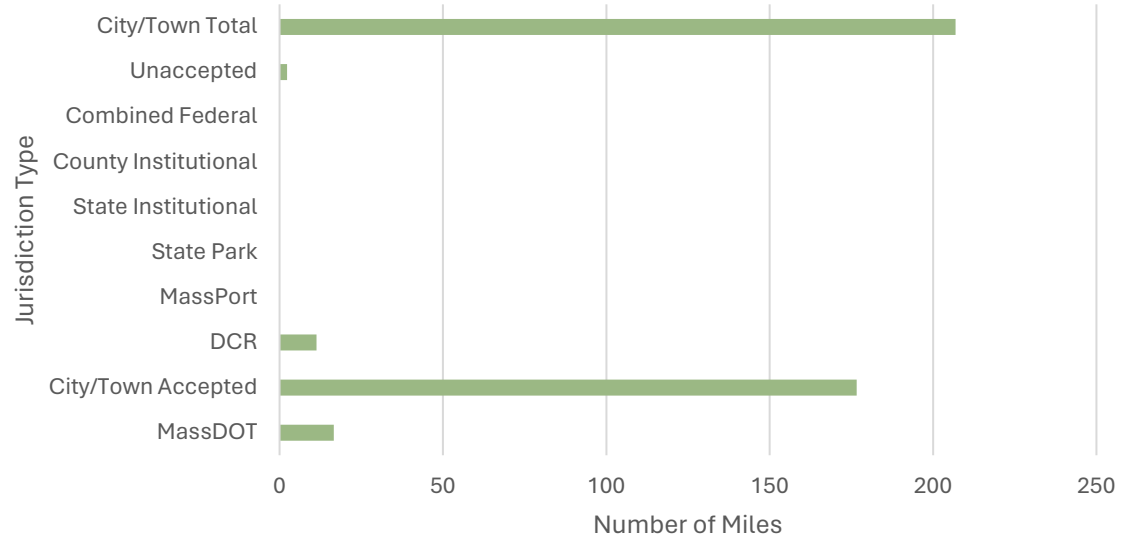
# of buildings sustaining severe damage (41-50%)	0
# of buildings destroyed	0
<b>Population Needs</b>	<b>100 Year Flood Event</b>
# of households displaced	114
# of people seeking public shelter	132
<b>Value of Damages</b>	<b>100 Year Flood Event</b>
Total property damage (buildings and content)	\$11,020,000
Total losses due to business interruption	\$10,000
Source: Estimated Damages from Flood, 2019 Barre Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, page 30	

<b>Classification Group within Barre</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Rural Interstate	0
Rural Arterial	24.95
Rural Collector	40.26
Rural Local	141.7
Total Rural	206.91
Urban Interstate	0
Urban Collector	0
Urban Arterial	0
Urban Local	0
Total Urban	0
Total	206.91

Jurisdiction Type within Barre	Miles
MassDOT	16.56
City/Town Accepted	176.65
DCR	11.35
MassPort	0
State Park	0
State Institutional	0
County Institutional	0
Combined Federal	0
Unaccepted	2.34
City/Town Total	206.91

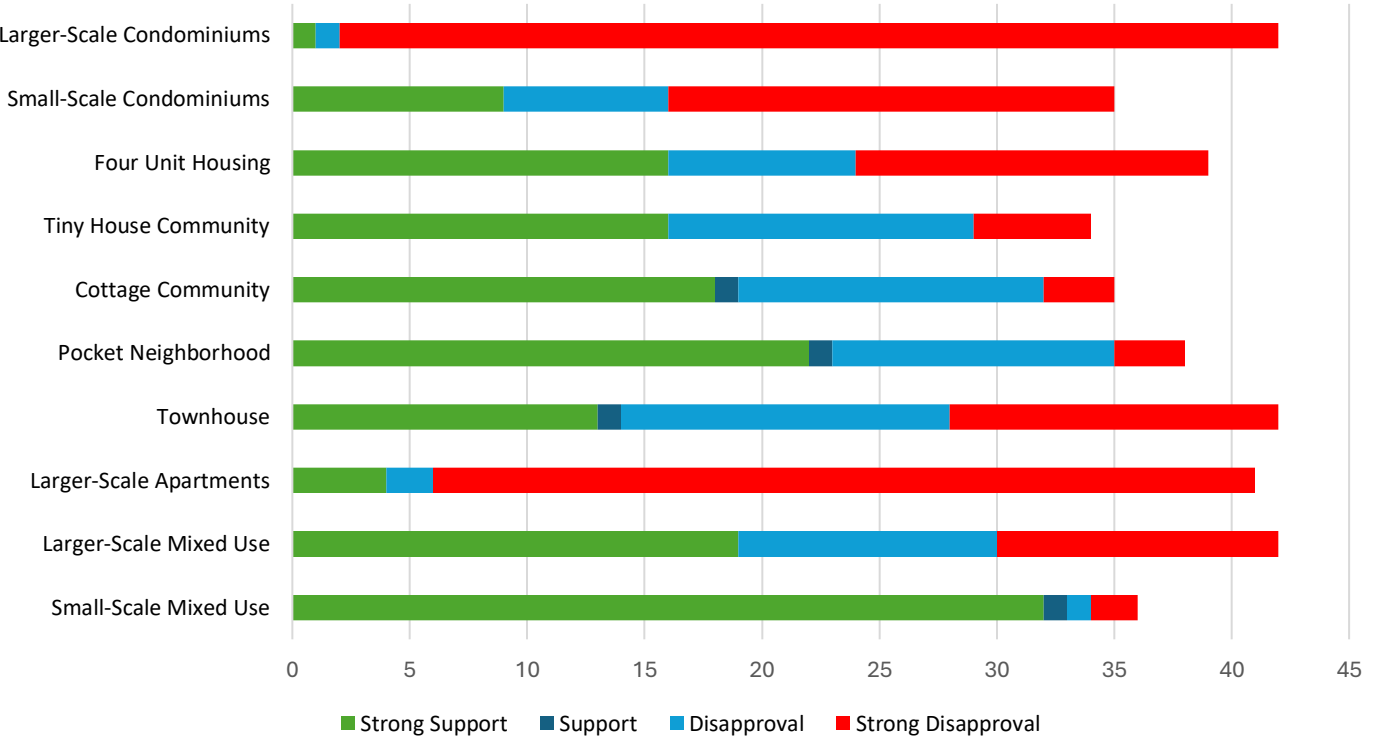


Barre Lane Miles by Jurisdiction Type, 2020



# Additional context and data

**Figure 1: Housing Type Preference Workshop Results**



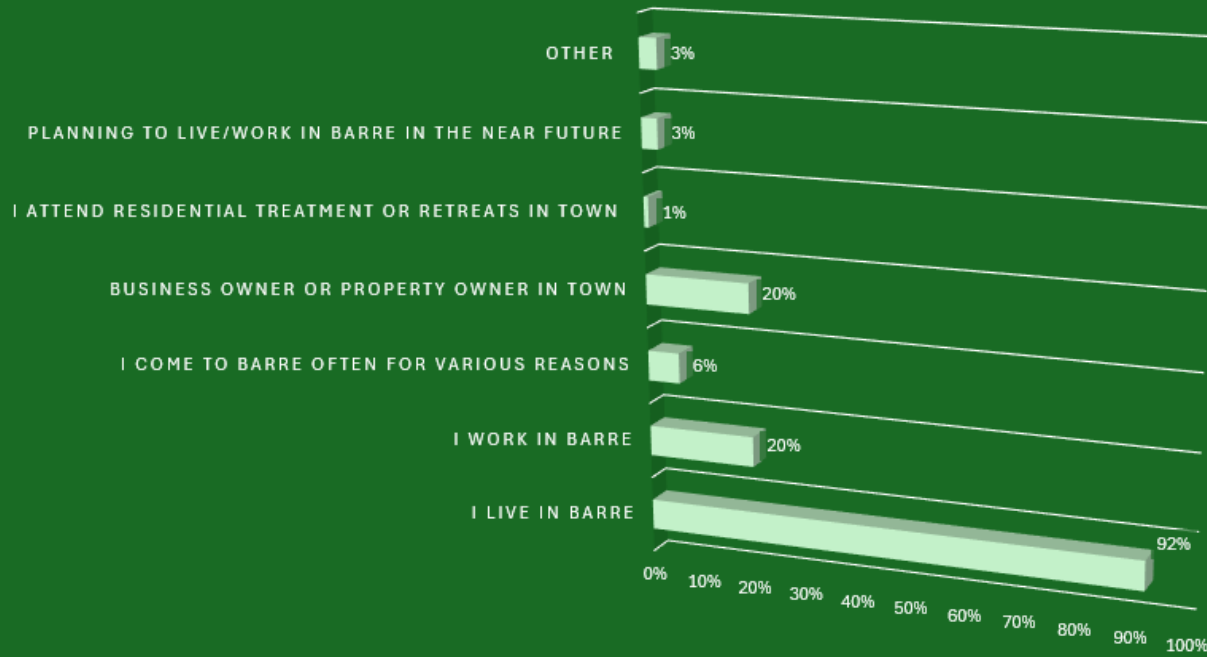
**Figure 1:** The workshop conducted by the Town of Barre had a station that asked participants to use dots to show whether they support or disapprove of a specific housing type for future housing development in the town. Green dots indicated strong support, blue dots indicated support, yellow dots indicated disapproval, and red dots indicated strong disapproval. The results demonstrated that residents strongly support small-scale mixed-use housing, while larger-scale condominiums are strongly disapproved. Results from this workshop station demonstrate diverse housing choices and what housing development would be encouraged by Barre residents.

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

Figure 2: "What is your Age?"	
18 years or younger	1%
18-34 years old	18%
35-44 years old	21%
45-54 years old	18%
55-64 years old	20%
65-74 years old	16%
75-84 years old	5%
85 years and over	1%
Prefer not to answer	1%
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents	

**Figure 2:** The survey conducted in 2023 started by asking for the age of the respondents. This question is to show the Master Plan Committee that the survey is being reviewed by various demographics. The survey shows that 21% of the respondents were between the ages 35-44 years old, making this age group the largest demographic that took the survey.

