

DRAFT: Data and Trends Related to Economic Resilience of the Midcoast Region

Economic resilience for the Midcoast region depends on the sustainability of our businesses and workforce, communities, public infrastructure, and natural resources.

Measures of Business and Workforce Sustainability (By region, LMA and Community)

- Employment by industry and sector
 - Current
 - 5-year trends
- Clusters and related trends
 - Something related to each of the clusters in the strategic plan?
- Sectors/clusters experiencing significant growth and decline
- Businesses by type and size
- Imports and exports (largest only)
- Commute patterns and distances
- Labor trends
 - Workforce participation (by age and sex)
 - Wage trends (overall, and by largest sectors and growth sectors)
 - Remote workers
 - Shared workspaces
- Workforce training and knowledge based assets
 - Industrial or tech parks, incubators, higher ed, tech schools
 - Workforce by educational attainment
 - Program Development – where is this needed to support our growth industry
- Growth/nongrowth areas from towns future land use maps

Measures of Community Sustainability

Population and demographics

- Population trends (by age and family size)
 - Number of households
 - Population projections
 - Age and family size analysis
- Aging in isolation
 - Add state statistic (if different from MCOG region)
- In- and out-migration
 - IRS county-to-county migration data
 - ACS recent movers by age
- Household incomes by family size, presence of children, and age of householder
- Diversity
 - Significant asylum seeker growth, e.g. in Brunswick
 - New population developments
 - Diversity issues

- Indigenous presence
 - Minority-owned businesses
 - Woman-owned businesses
- Poverty rates/trends (trends will be second analysis)
 - Tract level, organized around 30% of county median income
- School enrollment counts
- Daycare
 - Locations of centers in our region
 - Vacancies
 - Daycare needs—working population with children under 5
- Educational attainment by income

Housing (Midcoast, LMA and Community)

- **Housing availability**
 - Total Housing Units and trends
 - Units by building type and size
 - Vacancy rates
 - Short term rentals as a percentage of rental housing stock
 - Age of housing stock
 - Physical condition
 - Building permits
 - Owned homes and trends
 - Sales price trends (price trends, sale price relative to asking price, percentage of cash sales if there is any way to get to that)
 - Occupancy (Owner occupied, rented, vacancies)
 - Rental units and trends
 - Median rents and trends by unit size
 - Vacancy rates
 - Number of subsidized units by type (senior vs family, and by income level)
 - Any trends or data related to shared housing, boarding houses, tiny houses?
- **Housing Affordability**
 - Housing Affordability Indices for homeowners and renters
 - Income by owner households
 - Income by renter households
 - Affordable Housing Locations
- **Housing Gaps**
 - Additional units needed by income, age
- **Broadband Availability?**
 - Age by internet and computer presence
 - Maine standards and federal standards

Measures of Public and Natural Resource Sustainability

- Transportation **assets, condition, and usage** (or high-level trends if available)
 - Primary transportation corridors
 - Rail (Freight and passenger)
 - Bus (interregional and intra)
 - Ports
 - Ferries
 - Active transportation (bike and pedestrian trails and networks)
 - Transportation equity
 - Congested intersections
 - Culverts
- Working waterfront trends (Are we losing? Gaining? Holding our own?)
 - Number of people in the fishing industry
 - Pounds of catch
 - Number of fishermen at each port within MCOG region
- Parks and natural areas
 - Natural areas vulnerable to development or privatization
- Lake health
 - Algal blooms in 2020
- Sea level and storm surge maps and areas of highest risk
 - FEMA flood maps
 - FEMA flood maps intersected with roads, medium and high-density areas, and low-income communities