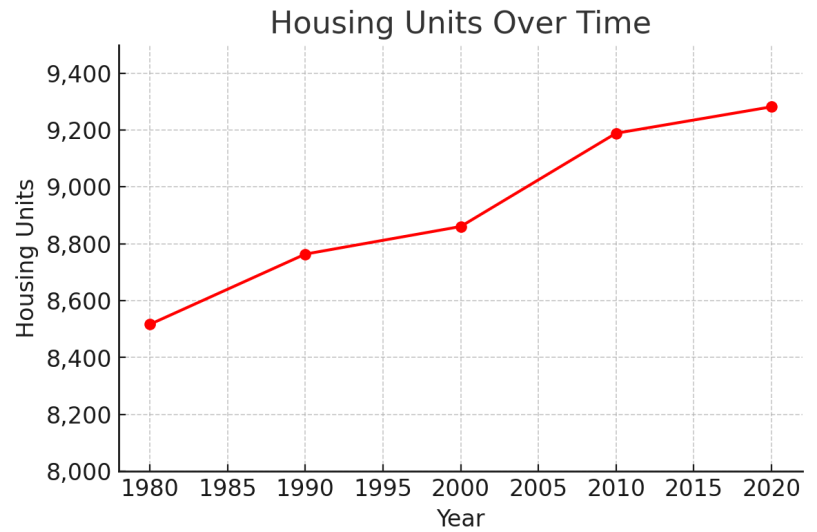
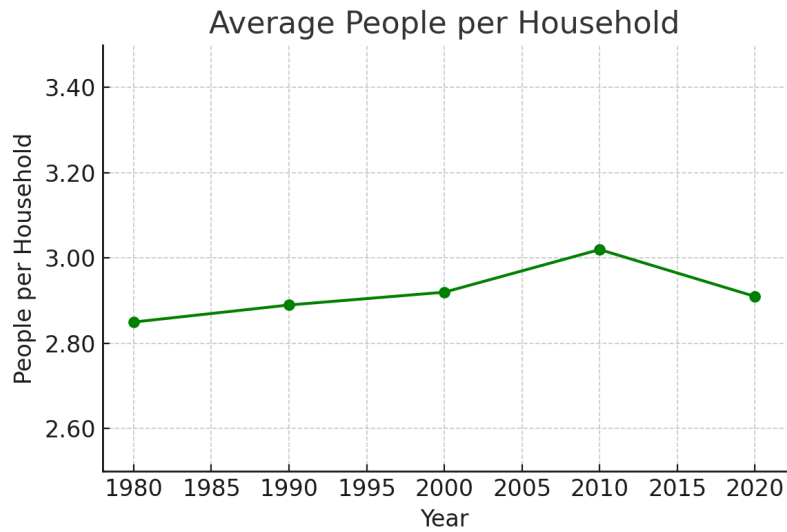
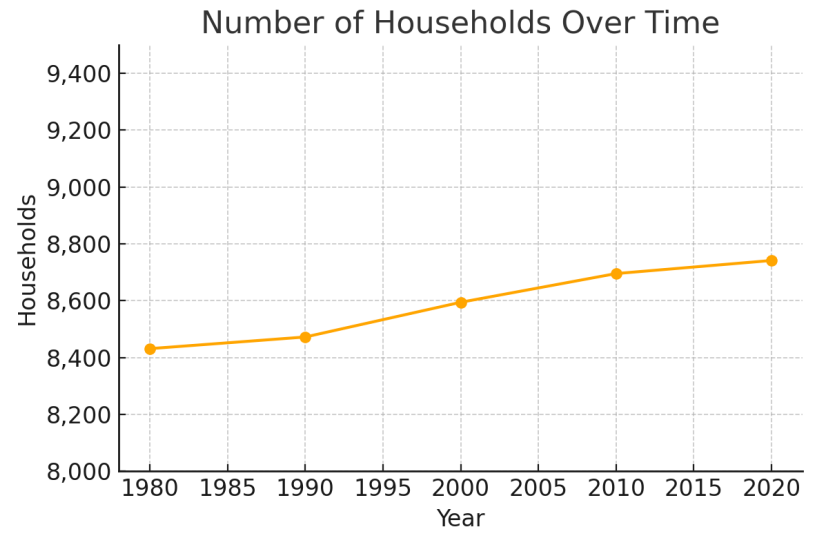
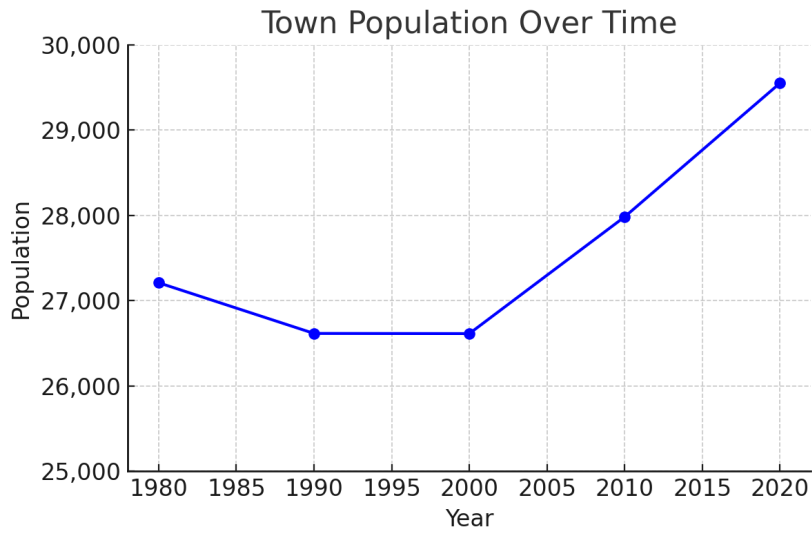


