

Looking at the Claremont LMA today, the reader would see major differences compared with the former LMA alignment established following the 1980 census. Gone from within the LMA bounds are larger population towns like Lebanon and Hanover, and gone are smaller towns like Grafton and Orange. The 1980 commuting patterns summary reported a total of 29,219 estimated residents working. Under the new LMA configuration that number is down to 17,812. The combined resident-nonresident workforce tallied to 15,940. The number of residents that stayed in their towns

to work totaled 8.557. Those workers who followed Routes NH10, NH11, NH12, NH103, and NH120, traveling beyond their town or state borders for employment, numbered 9,255. Table 3.1 shows Claremont, New London, and Newport led in numbers and percentages of resident workers employed in their respective communities. Of the remaining larger population towns in the LMA, Charlestown, Sunapee, and Sutton registered low working-in-town percentages, 32.6%, 30.0%, and 22.0% respectively. Claremont, Newport, and New London each provided employment for a large workforce total of residents and nonresidents. combined. Newport's workforce was split almost down the middle, with 51.5% of its workers being nonresidents. Claremont only accepted 36.3% of its workforce from outside the city bounds.

In checking major routes Croydon easily produced the highest percentage of workers commuting out, a 92.3% rate, by sending out 264 of its 286 workers. Of towns with slightly larger populations, Newbury placed behind Croydon with a commuting out rate of 82.2% (see Table 3.2). Usually population growth goes hand in hand with industrial growth, so larger communities are able to keep residents employed in town, and Claremont proved the point by having only 31.9% of its residents commuting out to work. Newport, with the second largest population in the LMA, followed with a 40.2% commuting out rate. Claremont and Newport almost traded commuters even up with Route NH11 providing a direct corridor. Claremont sent 362 workers to Newport and Newport sent 367 workers to

Claremont. Charlestown held the distinction of providing the greatest number of commuters to another town within the LMA, 536 workers to Claremont. Claremont and Charlestown, both located on the Vermont border, led in number of commuters traveling out of state, as combined they sent 1,000 workers to Vermont. The destination of choice in Vermont was Springfield, as over 450 of the aforementioned 1,000 followed Route VT106 to that location. New London provided 46 commuters to Massachusetts.

Examining the commuting-in numbers in Table 3.3, Charleston, Claremont, and Newport appear as employment exchange centers. Claremont drew in 536 workers from Charleston. Newport had 362 workers from Claremont commuting in, while 177 workers traveled from Claremont to Charlestown. New London also proved to be a hub of commuting activity with seven towns sending at least 100 workers into that community. Sunapee, Wilmot, and Sutton topped that list with 244, 198, and 197, respectively. Newport, number four on the same list, surprisingly was the only town with a count of over 2.000 estimated residents working. Vermont dominated the commutingin lists of the border states with 935 workers. In fact, the only other out-of-state commuters travelled from Gardiner MA to Sunapee.

Table 3.1 Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

			RESIDENT:	S				NONRE	SIDENTS
			Commu	ting to			Total Working		
			Another T	own to	Working	In Town	In Town		Percent of
		Estimated							Total
	Population	Residents	Number of		Number of		(Residents &	Number of	Working in
Resident City/Town	1990 Census	Working	Workers	Percent	Workers	Percent	Nonresidents)	Workers	Town
Charlestown	4,630	2,273	1,532	67.4%	741	32.6%	1,193	452	37.9%
Claremont	13,902	6,234	1,990	31.9%	4,244	68.1%	6,663	2,419	36.3%
Croydon	627	286	264	92.3%	22	7.7%	74	52	70.3%
Goshen	742	351	296	84.3%	55	15.7%	92	37	40.2%
Lempster	947	413	332	80.4%	81	19.6%	148	67	45.3%
New London	3,180	1,263	498	39.4%	765	60.6%	2,377	1,612	67.8%
Newbury	1,347	664	546	82.2%	118	17.8%	213	95	44.6%
Newport	6,110	2,804	1,128	40.2%	1,676	59.8%	3,453	1,777	51.5%
Springfield	788	396	321	81.1%	75	18.9%	208	133	63.9%
Sunapee	2,559	1,345	942	70.0%	403	30.0%	788	385	48.9%
Sutton	1,457	746	582	78.0%	164	22.0%	311	147	47.3%
Unity	1,341	570	461	80.9%	109	19.1%	281	172	61.2%
Wilmot	935	467	363	77.7%	104	22.3%	139	35	25.2%

Table 3.2 Commuting Out - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Charlestown		Claremon	t	Croydon		Goshen		Lempster	
Estimated Residents Working:		2,273		6,234		286		351		413
Commuting to Another Town:		1,532		1,990		264		296		332
Commuting Rate:		67.4%		31.9%		92.3%		84.3%		80.4%
To Locations Within NH:	Claremont Walpole Newport Keene Lebanon Westmoreland Langdon Hanover	536 186 82 79 35 27 19	Newport Lebanon Hanover Charlestown Unity Cornish Plainfield Keene	362 229 200 177 87 66 44 31	Newport Claremont Lebanon Hanover Sunapee	112 30 20 19 15	Newport Claremont Sunapee New London Lempster	116 25 19 17 13	Newport Claremont Sunapee New London Concord Keene	137 56 26 15 12
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 482 16	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 18 518 15	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 4 17 6	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 5 11 8	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 11 4 10
Out Of State Locations:	Springf'ld,VT Rockingham,VT Bratl'boro,VT Windsor,VT	291 114 27 12	Springf'ld,VT Hartford,VT Windsor,VT W.Windsor,VT	163 99 84 53	Hartford,VT	7	Windsor,VT	7	Burlington,MA	12