### RESPONDENTS AFFILIATION WITH BARRE

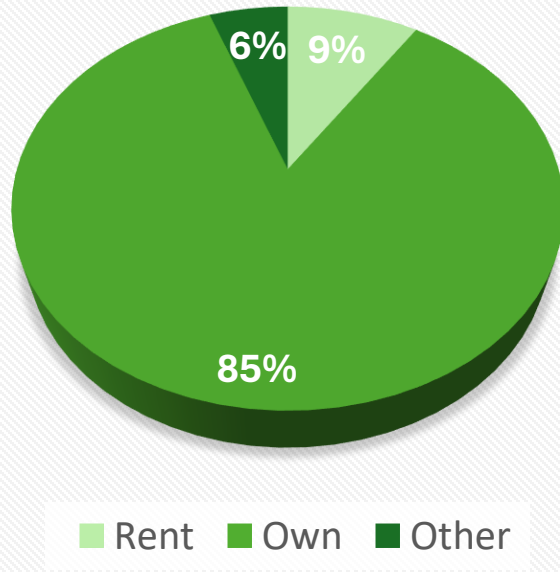


**Figure 3:** Master Plan survey respondents identified how they were affiliated with Barre. Majority of the respondents live in Barre showing at 92%.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

**Figure 4: Residence in Barre**



**Figure 4:** Demonstrates whether respondents of the survey either Rent, Own or other. The results show that 85% own their homes within Barre.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

Figure 5: "Which of the following types of development do you feel Barre needs more or less of?"			
	MORE	JUST RIGHT	LESS
Family-operated businesses and mom-and-pop stores	77%	23%	0%
Parks and recreation facilities	66%	33%	1%
Small-scale retail (smaller shops and services)	66%	33%	1%
Restaurants and dining/drinking establishments	60%	39%	2%
Downtown businesses, retail and services	57%	41%	2%
Housing for seniors	56%	42%	2%
Open space and natural resources	51%	46%	4%
Personal services (salon/barber shops, law office, chiropractor, etc.)	47%	51%	2%
Agriculture and farms	46%	51%	4%
Mixed-use buildings (first floor business, upper floor residential)	36%	56%	7%
Large-scale commercial and retail (box retail, gas station)	36%	41%	23%
Industrial and light industrial (warehouses, factories, mills, etc.)	30%	49%	21%
Single-family residential housing	26%	65%	9%
2 and 3-family residential housing	24%	48%	28%
Office spaces	24%	63%	13%
4-family (or more) multi-family residential housing	17%	42%	41%
Religious or spiritual institutions	8%	78%	15%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop			

**Figure 5:** Shows that 77% of the respondents surveyed said that Family-operated businesses and mom-and-pop stores type of development are needed more within Barre. As well as Parks and recreation facilities and small-scale retail as the results show that 66% would like more.

**Figure 6: "To what extent do you think the following issues are important to Barre?"**

	<b>EXTREMELY IMPORTANT</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT</b>	<b>UNIMPORTANT</b>
Emergency response	80%	16%	3%	1%	0%
Quality of education	76%	18%	5%	1%	1%
Access to healthy food	64%	24%	10%	2%	1%
Availability of high-speed internet	63%	24%	7%	3%	3%
Open space and passive recreation (e.g., fields, trails)	63%	26%	6%	2%	2%
Access to healthcare resources	62%	28%	8%	2%	1%
Agriculture and farms	61%	28%	6%	2%	2%
Roadway infrastructure	61%	33%	5%	1%	1%
Natural resources	60%	26%	9%	3%	2%
Youth programs	58%	30%	8%	2%	1%
Small businesses	57%	35%	6%	1%	0%
Services to seniors	57%	35%	7%	1%	1%
Housing conditions	51%	36%	9%	2%	1%
Housing affordability	50%	34%	11%	3%	2%
Active recreation (e.g., sports fields, playgrounds)	49%	37%	12%	2%	2%
Type and quality of other municipal services (e.g., Town Clerk, Library, etc.)	47%	37%	12%	2%	2%
Availability of public water	47%	33%	12%	4%	4%
Cultural and historical preservation	46%	37%	10%	4%	2%
Housing availability	42%	37%	15%	5%	2%
Public social services	42%	40%	13%	4%	2%
Economic development	41%	40%	15%	3%	2%
Walkability	39%	38%	15%	4%	4%

Availability of public sewer	39%	37%	16%	4%	4%
Diversity and equity	33%	28%	24%	4%	11%
Land use development patterns (Zoning)	32%	40%	19%	4%	5%
Bikeability	30%	37%	21%	6%	6%
Retail opportunities	29%	45%	16%	6%	4%
Public transit options	21%	34%	23%	8%	14%

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

**Figure 6:** Respondents voiced their main issues within Barre that are important to them. The results show that emergency responses is the main issue that holds importance at 80%, with quality of education following along with 76%. This survey question demonstrated to Barre what residents of Barre think the most pressing issues are.

<b>Figure 7: "Should the Town promote the Lost Villages Scenic Byway to attract visitors and local spending?"</b>	
Yes	70%
No	21%
Other (please specify)	9%

**Figure 7:** 70% of survey respondents said yes, the town should promote the Lost Villages Scenic Byway. This promotion is aimed to attract more visitors into Barre and increase the local spending.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Figure 8: Regarding Barre's Town Center, which of the following options for future development would you support?	
More business opportunities in existing buildings	63%
New mixed-use development (retail/office/food & drink) space on first floor, housing on upper floor(s))	54%
More design guidelines to maintain community character for new buildings	46%
More stringent design guidelines to maintain community character for renovations of existing buildings	39%
Better signage, lighting, and parking for drivers, cyclists, and/or pedestrians	39%
More housing opportunities within existing buildings (e.g., Accessory Dwelling Units or in-law apartments)	37%
New small-scale apartment/townhouse buildings (1 to 4 families)	25%
Other (please specify)	10%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

**Figure 8:** The survey question looks into what respondents are looking for regarding the Town Center and future development. 63% would like to see more business opportunities within existing buildings. New mixed-use development is also supported with 54% responses in support.

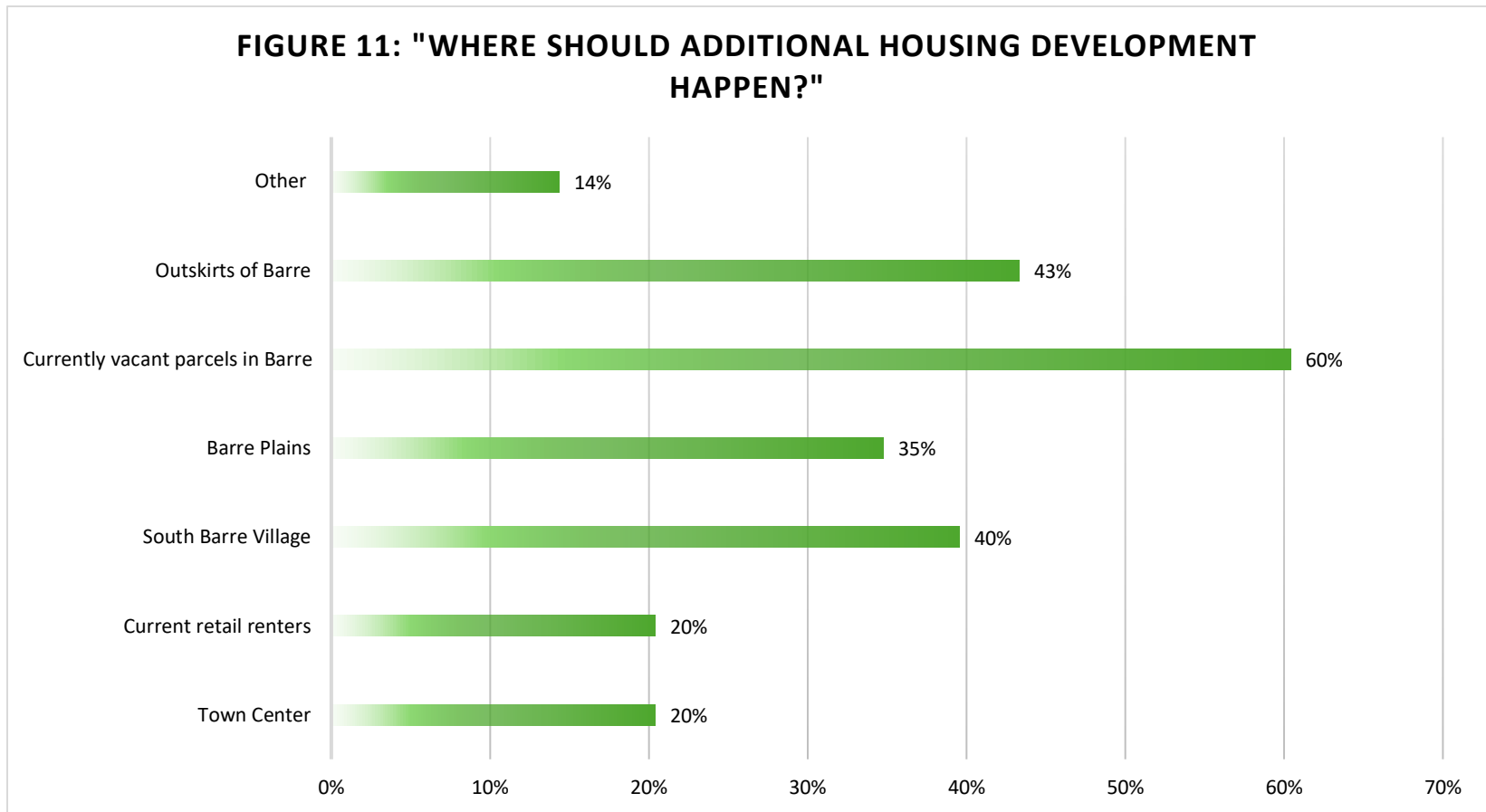
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Figure 9: "To what extent do you agree with the following statements?"					
	EXTREMELY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	EXTREMELY DISAGREE
Barre's history is an important part of Barre's identity.	52%	30%	14%	3%	1%
Historic character should be protected when new development takes place or when historic buildings are renovated.	52%	30%	12%	5%	2%
Historic resources are an essential part of Barre's character.	43%	38%	15%	4%	1%
Historic resources deserve financial support from town government.	34%	35%	18%	9%	5%
Barre should adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities).	30%	33%	21%	8%	9%
I am familiar with Barre's cultural and historic assets, such as historic buildings, districts, cemeteries, and other heritage resources.	26%	56%	11%	6%	1%
Barre needs more regulations to protect historic resources in town.	21%	33%	26%	12%	8%
Barre's many historic resources are at risk of being erased.	15%	26%	39%	13%	6%
When I have visitors, I take them to visit historic places in my community.	11%	31%	31%	17%	11%
There are enough programs to educate citizens around Barre's historic resources and points of interest.	4%	31%	40%	21%	4%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop					

**Figure 9:** Shows that Barre's history is an important part of Barre's identity, and the Historic character should be protected even with new development with 52% resulting as extremely agree for both statements.

Figure 10: "To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Barre's housing?"					
	EXTREMELY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	EXTREMELY DISAGREE
Barre should create housing policies and bylaws that protect the Town's rural character and sceneries.	38%	34%	13%	7%	7%
Barre should encourage and support housing rehabilitation, energy efficiency, and home maintenance.	37%	35%	18%	5%	5%
Regulations should protect current affordable housing (e.g senior housing communities and Bradford apartments)	33%	37%	20%	5%	5%
Barre should strive to have more affordable housing.	32%	27%	22%	9%	10%
Barre should develop a strict design guideline to further preserve Barre's aesthetics and historic resources for new residential development projects.	27%	30%	20%	10%	13%
Barre should pursue stricter code enforcement where necessary to support safe housing conditions.	27%	29%	24%	8%	11%
Barre should create housing policies and bylaws that encourage more housing choices (e.g., homes suitable for young adults, aging families, empty nesters, etc.).	26%	31%	23%	12%	8%
Barre should have a variety of housing stock made available to meet the needs of current and future residents.	22%	29%	31%	11%	6%
Barre should consider more innovative policies regarding housing, such as the recently approved accessory dwelling units (ADU) regulation.	20%	24%	39%	8%	9%
Barre needs more single-family houses.	14%	25%	33%	19%	9%
Barre needs more two-family and/or multi-family houses.	13%	22%	22%	21%	21%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop					

**Figure 10:** At 38% respondents believe that the Town should create policies and bylaws that protect the Town's rural character and sceneries. Also 37% also would encourage and support housing rehabilitation, energy efficiency and home maintenance.