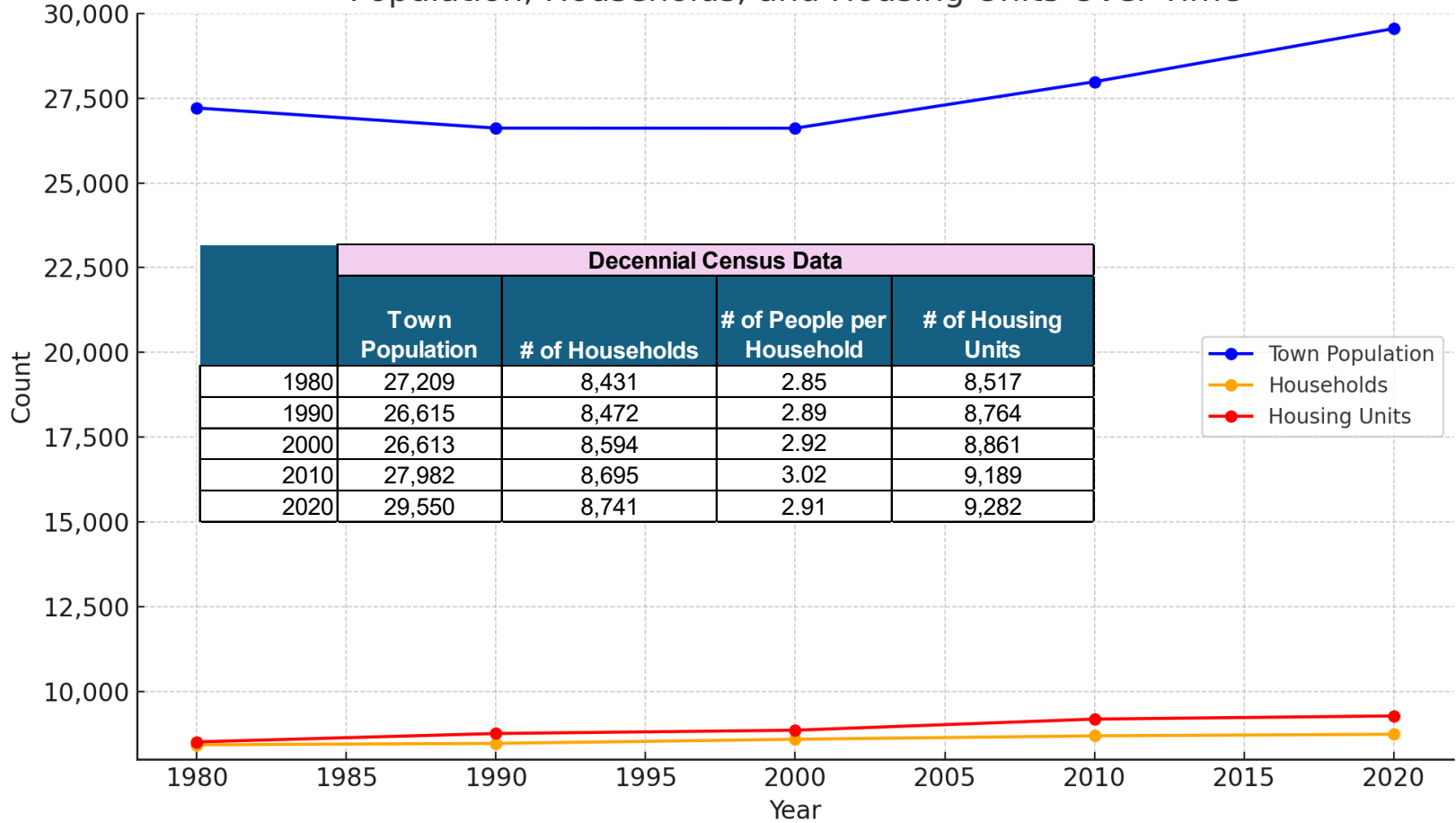
U.S. Census and American Communities Survey Data

