

Southern Maine Partnership for Sustainable Development  
Knowledge Sharing Session #2 – February 28, 2012 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Lee Community Hall, Wishcamper Center, Muskie School of Public Service-USM

## Regional Population and Housing Trends

*Investigating patterns of population, housing and location within the region.*

As part of Maine's National Science Foundation EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) grant for the Sustainability Solutions Initiative, a work group has prepared an overview of our region's and state's population and housing trends from the recent new Census data. The February 28 Population and Housing session is an opportunity for the partnership network to hear draft findings from this effort. This is also an opportunity for members of the Partnership and other interested participants to provide feedback on the organization of a written report that will be a joint effort by the Maine EPSCoR project and the Southern Maine Partnership for Sustainable Development (SMPSD).

Combining data from the 2010 Census of Population and Housing, the most recent (2009) American Community Survey, and other sources, this analysis highlights major regional population and housing patterns that are currently affecting Maine's economic and social vitality. Some themes that will be discussed include mobility and migration trends to and from the region and the state, population and housing growth and housing costs, changes in regional and statewide ethnicity and diversity, and the State's aging population. These trends, among others, have strong implications for sustainability efforts including transportation planning, identifying communities of opportunity, and supporting a workforce population for economic growth. The analysis uncovers where change and trends are similar in different locations within the HUD/SMPSD region and where the trends are different

The main presentation will last about 45 minutes after which there will be discussion and feedback to advise the study team on the final development of the written report. As noted, this session has been co-sponsored by the Maine EPSCoR Sustainability Solutions Initiative (SSI) project

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