**Figure 11:** Current vacant parcels within Barre is seen as a prime location to develop additional housing. This topic resulted in 60% of support. Another location that had high support with 43% is the outskirts of Barre.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

Figure 12: "Please indicate all of the specific housing strategies you think would be beneficial to Barre."	
More housing for aging residents	51%
A better understanding of housing shortages locally, regionally, and statewide	46%
More resources for housing rehab	45%
More energy efficient housing	43%
More housing for young families	37%
Zoning changes that allow for affordable housing	36%
More mixed-use properties, commercial and residential	35%
More rental housing	29%
Zoning changes that allow for more housing	23%
More multifamily housing	20%
None of the above	11%
Other (please specify)	6%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

**Figure 12:** The type of housing strategy that survey respondents believe to be the most beneficial to Barre is more housing for the aging residents. This strategy received 51% total support. It is also important to note that 46% responses would want a better understanding of types of housing strategies from the local, region and statewide levels.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.



Figure 14: "To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about natural resources and open space and recreation?"					
	EXTREMELY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	EXTREMELY DISAGREE
Barre should focus on improving existing town-owned recreation facilities and open spaces.	57%	33%	8%	1%	0%
Expanding connections for walking and bike trails as well as sidewalks.	42%	37%	14%	4%	3%
More land in Barre should be protected (by non-profits, the state, the federal government, or the town) and preserved for open space.	37%	30%	18%	5%	10%
Barre should dedicate more land to passive recreational uses (e.g., trails or picnic areas).	35%	37%	18%	6%	4%
Loss of open protected open spaces and biohabitats is a significant concern in Barre.	34%	29%	23%	7%	7%
Barre should dedicate more land to active recreational uses (e.g., playgrounds or ballfields).	26%	35%	24%	9%	6%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop					

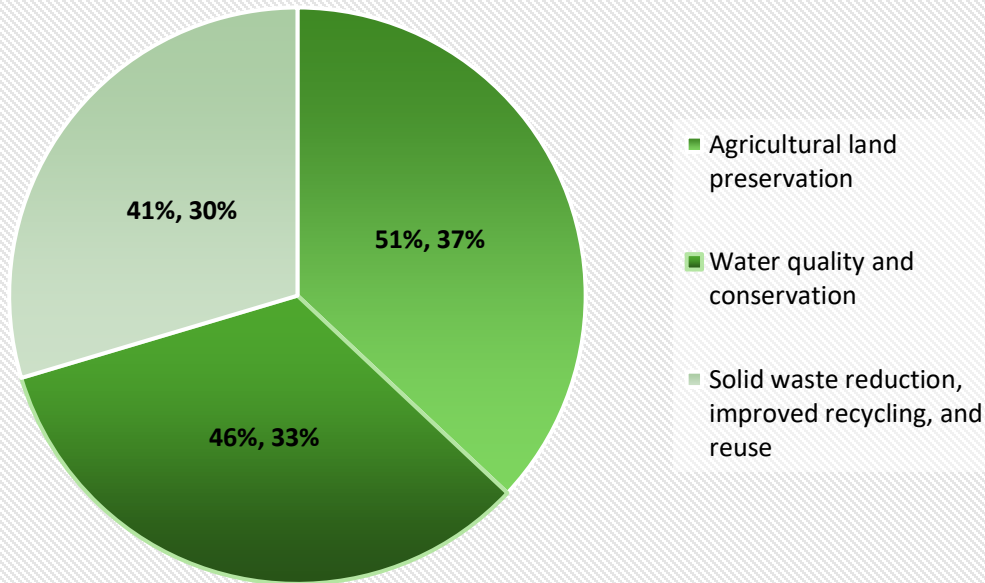
**Figure 14:** The most agreed upon statement about natural resources and open space and recreation is about having Barre focus on approving existing town-owned recreation facilities and open spaces. This statement had 57% that extremely agreed with that statement.

Figure 15: " Which of the following recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Barre?"	
Hiking trails	62%
Canoe/Kayak locations	52%
Playgrounds	46%
Public swimming pool	40%
Dedicated bike routes	40%
Winter activities	37%
Public fishing access	36%
Picnic areas	34%
Dog parks	34%
Indoor sports facilities	30%
Ice skating	28%
Hunting	28%
Athletic fields	22%
Skateboarding	22%
Pickleball courts	16%
Tennis courts	15%
Equestrian amenities	12%
Other	12%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

**Figure 15:** This survey questions results show that residents within Barre would like to see more of the recreational opportunity of hiking trails (62%) and Canoe/Kayak locations (52%) within their Town.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

**Figure 16: "Top Three Priorities for Barre Climate Resiliency and Sustainability"**



**Figure 16 & 16.a:** Respondents for this survey question were asked to pick their top three priorities regarding climate resiliency and sustainability for Barre. The top priorities for the Town was Agricultural land preservation (51%), Water quality and conservation (46%, and solid waste reduction, improved recycling and reuse (41%).

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Figure 16.a: "Choose your top THREE priorities for the Town regarding climate resiliency and sustainability."	
Agricultural land preservation	51%
Water quality and conservation	46%
Solid waste reduction, improved recycling, and reuse	41%
Forest management	36%
Sustainable and low-impact development	25%
Biohabitat preservation	25%
Renewable energy	22%
Natural disaster mitigation (i.e. flooding, drought, etc.)	16%
Green buildings and regulations encouraging energy efficiency	15%
Ecotourism and/or agritourism	15%
Education and information regarding climate resiliency and sustainability	10%
Greenhouse gas emissions reduction	6%
Other (please specify)	4%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

**Figure 17:** Roadway conditions was the top answer of the survey as a type of transportation option residents would like to see worked on more within Barre with 60%. At 54% improved sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians was another important transportation option that needs to more address by the Town.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

<b>Figure 17: What types of transportation options would you like to see or see more of in Barre?</b>	
Roadway conditions	60%
Improved sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrian	54%
Van program for older adults	45%
Improved walking trails and cycling trails	44%
More public transit options	35%
Street furniture such as bench, lighting etc.	28%
Taxi or rideshare	26%
More street trees	21%
Improved signage	21%
More kiosks on rest areas to highlight the Lost Village Scenic Byway	20%
ADA Accessible transportation assets (e.g., accessible sidewalks, ramps, parking spaces, etc.)	18%
Electric Vehicle charging stations	15%
Dedicated and protected bike lanes	15%
Parking	12%
More travelers services	9%
Park-n-ride parking lot	8%
Car-sharing services such as Zipcar	8%
Other	7%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

Figure 18: "Please specify whether any of the following pedestrian facilities (i.e. sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.) need to be improved or added in Town."	
Sidewalk conditions	66%
Gaps in sidewalks	39%
ADA accessibility (slopes, ramps, widths tripping hazards, connection to other facilities, etc.)	32%
Sidewalk materials (asphalt versus concrete)	19%
Crosswalk striping	33%
Walk signal length and visibility and/or audible signal	13%
Other	12%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

**Figure 18:** Respondents of the survey collective voted on 66% sidewalk conditions was one of the pedestrian facility that needs to be improved within the Town. The second highest voted goes more into the theme about sidewalks with the survey results showing that 39% wanted to improve the gaps within the sidewalks.

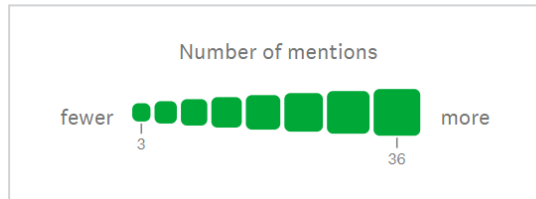
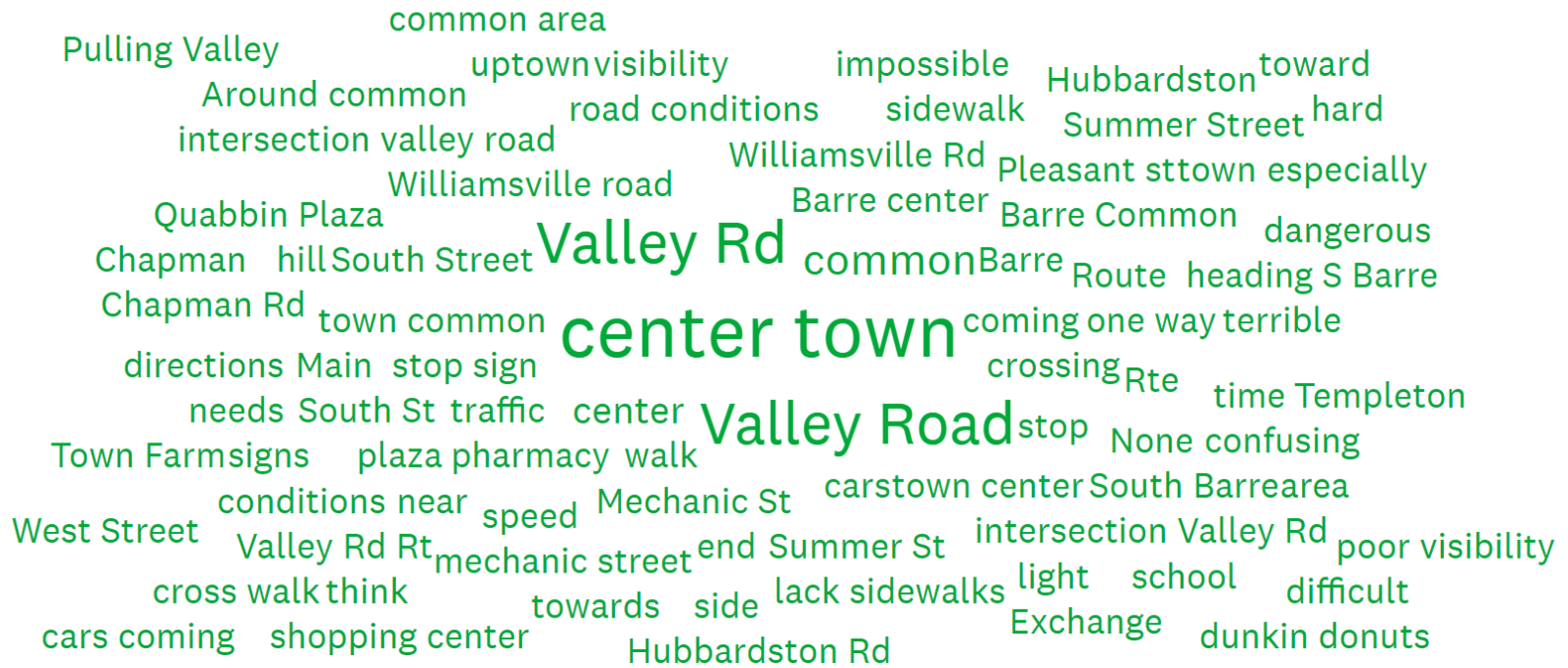
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**Figure 19:** The survey question was to see if residents within Barre live in the area due to the schools located within the town. The results demonstrate that it did not influence their stay to live in Barre showing at 59%.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Figure 19: "Did the quality of the Barre and Quabbin Regional School Districts factor into your decision to live in Barre?"	
Yes	30%
No	59%
Other	4%
None of the above	7%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop	

Figure 20: "What are the most difficult (i.e., hazardous, congested, or hard to navigate) areas or intersections you encounter in Barre on a regular basis?"