Table 3.2 (continued)
Commuting Out - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	New London		Newbury		Newport		Springfield		Sunapee	
Estimated Residents Working:		1,263		664		2,804		396		1,345
Commuting to Another Town:		498		546		1,128		321		942
Commuting Rate:		39.4%		82.2%		40.2%		81.1%		70.0%
To Locations Within NH:	Concord Lebanon Grantham Andover Springfield Enfield Bristol Hanover	81 54 48 28 22 21 17	New London Newport Concord Bradford Sunapee Warner Lebanon Manchester	144 65 51 38 29 22 19	Claremont New London Sunapee Lebanon Grantham Unity Plainfield Bradford	367 181 119 53 47 47 28 26	New London Newport Lebanon Concord Hanover Grantham	110 42 31 18 17	New London Newport Claremont Croydon Lebanon Newbury Plainfield Springfield	244 206 76 47 46 37 33 29
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 46 6 14	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 19 11 22	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 10 56 22	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 4 18 0		0 16 36 0
Out Of State Locations:	Weston,MA Westboro,MA Andover,MA Boston,MA	16 9 8 8	Boston,MA Springf'ld,MA	10 5	Springfield,VT Hartford,VT Thetford,VT Dracut,MA	19 17 11 10	Hartford,VT	18	Boston,MA Hartford,VT Springf'ld,VT Woodstock,VT	16 12 8 8

Table 3.2 (continued)
Commuting Out - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Sutton		Unity		Wilmot	
Estimated Residents Working:		746		570		467
Commuting to Another Town:		582		461		363
Commuting Rate:		78.0%		80.9%		77.7%
To Locations Within NH:	New London Concord Warner Bradford Manchester Newport Hopkinton Andover	197 94 33 30 25 24 13	Claremont Newport Charlestown Lebanon Keene	192 137 19 16 11	New London Andover Concord Newport Sutton	198 24 24 14 10
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 17 5 13	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 2 30 4	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	2 9 6 4
Out Of State Locations:	Boston,MA Quincy,MA	4	Rockingham,VT Springf'ld,VT	7 7	Hartford,VT	4

Table 3.3 Commuting In - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Charlestown		Claremont		Croydon		Goshen		Lempster	
Estimated Residents Working:		1,193		6,663		74		92		148
Commuting to Another Town:		452		2,419		52		37		67
Commuting Rate:		37.9%		36.3%		70.3%		40.2%		45.3%
To Locations Within NH:	Claremont Langdon Unity Acworth Walpole Alstead	177 33 19 17 17 14	Charlestown Newport Unity Cornish Sunapee Lempster Acworth Lebanon	536 367 192 152 76 56 32 31	Sunapee	47	Newport Claremont	15 13	Sunapee Goshen Newport	14 13 13
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 9 121 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	2 0 674 9	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0
Out Of State Locations:	Springfield,VT Weath'field,VT Chester,VT Ludlow,VT	46 19 12 10	Windsor,VT Weath'field,VT Springfield,VT Hartford,VT	188 120 114 51						

Table 3.3 (continued)
Commuting In - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	New London	1	Newbury		Newport		Springfield		Sunapee	
Estimated Residents Working:		2,377		213		3,453		208		788
Commuting to Another Town:		1,612		95		1,777		133		385
Commuting Rate:		67.8%		44.6%		51.5%		63.9%		48.9%
To Locations Within NH:	Sunapee Wilmot Sutton Newport Newbury Springfield Andover Bradford	244 198 197 181 144 110 102 53	Sunapee Bradford	37 16	Claremont Sunapee Lempster Unity Goshen Croydon Charlestown Newbury	362 206 137 137 116 112 82 65	Sunapee Enfield New London	29 27 22	Newport Claremont Newbury Lempster Goshen Franklin New London Manchester	119 29 29 26 19 16 14
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 21 11	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 6 106 30	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 8 13 0
Out Of State Locations:	Charlotte,VT Hartford,VT Windsor,VT	9 6 6			Springfield,VT Weath'field,VT Norwich,VT Hartford,VT	37 36 8 7			Windsor,VT Gardner,MA	13 8

Table 3.3 (continued) Commuting In - Claremont NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Sutton		Unity		Wilmot	
Estimated Residents Working:		311		281		139
Commuting to Another Town:		147		172		35
Commuting Rate:		47.3%		61.2%		25.2%
To Locations Within NH:	Warner Bradford Sunapee Concord Newbury New London Weare Wilmot	22 18 14 13 13 11 10	Claremont Newport	87 47	New London	16
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 0 0
Out Of State Locations:						