Demographic and Housing Information

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Population, Households, and Housing Units Over Time



Insights

1. Population

- The town's population slightly declined from 27,209 in 1980 to 26,613 in 2000, then grew steadily after 2000, reaching 29,550 in 2020.
- Net growth over 40 years (+2,341 people (~8.6%).

2. Households

- The number of households has gradually grown from 8,431 in 1980 to 8,741 in 2020.
- Growth is modest over 40 years (+310 households, ~3.7%).

3. People per Household

- The average household size was 2.85 in 1980, rising to a peak of 3.02 in 2010, then dropping back to 2.91 in 2020.
- Suggests shifting demographics (possibly younger families in 2010, then a return to older, smaller households).

4. Housing Units

- Housing units increased consistently from 8,517 in 1980 to 9,282 in 2020 (+765 units, ~9%).
- Growth in housing units aligns with household increases, but not as quickly as population growth after 2000.

Comparable Communities

	2023 American Community Survey				MBTA Community Multifamily Unit Requirement	Compliance as of 8/19/25
	Land Area (Sq. Miles)	Population (DP05)	Pop / Sq. Mile	Total Housing Units (DP04)		
Wellesley	10	29,906	2,991	9,428	1,392	Compliant
Arlington	5.1	46,015	9,023	20,599	2,046	Compliant
Belmont	4.6	27,009	5,872	10,833	1,632	Compliant
Brookline	6.8	62,822	9,239	28,695	6,990	Compliant
Concord	24.5	18,226	744	6,612	1,094	Conditional Compliance
Dedham	10.3	25,109	2,438	10,648	1,569	Compliant
Framingham	25	71,866	2,875	26,871	4,355	Compliant
Lexington	16.4	34,085	2,078	12,672	1,231	Compliant
Milton	13	28,481	2,191	9,402	2,461	Interim Compliance
Natick	15	36,627	2,442	15,889	2,352	Interim Compliance
Needham	12.3	32,059	2,606	11,754	1,784	Interim Compliance
Newton	17.8	88,415	4,967	34,636	8,330	Compliant
Wayland	15	13,826	922	5,103	750	Compliant
Westwood	10.9	16,213	1,487	5,721	870	Compliant
Winchester	6	22,862	3,810	8,283	1,220	Compliant