**Figure 20:** Shows the collective answers for the survey question creating a word cloud. The most common areas and intersections that were mentioned was the Center of the town and Valley Road. This question allows the respondents to point out areas that may be overlooked and narrows down certain areas within Barre that residents find difficult.

Source: Spring 2023 Workshop

Figure 21: "How satisfied are you with following public buildings, infrastructure, and amenities?"						
	EXTREMELY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	EXTREMELY DISSATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE
Library	44%	26%	24%	2%	1%	3%
Police department	41%	31%	20%	4%	2%	3%
Barre Center Bandstand/ Common	34%	35%	23%	6%	2%	0%
South Barre Bandstand/Common	28%	29%	34%	3%	1%	4%
Senior center	23%	30%	30%	3%	1%	14%
Quabbin Regional Middle/High School	23%	31%	29%	3%	2%	12%
Fire department	22%	30%	25%	11%	8%	4%
Ruggles Lane School	19%	31%	31%	5%	2%	12%
Barre Plains Common	15%	26%	43%	8%	4%	4%
Town water	13%	23%	30%	10%	4%	21%
Town sewer	11%	18%	33%	8%	3%	26%
Town Hall	9%	34%	38%	14%	4%	1%
Highway	8%	27%	28%	19%	15%	3%
Parks	5%	30%	33%	22%	8%	2%
Recreation facilities	4%	28%	31%	24%	10%	3%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop						

**Figure 21:** This survey question aim to identify what public buildings, infrastructure, and amenities within Barre they are satisfied with. The Barre Library had the best results from the survey question, showing that 44% of respondents are extremely satisfied with the public building.

**Figure 22: "How satisfied are you with following public services?"**

	EXTREMELY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	EXTREMELY DISSATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE
Library services	47%	24%	23%	1%	1%	5%
Fire department services	39%	31%	23%	1%	1%	4%
Police department services	37%	30%	23%	5%	1%	3%
Ruggles Lane School services	14%	23%	35%	4%	1%	23%
Quabbin Regional Middle/High School	13%	25%	33%	5%	3%	22%
Senior center/ Council on Aging services	13%	26%	36%	4%	1%	20%
Town events	13%	41%	30%	11%	3%	2%
Animal control	10%	22%	47%	8%	5%	8%
Town Hall services	10%	33%	39%	11%	3%	3%
Online bill pay/permitting process	9%	27%	32%	15%	8%	10%
Municipal veterans services	8%	16%	46%	5%	2%	22%
Municipal public health/ Board of Health services	8%	27%	46%	9%	2%	8%
Highway Department	7%	25%	29%	20%	15%	4%
Town website	7%	32%	38%	9%	6%	2%
Recreational services/ programs	6%	30%	36%	16%	8%	5%
Town water department services	6%	14%	37%	13%	7%	24%
Town sewer department services	6%	12%	38%	9%	6%	29%
Municipal planning/ conservation services	4%	20%	54%	10%	5%	7%
Source: Spring 2023 Workshop						

**Figure 22:** This survey question differs from previous questions because it focus on the satisfaction of the public services and not on the infrastructure. The top answer for this survey question is the Library services showing that 47% of the results were extremely satisfied. Following after is the services from the Fire department at 39%.

Figure 23: “Where should new economic development happen? (choose all that apply)”	
Around current retail centers	55%
Town center	50%
Major roadways/corridors (including the Route 122 Lost Villages Scenic Byway)	50%
Vacant parcels in Barre	43%
South Barre village	42%
Barre Plains	35%
Outskirts of Barre	24%
Other	8%
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents	

**Figure 23:** Master Plan survey respondents suggested new developments should occur in current commercial corridors, including around retail centers, the town center, and on major roadways. The top preference for pooling new economic development around current retail centers supports fostering more walkable village centers.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Figure 24: “What kind of new economic development do you think Barre needs? (Choose all that apply)”	
Small retail and mom-and-pop stores	67%
Restaurants, brewpubs, other food and beverage establishments	63%
Agriculture-based businesses and services	43%
Entertainment	42%
Personal services (i.e. lawyers, dentist, hair salons, etc)	38%
Culture and tourism	35%
Healthcare industry	29%
Hotels, motels, resorts, and other lodging opportunities	26%
Light industrial development	22%
Manufacturing	22%
Construction/home renovation	19%
Home services (landscaping, painting, etc.)	18%
Big box retail	15%
Other	11%
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents	

**Figure 24:** Survey respondents noted small mom-and-pop stores and restaurants are in high demand. The Town can best support this need through zoning changes and incentives. On the other hand, the Town can prevent big box retail (11% requested) from competing against mom-and-pop stores.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

Figure 25: “What are some economic development challenges that Barre faces? (Choose all that apply)”	
Not enough local jobs	54%
Residents who are resistant to new economic development opportunities	51%
Not enough high-wage jobs	47%
Lack of businesses and business interests	40%
Not enough jobs for youth	37%
Lack of walkability and connectivity	37%
Local regulations and taxes that discourage businesses	36%
Not enough entry level jobs	23%
Lack of areas for economic development	21%
Lack of trained workers to fill jobs	19%
Not enough regional jobs	14%
Other	10%
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents	

**Figure 25:** Master Plan survey respondents indicated that not enough local and high wage jobs and resistance from residents towards new developments are challenges for the Town. These results indicate that communication and transparency from the Town on planning and zoning changes and the impact of new developments will be crucial. Also, local job guarantee clauses on potential business incentives can support residents looking for more local jobs.

To see the other comments please refer to the bottom of the appendix.

<b>Figure 26: "Do you use the Army Corp of Engineers or Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) properties?"</b>	
Yes	75%
No	25%
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents	

**Figure 26:** The Master Plan Survey showed that 75% of the respondents of the survey use the Army Corp of Engineers or the DCR properties.

<b>Figure 27: "Please tell us about anything we did not cover in this survey or any additional comments you have"</b>
A good question would be as is- do you Love Like Dislike barre? If we love living here then we don't need change and development.
Barre is a great rural town. More can be done to make it more appealing. Center of town needs updating. Glad to see new planning in town government. Everyone needs change in their lives.
High residential taxes.

**Figure 27:** There was a total of 88 responses to this survey question. The Master Plan Survey wanted to allow the respondents the opportunity to provide additional comments to ensure that if certain topic were missed they can still be addressed. The comments range from development wants and don't wants, to transportation and housing needs.

I think this Master Plan committee should look at and talk to other towns, Princeton, Rutland, Spencer (or even farther afield-Concord or others closer to Boston) and see how growth has affected those towns, what they have done, and what they wished they had done to guide it. It could save a lot of time and energy by finding out from other towns what has worked. I would be willing to be contacted for more feedback but I am not a town resident...Though my husband Dave was a physician at the Barre Health center for many years, and I am on the board at the Listening center and we have lived nearby in Petersham for 45 years.

transportation for non-drivers

The towns playgrounds need to be updated in a bad way(high plains). There is no over site on employee performance on DPW.(parks and recreation)

More farmers should be aware of benefits to EQLT over the restrictive DCR

How can we get rid of burned out trailers on Rt 122? 2) We need a zoning ordinance that prohibits parking truck beds on front lawns for storage.

South Barre is always forgotten about. Other than the gazebo area, nothing is being maintained. Drug deals happen constantly. Police drive-bys happen often but nothing is done. The sidewalks and roads are rugged. The entire area by the railroad tracks, Yummy Garden restaurant, and the old Barre Mill Restaurant is run down. I am a young adult in college and don't feel represented in the community. It is mainly targeted towards senior citizens and families with small children. I have to travel to Holden or Worcester for any accommodating resources. New businesses only seem to come here for a short time. We need more places like Stone Cow. All the focus goes to center of town because it looks good and is well-maintained. But if we update other parts, there will be more opportunity for business, careers, recreation, etc. A cafe by Nornay park would be amazing, but if anything opened here currently, no one would know to go to it.

Only put more solar panels where there is already paved areas .... Do not cut down anymore trees!

The Real Estate taxes in Barre and how our houses are appraised to determine what we pay for taxes is inconsistent and extremely high. I don't feel we get much of anything from this town yet are now paying over \$5,000 a year just in real estate tax. It took 21 years of living in Barre just to get our road PARTIALLY paved. Since our taxes have jumped an average of \$100 per quarter for the last 3 years, staying in Barre as we enter our senior years may not be an option. We definitely should have more town services than what we are paying for.

Municipal facilities for emergency services is substandard and inadequate.

We need to carefully preserve our rural character, while encouraging small businesses, locally owned. We need zoning regulations for businesses that surround the commons that protect the beauty of the commons. We URGENTLY need better public transportation for seniors. The current senior van services are extremely inadequate.

Would love to see a nice well kept community playground

The most significant and beneficial change to effect existing services in the Town of Barre would be to require ALL elected and appointed town officials to take a 2-4 hour orientation course explaining what their duties are, what their duties ARE NOT, who their loyalty is pledged to, subjugation of ego, responsibility to treat all taxpayers and citizens with respect and dignity. FAR TOO MANY public officials run for public office for a specific agenda item, an "ego trip", or to advance a personal cause specifically to advance their personal agenda.

The town needs more communication and better transparency with residents in regards to what is happening in town. E.G. water/sewer bill issues. High speed internet needs better reliability and availability for all residents.

I really like the improvements to the grocery store, but I still really wish we had a market basket instead.

New to area, not sure of challenges yet. Thank you for putting forth the effort to generate this survey and take results into account!

Na

N/A

Children and teens need more places to exist in town whether that's parks or small businesses that cater to that age group.

Barre is a great town, but we need more tourism than the Brewery. Maybe group trips to casinos or just local theater to Worcester. Also now the pandemic is over, our theater should be open more. If not plays, then a movie night with a projector and big screen.

No Agenda 30 U N driven policy initiatives ie..policies that drive people toward cities and away from rural America. Strict regional zoning policies tend to align with the anti- freedom controlled growth UN agendas.

Excellent survey. A bit repetitive.

This survey asks the same questions several different ways.

The town should anticipate and plan for potential development that may have a negative impact on Barre. For example, Do we want more open land filled by solar farms? Do we want marijuana growing facilities? Do we want more 5G cell towers? Would we want a jail, prison, trash processing facility, or an Amazon depot? The town should not just plan or try to steer the positive aspects of development but also the anticipate the potential things that may have a negative impact on the town.

Happy to see progress, but PLEASE focus on pulling income from additional sources & encourage new business rather than raise taxes for homeowners. This town is getting out of control with taxes...

We are a small town and need to stay that way. The property taxes have risen so much that retired seniors will very soon have to choose between paying taxes or eating. Taxes are way too high - and pouring more money into schools does not equate with better education. We were much better off before regionalization.

Want affordable housing...go to worcester Want house on top of house for "Economic Development"...go to Rutland. Want drama and drugs??? Go to South Barre

The Building and Health department lack of professionalism. The greater than \$50,000 we've spent addressing out of code situations on a house built in the 2000's suggests that more than incompetency was involved

Internet on loring Rd

Fix potholes and drainage in secondary roads. More efficient DPW

More daycare for kids not old enough for regular schooling. Vet office. Hospital office

Town needs to have active plan to deal with climate change.

Do not develop houses on open spaces, forests or agriculture areas

Climate migration in the years to come will bring people who can no longer live where they do now. It will create a need for housing, preferably cluster housing that is affordable. It will also provide more manpower to fill jobs and need for services of all kinds. Let's think long term and face the science.

given the climate realities, there will be domestic climate refugees, people from the coastal regions needing to move inland, and given the rising costs of everything making many of the cities unaffordable, Barre would do well to be a welcoming place for urban people from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds to feel comfortable, afford to live here, buy a house and see others like themselves throughout the community. We need to get ahead of this and begin making the necessary changes and efforts to invite here these very people so when the time comes, Barre residents welcome the newcomers and we know where they can fit in- this involves creating more opportunities, active recruitment, changes to zoning and keeping housing and land purchase affordable - creating a committee to set an initial agenda and research info gathering tasks would be a useful step - begin conversations and see what folks want /need in order to consider moving here and what Barre long time residents need to be comfortable with such changes and let them happen.

It would be great to change the senior center into a center for everyone in Barre or near.

I am a new resident to Barre and overall i think it is a great place as it is

I notice that you only had one item about increasing diversity in a town that is probably more than 99% white, this is very telling.

I haven't moved to town yet, so I don't know enough about the current regulations to have an opinion on what's working vs not, but I've always thought that the town center is such a missed opportunity. It's a quintessential New England town center, and with Stone Cow bringing in out-of-towners, I can see it being a great place for visitors to stop for coffee (think Mimi's) a snack (Petersham country store) and walk around browsing some cute boutique stores with local goods.

Police receive too much funding.

Condition of roads

Veterans services. Race and ethnicity diversity

we need public transportation, MH clinics

The Town needs to change the power of the planning board or streamline the permitting process. The planning board has done Barre serious harm over the years by blocking construction and pushing out building, that would only help the town economically. If the Town of Barre is serious about economic development and affordable housing, the planning board and the zoning bylaws need to be addressed. It seems that the planning board does not represent the citizens interest that it serves. Every town meeting where they have proposed bylaw changes has proved this to be true.

Barre is a great town with rich history and great agricultural value. Support the land owners and farmers and protect their land help the owners. Preserve the woods and natural spaces and allow for more outdoor recreational vehicles as it is a growing hobby for lots residents in town. Don't allow any large factories or multi level low income housing to raise the population of our nice small town. Keep Barre small town and invest on growing what we have now.

N/A

There should be a revitalization of Millers Beach

Many of your questions require knowledge of the town's Tax Structure to comment on new Housing and Business growth.

Many roadways in Barre are horrible. I feel the town dumps millions into making the common pretty and neglects everywhere else. We have half-done paving all over this town. Rt.67 is still a mess. South Barre has half done paving (after they tore the mill down) and the sidewalks are level with the road. The common needs no more work! Focus on other parts of the town or the "eye sores," specifically.

We moved here for the natural beauty and quiet lifestyle and rural peace and our 100% solar home.

Please keep Barre rural and not over run with single family homes like Rutland

The root of all problems on this planet has to do with the overpopulation of human being we didn't Have on obnoxious growth rate in the population we wouldn't have these issues that we have today.

<p>My family moved to town from Holden because Holden was becoming very busy. We love Barre because of the quiet, rural way of life. We love the farms and small businesses. We love all the town activities. But we are hoping that new development does not change the character and quietness of the town. That is what makes this place truly special and wonderful.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>No more new homes. Abandoned hoses should be demolished and new houses built there. To many junk cars.</p>
<p>People move to Barre to be at peace don't add a bunch of commercial buildings and apartment building it will drive people away.</p>
<p>Bike trails and single track bike trails are important. there should also be mention of cooperation with the other Quabbin towns.</p>
<p>The town should maintain its small time charm by limiting growth.</p>
<p>While I believe improving rental opportunities is needed, i think it's fair to say no one wants one contractor/flipper to control all the available housing.</p>
<p>The town should create a bylaw, before it's too late, that restricts businesses from having large bright neon signs, requires them to have a certain visual appearance, etc. An example is the Dunkin Donuts in Paxton and Rutland. Both of them have low, subtle signage. The gas station in Rutland has no bright neon lights. It keeps the community looking small, classy, historic, etc. Similar to Sturbridge. The opposite, which we don't want, is Ware and Spencer.</p>
<p>There is snowmobiling in the winter. It would be nice if there were a trail to Stone Cow. It would also be nice to see other forms of motorized recreation have an area(s) to utilize</p>
<p>Would love to see improvements/new fire department and to the school buildings!</p>
<p>atv/ snowmobile trails. there's not many open on mass it would be nice to be able to use the trails we already have.</p>
<p>Enforce zoning laws ie mult. Unreg. Vehicles on property, vacant buildings , etc.</p>
<p>Expand tax base lower the residential taxes</p>

As mentioned in a r previous question, the library children's area needs improvement. I was excited about the new children's librarian but have been disappointed in the overall programming (ex. Showing up for Halloween program and having to ask about them reading a story, visiting during Christmas in Barre and being told that everything was being closed and cleaned up 15 min before scheduled, piles of junk in the stairway, toys that are left out and disorganized). On the other hand, the MOC programming is fantastic!

Focus on quality and not quantity. There's a reason Barre is pretty nice compared to a lot of other places. Don't screw it up.

Internet on loring road

More red tape isn't necessarily a good thing.

Please keep Barre a small town. Quality businesses and residents far outweigh sheer numbers. People don't move here because they want it to be bigger.

You did cover it. Too many new houses. We are becoming the second Rutland.

It covered youth services and senior services but not really the young and middle adult class. There is not enough for our group either.

It would be nice to have a retail store in town. Have to travel half hour to get underwear. Also would be nice to have a bigger grocery store in town with lower prices and may be a major chain restaurant. A town pool would be great other than Coldbrook which is not a public town pool.

Barre needs to focus more on creating sustainable manufacturing jobs and small business and less on agriculture. Barre once was a manufacturing powerhouse with all residents having good paying goods. Agriculture does not create jobs

I think transportation is an issue for many people especially teens who want to get a job or even just visit friends and be social. A community based transportation system might be helpful to many people. I also truly believe we need to have more affordable housing for people who want to rent.

N/A

Barre currently has many acres of "undeveloped" land, which is in private hands. We take these lands for granted, but the chances of them being developed are very high, so the town should make a concerted effort to acquire and/or protect these areas using conservation and agricultural restrictions.

Cable & internet services. I know the town can't really do anything about it but the charges for Spectrum are out of control. We need a viable option. That's the only way to drive costs down.
Gun clubs should be limited on noise levels and hours reduced to 9-5 week days only.
1. Cable access 2. Plan for dealing with vacant/abandoned properties, as well as unsafe/dilapidated housing (occupied or not)
Grogan road is horrible. Fix it please or I'll end up moving.
You kind of covered it, but I think it deserves extra attention: public transportation is COMPLETELY lacking and makes living a fulfilling life nearly impossible for those who don't/can't drive.
The zoning map needs to be updated, specifically there is a lack of undeveloped commercial land. The current commercial/industrial zones are nothing more than a patchwork of parcels that are already developed. Zoning is supposed to provide guidance for FUTURE development, but our zoning map, in the context of commercial/industrial zones, merely reflects what is already there. No wonder there is a lack of economic growth in Barre.
Again barre is rural for a reason. Many people need to recognize that we are not a city. I am 5+ generation in town and love this Town. Please don't ruin it with too much growth and development. We don't want to become Rutland!
Term limits for school committee... out with the old
The playground up on high plains is falling apart and needs new equipment
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 28: "What municipal services or facilities do you feel the town needs but does not currently provide?"</b>
public bathrooms
Trash pick up.
Bill pay for ambulance payment. Every town in our area allows payment directly to the town. Barre uses a service in Sutton with statement issues!

**Figure 28:** The Master Plan Survey had an opened question that received 159 total comments. The question asked what kind of municipal services or facilities that they felt Barre needed but did not provide. The answers ranged from trash pickup, to public bathrooms or town planners.

More emergency management education so that in emergencies citizens and surrounding communities understand what Barre provides for in such situations
town-managed (non-profit) transfer station food distribution, like in Wendell
Youth center
Town water should be clean and fresh to drink. Previously we used to get a report on water. What happened?
Trash collection
Updating old stop signs and street signs SO YOU CAN READ THEM.cut branches that get in way. Fruitland rd sign should be moved to other side of road to be seen.
Better hours for the town clerk, tax Assessor offices. They are not available during people's work day schedule
Mental health intervention team .
More public walkways and safe bike paths.
Recreation dept
Staffed recreational facilities
None
There should be service available 5 days a week
Transportation Bus, Taxi, Uber
Fix our roads .. not part of one road, but all of one road (if you are paving it anyway!)
IT/computer expert
Website
Highway department does a great job with snow removal and sanding/salting. They need more funding to properly fix poor road conditions.
Public transit
better contact with the dopw, i tried getting ahold of them about a streetlight shining directly into my and our neighbor's windows and they never contacted us back
safe pedestrian access from center to Post office and QRHS
Town water extended beyond the town center
I wish sewer connected down Wheelwright road all the way to Hardwick. I also wish water was cheaper and had less restrictions.
We're good

Idk if you can help with an internet option other than Spectrum but that would be good
Better road repair
Public pool
Town electricity department
Fix the roads
Recreational coordinator
I live in Old Hardwick. Both ends have been paved but the middle is in poor condition. We often get several inches of snow fall before the road gets plowed.
Barre could really use a playground.
More streamlined communication, i.e. town alert system
transportation
Town Planner
The town needs to have a department that does youth events and programs
Make the highway superintendent actually do his job instead being out of town several days a week doing "side" jobs but still gets a salary check from the town he's never in
Not sure
Fitness center
Trash removal services- curbside
N/A
We need more parks and playgrounds
Conservation Agent
not sure
Roads
recreational programs for the youth
N/A
public restrooms with signage
Transit
Too many police. They do a good job but I think we could do with less
SWIMMING POOL Of course, in an ideal world, there would be an indoor pool at Quabbin, and an outdoor pool, maybe in the same area. For many years I have thought that the best place for an outdoor pool would be at Barre Plains, by the old school.

Recycling/Trash pickup
Needs a new fire department building.
The town could use better code enforcement for things like unlicensed vehicles, business operations in residential zones, and availability of public rest rooms
Not sure
Municipal Electric, affordable trash pickup
Town maintained parking
The library should have full time hours of operation.
None
More public transit for seniors
DPW should work rather than hide behind buildings or make excuses like..."That's not my job."
Recreational hikes in historical area without fear of hunting "accidents"
It's not the lack of services per se but the difficulty in reaching people/services. Communication tends to be weak and spotty.
NA
Internet/cable on loring Rd
Transportation. More community events. Town offices open when people are not at work. Less focus on QRSD and more focus on reduction of taxes.
Live broadcast of public meetings.
Trash pickup
Getting rid of uninhabitable buildings and junk cars.
NA
Recreation center for teenagers. More kiosks with detailed maps of Barre including open space.
As a home with a well and leech fields, I wish I had access to town water and sewer.
Town over site to ensure town employees are performing jobs correctly.
Town Historian
Please finish paving school street north/williamsville rd, some of the patches that were skipped are still really bad.

Road repair
Indoor recreation/ social activities for teens
community care and resiliency department facilitating education, resource needs and resources availability within the community to share/access tools, free food, handyman services, facilitating accessing town resources and services, maintaining an on-going needs and satisfaction monitoring function, complaints/ombudsman services
Consituent outreach has been lacking, but i really like this form!!!
youth services
Department of housing
Youth summer events
Both fire stations themselves, need improvement and expansion of the public safety building is very inadequate to meet. The needs of the services trying to use it now.
Better roads. More parks and playgrounds.
The fire dept needs a new building
gym/fitness center, pool
The town needs a recreational director that can oversee the Town parks and plan events for the youth across town
More staffing for the fire department. Better equipment for Fire and Highway.
Public transportation, rideshares, taxi services. Services for individuals with disabilities, recreation for kids and teens.
Restrooms at Nornay park.
A new Fire Station
A EMS/ Fire Building on the common
Fire Stations are in Poor Condition
A recreational department that oversees the town parks and organizes youth events
town water/sewer is not available in all parts of barre, including those close to the water treatment plant. They stopped town sewer at the plant and never finished the rest of the Wheelwright to the town line.
More regular public events to bring community together
Trash pickup
Can't think of any.

N/A
Updated Fire Station in Center of Town
None
Municipal electric department
The highway department needs a master of plan concerning repair and up keep of the roads. Our roads are terrible.
More services for the elderly. Public transit services beyond the elder service van. We used to have a public health nurse, which was a terrific benefit to the elderly and housebound, but that has been discontinued.
24 hour cumberland farms gas station
Senior services are very important. The senior center is a lovely, yet underutilized building. When originally designed, the grant required it be solely for use of seniors for the first 5 years. Use could then be expanded to other community groups. I'd love to see that building used for youth programs and also be more welcoming to all seniors. Seems cliquey and unfriendly.
None, what we have us good. No need to another service, committee
Fix williamsville for the love of god
The kids need something to do besides be targeted by the police.
My biggest concern with the towns services is billing services- late bills, fear over overcharging, compiled bills (property taxes & water bills)
Youth recreation
like I said before a lot of the roads could definitely be paved a lot nicer. I front of 123 child care on mechanic at the road is patchy and gets very icy.
NA
Parks and Recreation
The town library should have additional programs for young children that are organized and well run. The children's area also needs to be organized and cleaned on a regular basis. In comparison to the surrounding towns, the Barre library is unfortunately the poorest quality as far as quality of programming and cleanliness.
The town already provides plenty. People should be adults and be responsible for anything else.

Some public transportation or share rides. Better parks and more programming for youth/teens Seems like town departments could work together more with better communications and support one another.
Resident trash pick-up
Cable and internet on loring Rd
A reasonable building inspector, response to complaints regarding same.
Town Hall accessibility
2 updated fire stations that are able to provide Advanced EMS services due to the large area of town and the distance to definitive care.
Public transportation
Full time Fire/EMS.
Trash removal, Street lighting
Recreational center
A new dpw superintendent he is too busy playing a fireman and bossing his girlfriend the admin around
I think the Fire Station needs an upgrade and appropriate location.
Better road repair
Highway department
Recreational Department that overseas town sponsored activities and parks
Wildlife Habitat preservation
Not sure
Public water and sewer to more areas. More Police to deal with increased traffic concerns
Unknown
Better buildings for the fire dept
None
Town swimming area on Powder Mill Pond, Transportation for non-drivers.
They need people to answer the phone or follow up on email. Unless you can corner a town official it's difficult to get info.
public transportation
Garbage pickup. Leaves pickup in fall.
Accountability by water/sewer Department

None
1. More money for parks and rec with events at these locations 2. Cable
Fix Grogan road
Public Swimming Pool. Free Compost/Wood Chips if a resident.
Youth Center?
Social media presence for community outreach. Postings to engage community interest in board and committee openings.
None town is fine
An adequate fire station needs to become top priority before any other facilities are considered. It's been talked about for years, and it is time to act. The existing fire station is inadequate and downright dangerous.
More opportunities to access the dump.
Recreational department
Town water...
Please pay the current employee better so we don't lose them to another town.
Website manager. Recorded meetings better use of our only town hall which isn't Ada compliant what a shame
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 3: "In what way(s) are you affiliated with Barre?" Other (please specify)</b>
Raised from an infant in Barre 'til 22 yrs old; parents left in 2000.
I shop in Barre several times a week, food, pharmacy items etc.
lived there go 30 years
Grew up in Barre, still have family there.
I'm from barre
Lifelong resident of Barre
Lifelong resident.
constable
Own a farm and multiple businesses
school

seasonal resident
Other
I worked for Quabbin Regional
Past resident and shop in Barre
food pantry board member
My daughter goes to the middle school
Grew up here
Volunteer work in Barre
Grew up there and family still there
I recreate in Barre
Grew up here
Parent lives in town and may move back at some point
Recreatuin
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 4: "Do you rent or own your home in Barre?" Other (please specify)</b>
Neither
I own a home in Petersham.
Used to own
owned for 30 years, until2022
na
Visit family
Parents own
Lease
live with family who owns
Live with parents
live with family who owns
Live with family
Building a home currently
my parents own our home

I live here now but am find it becoming unaffordable due to the taxes increases
Other
Do not live in Barre, just work
N/a
On border in New Braintree, you are my town with stores.
Live in neighboring town
reside with a homeowner
Do not live their
Family owns home
N/A
None
Live with my son, who owns his home
Own and have rental property
May move back
Don't live in barre
Live with daughter
Live with family but own land in barre
Hotei
Na
Neither
Family owns home
Resident of Waterwheel Village
Own properties that I do not live in
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 7: "Should the Town promote the Lost Villages Scenic Byway to attract visitors and local spending?" Other (please specify)</b>
Not sure what that is, it it sounds good.
I don't know what that is
I dont know anything about the Lost Villages Scenic Byway

Unfamiliar with this
Not familiar with the Byway
I need more information about this before I can decide
Yea but having it done with history in mind an not just for the money.
I don't think that will attract visitors.
Never heard of this
I don't know what that is
Profit entrepreneur
Yes, but it should draw out the Native American origin and elaborate more on that aspect.
Not sure. I would say yes, but there are pros and cons with this. Promotion also brings in visitors that could hurt the community and its citizens.
I don't know enough about this.
Not familiar with this, not comfortable giving an answer
Maybe local small scale promotion. I don't think the town needs a large influx of people coming all the time.
CPA including indoor spaces to get exercise.
I'm not familiar with this so can't give an opinion.
I think it should be promoted once there's more to do in the center. At this point there's not much reason for people visitors to come.
I am not familiar with this
I thought Ma State was already doing something similar with the scenic highway program.
I don't actually know what this is
Unsure of what this is
I don't know enough about it
Don't know what it is
If horses are also allowed. It's nice to get to see things via horseback
Unfamiliar
Don't know enough about this to have an opinion
Yes, but preferably at no extra cost to the tax payers
Never heard of it before
Not enough information to know which way to vote

I don't know what it is. Sorry.
Not sure what this is
Not sure what this is
I don't know what this is
Neutral. More visitors means more need for infrastructure. I don't think we are set up right for a spike in traffic or consumerism.
I don't know much about it
Not sure what this is
Don't know what this is
I don't know enough about it to answer right now- if it will mean my taxes go up, then NO.
Unsure of the ramifications of Lost Villages Scenic Byway
Don't know
Need more information
What is it??
I can't comment as I need more information
I am not familiar with this to answer one way or the other
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 8: "Regarding Barre's Town Center, which of the following options for future development would you support?"</b> <b>Other (please specify)</b>
A new gas station in town. And sidewalks on pleasant street due to the high value of walkers from IMS
Love Barre, let's keep it rural
I think the town needs to think of electrifying more town infrastructure—heat and air for buildings, vehicles, more solar panels on buildings. It needs to have design guidelines to maintain community character on existing buildings but also allow architects/builders to use state of the art building materials for insulation to reduce carbon footprint.
elder units within walking distance to town offices and food and retail
Rules for unused vehiclesClean up homes with trash, old cars, plastic toys, debris.
More common areas and events for young adults. Barre is very senior-driven.
Bury the power lines and get rid of all the poles.
Public bathrooms and transportation is greatly needed

No low income housing/apartments
Development and modernization
more reasonably priced grocery stores and gas stations.
crosswalks!! there should definitely be one from the pharmacy plaza to the wholesome foods plaza
Playgrounds improvements
More retail and grocery options
Fitness center
NOt sure what "Town Center" means. Just around the common? There's too much lighting and signage around the Common!
Maintenance of roads after a rain /snow storm -especially those promised to be the last 2 years
There are three centers, so we should consider that should be looked at
No solar farms
Availability of barre center parking
We lost needed parking spaces (for ridiculous paving stones) when they changed the traffic pattern.
no cheaper multi-unit housing please.....Let's keep crime down.
Winter sidewalk maintenance, more music/cultural activities on the common
Loring Rd wants internet
Maintain current playgrounds, make parks for teens such as skate board, pump park for bikes. Barre caters very little to the youth in town.
Increase of after school summer programs promoting the history of Barre as well as walking trails where community members can really introduce children and adults to nature as a group.
Fix the common. I don't disagree with the traffic pattern. But I find it ridiculous that roads don't line up. Square up the intersections, removing the ridiculous loops and corners.
Maintain and improve the beauty of the whole common area.
Updated playground.
sustainability - energy efficiency, solar as building/town priorities, requirements in new building as in Boston
How about a bike trail that will connect to the Norwottuck Rail Trail and Mass rail trail ( I believe future plans to come close Barre)
Once again a terrible traffic pattern
Public transportation and taxi services. More jobs in South Barre
Keeping the Center with the colonial look. No neon!

More Condos and Town Houses
The Commons Traffic flow Makes no sense!!!!
bury the power lines. The common would be beautiful now if not for telephone poles and lines everywhere
Focus on South Barre. It really needs help!
A health food store
I enjoy our town and I think it's important to maintain its look/feel adding new buildings/housing would take away from barres charm
A public playground that's not at a schools so it can be used by younger children during school hours.
Barre Common is on the National Register of Historic Places and its character must be maintained.
Please - no more signage. Our common area is so lovely but the 1,000 signs really detract
The roads in the town center are a disorganized mess
Focus on the area where the mill was torn down. It's an eye sore and devalues the town. Buy it and turn it into an extension of nornay park, or make it into a dog park. Something needs to be done.
Less neon lights (gas station too bright, year long flashing Christmas lights at Red Tomato)
Redo the current abortion of a traffic flow and just make it a huge rotary already
Barre Center is fine. South Barre and Barre Plains need attention in all categories listed above.
Sidewalks
More street lights
Better paved roads/upkeep
NO HOUSING. ZERO NEW HOUSING.
Road maintenance and recreation areas
Share The Road signage on all major routes.
Lighting restrictions to prevent light pollution.
More guidelines for signage and lighting for businesses on the common.
Restore sufficient parking spaces to Barre Common. Presently too much wasted and under used park space instead of parking to acomodate new business and housing. space
A plan to address run down homes, especially if not occupied and left to fall apart
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

Figure 11: "Where should additional housing development happen? " Other (please specify)

all areas of of town should be allowed to have development
Keep it rural, do we need MORE.
I think you need you need to keep new construction to the "town centers" and keep as much land for agriculture, recreation and preservation as possible
NONE AT ALL
Walking distance to supermarket
So much development already. Need less. To maintain what we have
the market should decide
In a different town
Save the trees near common area and areas near town... housing on 122, not clearing near common
Nowhere
Any places where water in sewer is available?
None
Lots with empty or dilapidated exiting houses.
Rehab dilapidated houses near town center
Vacant unkept house's and property
Less development
Not in Barre
Not sure
All areas, to spread the development. Do not create area's that become to dense and crowded. Use current spaces for apartments, and vacant lots for new housing. Do not take open space and let a developer take over, such as Rutland!
Not in barre
Do not try to control
Foreclosed/Abandoned housing also in neighboring towns of North Brookfield
We don't need development.
Na
nowhere. Just single-family homes on at least 1 acre. 4-5 per year.
None
vacant or abandoned locations.

No development's
No where
Cluster zoning
No more housing development
maintain ag acreage with option for multiple housing units - 12+ acre sites, preferably 25-100 acre properties, perhaps those held by company for lack of payment of property taxes made available intentionally with RFP specifically targeting Q/BIPOC farmers and women owned , "new farmers" meaning with less than 10 years experience who wish to launch their own farm/ag business
Nowhere
I don't know enough to say if other locations should have more. But in the town center I think the idea of businesses with housing on top is a good one, if done well.
Survey says i need to add a comment
NIMBY
Please don't create congestion.
I don't necessarily feel that new housing needs to be developed. Improving existing housing options seems more appropriate.
on large parcels with lots of frontage and good perk tests, or already urban areas as long as they are aesthetically beneficial to the town
It shouldn't
No housing development. Fix up and sell the vacant houses.
Single family homes only, or SF with inlaw
Not in the rural areas. Other areas would be only upon approval.
None
Where there is space and people want to live in town. Odd question.
No additional housing.
Not in open fields.
No where
None should happen.
Worcester, Springfield, anywhere but here. Public transit and public housing are ALWAYS the downfall of a nice quiet beautiful town.

Additional housing isn't needed. Available housing needs to be affordable and maintained. No runaway landlords who buy up all the properties, charge high rent, and then don't maintain the properties.
Keep the small town feel. We don't need people moving here because of low income housing.
NOWHERE
Nowhere.
We could have a hustling town center if we attract young people to live there.
No where
We don't need more housing development
None
Stop with the housing developments preserve the land
It shouldn't, we should be restricting development to protect what farmland we have left.
Not government funded
Cluster zoning near the three town "centers".
If people buy property, they should be able to build on it.
Cluster zoning around all villages rather than widespread roadside development
Vacant lots in need of rehab, rather than open green spaces
Idk
Renovate the delapatated ones
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 12: "Please indicate all of the specific housing strategies you think would be beneficial to Barre." Other (please specify)</b>
Again, more? Barre is great as is.
I think it's imperative in all of these areas to support energy efficient housing and building—for new building and renovation.
Maintaining the small town character above all else
more elder affordable housing
Less housing, no multifamily
Money for current homeowners to fix up their 200 year old homes to make them affordable, energy efficient, etc.
Allow market forces to determine need and use of private property.

Barre needs more commercial tax income not houses
A 55+ cluster development.
Leave be
Have we met 40B at 10%. All towns should be doing this.
Stop raising the property taxes!! Mine have quadrupled in 20 years! Not ok!
Market conditions will dictate needs and solutions. No need for government involvement.
see response in question above
Financial support forsmall renters. (lme. Someone who owns a multifamily hom, but atruggles to keep rental affordable xue to the high cost of housing prices)e
low income housing
Current regulations & plans are working fine.
more stringent lot requirements
More solar housing
It's unfortunate, but the lower income housing population hurts the school systems. It scares of young, professional, successful families.
Abandoned houses need to be taken by the town and restored or be demolished.
Cable/internet on loring road
Na
Housing projects lead to the wrong people moving into a town. Make single family home construction more affordable without low income or large developments.
Keep additional development within 1/2 to 1 mile of the 3 town centers, leave outlying areas for conservation/agriculture.
Look into homes such as in Edan Village <a href="https://www.tinyhouseallianceusa.org/eden-village-wilmington-north-carolina/">https://www.tinyhouseallianceusa.org/eden-village-wilmington-north-carolina/</a> Not necessarily for homeless, but for those whoh can't afford larger homes.
Let people live
Pass NRPZ to make development more flexible
Resources to restore 200+ old homes
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

**Figure 15: " Which of the following recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Barre?" Other (please specify)**

More indoor facilities for health- exercise, yoga.
Law enforcement needs to be aware that Skateboarding is not a crime.
Designated trails for atv/dirt bikes so they aren't racing up and down old coldbrook rd and tearing up felton field!
Multi use trails for mountain biking, hiking, xc skiing
Summer programs for kids
Racquetball, indoor winter activities
an indoor gym
ATV access
1st choice: off road connection of bike path in Hardwick to mid state trail. I also wish there was more swimming access to natural bodies of water.
ATV access
Nothing
Spray Park
Pickleball courts
Recreational vehicles
Let civic groups do here things, don't try to grow Government
The town should absolutely seek a grant for a public swimming pool. It is vitally important that all children know how to swim.
ATV area
make better use of felton field
A playground at Felton Field
Expand the use of Felton Field to attract residents and guests of all ages. The possibilities are endless.
I think Barre should put money in a large indoor recreation facility as the winters are killers and really only a few hardy folks like to exercise in cold weather. The focus on creating a place to socialize, yoga and tai chi classes, art classes, place to drop kids off and work out, and place for all ages including seniors (why isolate the elderly from everyone). If you have more affordable housing then a need for community gardens.
Survey is making me write a comment
YMCA. Gym.
Barre needs more recreational spaces/facilities for the youth population.

A place to ride dirt bikes and ATVs. Steve Brewer had an ice skating rink for Barre. Bring it back to life.
ATV/DIRT Bike trails
More youth programs
1. Town should purchase the old gravel pit next the High Plains Plains Soccer field for future expansion. 2 Expand the Rail Trail from Rte 122 to Rte 67. 3. At the old Roger Langley school site, the bank should be cut / mowed for a a sledding, snow tubing winter sports.
Community gardens
Swimming pond/lake
there are no sidewalks in the majority of Barre, which makes it unsafe for the young and old
Swimming pools and indoor sports would be nice, but there aren't enough people to support it. The playgrounds are in are need of attention, unless you want to go to Ruggles lane which isn't accessible during school hours
Barre has several parks that have been neglected or forgotten, including Rice Park and Thorng Field. Many opportunities along Ware River are being ignored including canoe landing in Barre Plains. Barre must STRONGLY work against efforts of the State DCR to restrict access to Ware River Watershed.
Do Not Add Bike Lanes in Roadways
Athletic fields that can be used by the community and not locked up to keep people off of them. And more that are town owned and do not require exorbitant fees and processes to use.
Biking trails and trail interconnectivity with neighboring towns
Community garden
Use of the existing trail systems within town for motorized and non-motorized recreation
dog friendly trails
trails open for the ATV/Snowmobile community
Movie house not a theater but a small 50 seat venue
Outdoor basketball court that is maintained
Swimming areas outside of pools
Sidewalks to Quabbin and down to Wholesome
Atv or UTV trails
Maintain the properties we already have or show the townspeople the wonderful trails already available- around the mediation center too
Atv trails
Swimming beach at Powder Mill Pond.

Atv trails
They had a place for the kids to play ice hockey when I first moved into town. That was a great idea.
Open up Miller's Beach as a town swimming area.
Places for dirt bike riders
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 16: "Choose your top THREE priorities for the Town regarding climate resiliency and sustainability." Other (please specify)</b>
I think agriculture land preservation, biohabitat preservation and forest management are also HIGHLY important
Better wildlife management. There are currently 2 (3 legged coyotes) and 1 (3 legged fox)
EV charging stations
Expanded municipal water and sewer
Board members get on boards to promote their own personal agendas which are often not in the best interests of the town.
Better Roadways
More public trash receptacles and more signage about littering
Barre needs to provide incentives for clean energy — solar and wind. But there should be restrictions. Solar panels should be on the rooftops of every house and not fields of them on the ground! Solar is the best, but in some instances wind turbines might be appropriate.
Shelters for disaster relief.
encourage and incentivize climate resilient energy efficient renewable energy improvements for existing housing and buildings, especially low-income private and commercial
These are all important, not just a top 3.
Town meeting about Geoengineering & how it affects the town <a href="http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org">www.geoengineeringwatch.org</a>
Don't fix something that is not broken. Climate is a non issue
Fire department
These are not the top concerns for the town
No more solar that ruins greenspace
Not interested in climate policy
Handle your own trash and recycle. Other than that, this climate change kick is a hoax

None
None of the above
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 17: " What types of transportation options would you like to see or see more of in Barre?" Other (please specify)</b>
Fix roads in very poor condition. Fruitland Rd has been on the list for years and has yet to be fixed.
Town Farm Rd needs a major overhaul.Icing on the street needs to be addressed. We have been told the problems would be addressed for 8 years now. I love my neighborhood, the road is a disaster!!
Cut down huge dead trees on rt 122 approaching town
No more cutting down trees!
Ability to ride ATVs in town.
What is a cycling trial? I'm sure you mean trail.
remove any dead or dangerous trees
We need a sidewalk to Quabbin. We have talked about it for 40 years. Let's do it. It would be wonderful to have some bus services. (A very difficult task) If people knew that once a month there would be a service to Gardner Walmart/Ocean State, NB Hannafords, Holden Big Y, Ware Walmart/BigY, Leominster Barnes and Noble - I think this would entice people to use it.
Bike lanes on roadways (with poor conditions on roads, it's not safe to bike)
Better management for the removal of dead and dying trees along the roadways.
Less money spent aiding small numbers like the Stetson Road rebuild, absolute graft. Much worse roads affecting larger numbers of taxpayers
A few metal picnic tables in the center
Adding solar street lights
Fine the way it is
public transit and rideshare that is electric or otherwise low no fossil fuel/greenhouse gas emissions and if so, then the charging station infrastructure to make that possible yet not at delay on other improvements to existing infrastructure above noted
It would be great to have public transportation to Amherst.
Re pave all the streets, they really suck

What about a Barre to Worcester bus like there used to be?
More Street lights in some areas I believe operating them is much less expensive now with LED technology
More Street Lights
Van program for individuals with disabilities and their families.
More Ada accessible parking near town common
Public transportation sounds nice, but as a rural community, is there enough to support these types of programs?
It's Barre. Bike lanes are overkill.
especially the roads the school buses drive on. some of the roads are pretty damaged and collect water that turns to ice very quick.
Fix crappy roads
PAVE ALL THE CRAPPY ROADS!!!
Road way conditions
None
Grogan road is pathetic. Used as a cut through for the highschool and never gets fixed
Some of barre street are in very poor condition
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 18: "Please specify whether any of the following pedestrian facilities (i.e. sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.) need to be improved or added in Town." Other (please specify)</b>
Don't use
Sidewalks needed on 122
Widen roads for walkers and bicyclists
Fire Station needs lines on road for people to slow down and recognize the station is there
The crosswalk by Jenkins Inn
please crosswalks
Sidewalk from Kendall St to QRHS
Seems adequate now
Not sure
Roads near Quabbin used for track practice need to be maintain better

Sidewalks in Barre Plains and A sidewalk to Quabbin. It is very dangerous that the track team runs on South Street - BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD!!
Better lighting downtown for the parking spaces - all the current lighting benefits the common, not the parking spaces.
Sidewalk maintenance in winter
N/A
sidewalks are not well maintained in weather (fall/winter)
No comment
Remove Telephone poles in middle of sidewalks
Trim bushes along side walks, keeping them open and accessible.
Fine as it is
more sidewalks- to schools, to and around commercial areas
The Town common traffic pattern
It's good to see the sidewalk on the bridge on South Barre Road is finally getting fixed.
South Barre's side walks are horrible!
there are not enough sidewalks in this town which becomes a safety issue for young and old
How about sidewalks on Worcester Rd. Some areas have extremely narrow shoulders
Where on earth does Barre have a walk signs with visible and audible signals?????
Roads are full of potholes
More sidewalk outside of the town center. South Barre would be a good area to consider
I think making the town more walkable overall would be valuable
Sidewalks in general
Street light on lower Peach St would make it safer at night.
South Barre .. stone church area
Removable speed humps that can be stored in winter
Lack of sidewalks, especially on South Street
stop light in center
Fix roads
Sidewalk from center of town to ruggles lane.
Extend sidewalk on West St to Stone Cow. Extend sidewalk on South Street to high school.

Grogan road
Better paved roads
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 19: "Did the quality of the Barre and Quabbin Regional School Districts factor into your decision to live in Barre?" Other (please specify)</b>
Haven't lived in Barre since 1964.
Originally yes but it has become a reason to consider relocating as it's gone down hill in the last 7 years by quite a margin. This opinion seems to be pretty unanimous amongst the student teachers we talk with. Pretty disappointing.
Still live here but send kids to other schools. Quabbin was not a healthy environment
This school in my opinion needs a lot of work. The school facility is fine, but the department of Special Education is lacking.
I was born here
Way too big of a budget! At the town meeting, the QRS employees all voted yes to the budget then left the meeting. Self serving bias!!!
Yes, but the quality of the schools has gone down so much in the last 20 years that faced with the same decision today, I would not move here
I live here because I worked for the School District.
I wish they were better quality -higher test scores
Always lived here
Already lived in Town N/A
The quality of the school district makes me want to move away, especially after it was discovered that one of the paraprofessionals was mentally abusing a student in the NECC program. The school didn't take action until after a paraprofessional reported the issue to DCF, even though she tried to inform the high school.
I would not have lived in Barre had I known how toxic the environment is at Quabbin
We homeschool, because the children are so bad in school.
Yes, but I am growing concerned with the increase of low income households, which unfortunately have their negative experiences with them
Not originally, but it will be a consideration to stay though
Quabbin is run by snobs and dingdongs.

Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

**Figure 23: "Where should new economic development happen?" Other (please specify)**

Keep it rural. More isn't better. New doesn't mean better.

Centering development in town centers and current built up areas allows for more public transportation/use of solar panels for electrifying infrastructure etc.

there is great need for senior housing

Tear down dilapidated buildings

Anywhere possible in town

Other towns

Save open space areas with woods near common, no more cutting down trees of old growth forests!!

Refurbish existing structures in Barre that are in need of repair, for housing and Commercial use (buyer friendly zoning and permit laws and regulation)

I don't want new developments

Former Barre woolen mill

Anywhere someone is willing to put something in

Do not overcrowd one area. Divide to all areas.

None

This is a small town - we don't need to develop it!

A new gas station to give the BP some competition. A Cumberland farms would be nice.

None of the above

Leave it alone

No more space should be taken up for economic development

redefine current industrial places.

too many underperforming businesses as it is, too many vacancies, absorption rate is slow

None

South Barre

None

Lost Villages Scenic Byways? Lived here my whole life and never heard of it. I've been pretty involved.

Improving both the center of Barre and the common in south Barre where many activities and festivals are had would be a great service for both residents and to attract more visitors. More retail and walkability in the two areas would be fantastic.
Limit economic development to be non retail and non chain. The town will be Ware before you know it.
Depends on the type of development
Tax cuts
None
Anywhere possible
Preserve open space, protect from development, learn from the mistakes of Rutland.
Where ever existing buildings are or have been
No additional development utilize what already exists
Nowhere
The old mill needs to continue to be cleaned up.
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 24: "What kind of new economic development do you think Barre needs?" Other (please specify)</b>
Things that the young people can do.
The population is becoming top heavy with the retired community and making accommodations for only new and young families is a disservice to the people that have lived here their whole lives. There needs to be more housing for the Senior population Grandview Terrace is not enough for the community we need more Senior housing options
Town recreation facility with swimming pool
A new gas station at south barre rd and Vernon ave where the mill was torn down. With diesel pumps.
What the town NATURALLY keeps in business by it needs and means
Variety of restaurants, everything is fast foods.
None
We need jobs...
grocery stores (like Market Basket or Hannaford) or good gas stations (like Cumberland Farms)
Any business would be good for Barre. Again, to reduce taxes.
Vet, dentist, eye doctor, craft and trade shops and workshops, better and more diverse restaurants
Fitness center

The story, long ago, was that Spag's would be coming. Ah, that would have been wonderful.
Health care services
At least 1 more gas station!
Can there not be the development of a new industry that could serve as an employer that produces something unique?
none of the above
Leave it alone
I really like what Vermont does- limits billboards, makes use of old buildings, lots of cute restaurants and shops (green and not commercial) , It would be great to have a central community center like I mentioned.
-But no more pizza restaurants!
Survey is making me comment
laundry mat, car wash, gym/fitness center
Taxi and laundromat
more parking in town center-like before the common renovation
A cheaper gas station!
another gas station would be nice
A hotel/motel
A Cumberland Farms
Car Wash
Vegan restaurant and health food store
Outdoor recreation
Cumberland farms gas station
Limit economic development to be non retail and non chain. The town will be Ware before you know it.
Don't ruin our small town with loss of historical buildings and big retail etc.
Recreation for teens please.
None
Car wash & Maybe another gas station for competition
Literally anything so we can sustain this town. Our youth are leaving because there is nothing to do, and our residents spend their dollars in other towns. Many also have to work far away, not a lot of job opportunities.
Gas station
An area for kids to ride four wheelers an dirt bikes

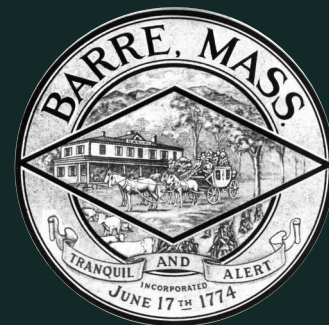
UPS Store, fax, stationery
Fitness Center, Cannabis Dispensary
If more than two businesses could be open past 8, that would be cool.
Barre is a bedroom town
We need another gas station
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

<b>Figure 25: "What are some economic development challenges that Barre faces?" Other (please specify)</b>
Lack of people wanting to work.
I am the box who is resistant to development, it's not a problem to want to keep barre the way it is.
I don't really know enough about the types of jobs available but from what I see in other communities around Barre and in the state, its crucial for the town to be able to choose businesses and new economic development that fit the town character IF that is what the townspeople want. I think its great that you are doing this survey and this Master Plan because that gives you a chance to educate people about what is possible and for townspeople to discuss together what development is desired and can be encourages and what is to be discouraged.
Better communications to residents on important town-related topics
Lack of public transportation
not enough transportation options
Planning board greatly discourages new business
Too much low income housing in town. Poor demographics to run a successful business
Why is there no sidewalk to Quabbin High School, so the children are not running in the road?
I wonder if there are a lack of customers to support businesses?
The Planning board is anti business and the biggest hurdle in any business moving into Barre
Increases in real estate taxes people on fixed incomes are finding it hard to pay very big concern
Roads
Lack of people willing to work for a living.
poor town management
Lowering Taxes... Stop spending like drunken Sailors
Geographical location of rural town.
Leave it alone

Lack of local residents/ people can't move to Barre for a job because housing is scarce and rent inflation is outpacing wage increases
taxes are way too high for what is delivered
Barre is a lovely small town just leave it alone. We don't need anymore development.
Too much affordable housing
Distance from more populated areas
Overpopulation of human beings
A large number of restaurants have failed recently. This is not necessarily the fault of the business climate of Barre, but of the economy in general and the pandemic. Jobs are offered and not filled. Look to societal problems and not to problems of economy.
Limit economic development to be non retail and non chain. The town will be Ware before you know it.
Internet on Loring road
Lack of transportation
Every town could use more businesses but it needs to be the right sort of business. Large retail stores are never good for local small businesses. There should be tax incentives for small businesses of any type to flourish. Barre has many great local businesses like Higgins or JC Pools. More places like that would greatly benefit the town.
Schools and Insight Meditation Center that do not pay taxes yet use town services.
The drug problem in South Barre
Not enough local business support
Socioeconomic diverse community where a good portion of residents can't afford to support the existing businesses let alone new ones.
General Labor shortages
Development without destruction of the environment or rural character of the town. Protection of forest and agricultural lands.
A lot of longtime residents want Barre to go back to the 1950's.
Idk
Unfamiliar with the challenges.
Source: Master Plan Survey Respondents

**Spring Workshop Open Space and Recreational Station Notes**

Cooks Canyon
Barre Falls Dam – STAY OPEN
Felton Field – programs, cultural fair
Preserve historical sites – (war memorials on Common, prison camps)
Rail trail – maps around town blog, group walks
Outdoor recreation businesses
Bike trail in S. Barre
Playground in S. Barre common area
Hubbardston playground
Skatepark
Public and private forested land
Preserve private forested land near common
More passive recreation – biking, running, jogging
Preserve private open space
Ski Hill/winter sports – ski hill is now a solar field, located in S. Barre. Also, two old ruins nearby as well, out of commission and not maintained
Bridge in S. Barre (pedestrian safety, too narrow no sidewalks)
State-owned land and increase public access (kids, teens, need space and programs)
Sledding hills
Swimming holes
Walking accessibility – sidewalk along roads
Youth center



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