

Church Planting Profile:

Augusta, Maine

Summary: Augusta is located in Kennebec County, Maine, along the Kennebec River, about 60 miles northeast of Portland. It has been the state capital since 1827 and is the home to several museums. The population is generally white and less affluent than other Maine communities. Evangelical Christians make up about 3% of the population of Kennebec County. There is a PCA church being planted in Lewiston (35 miles southwest). There are also three OPC churches within a 40 mile radius of Augusta.



Augusta along the Kennebec River

source: wikimedia.org

Demographics:

City Population, 2007: 18,367

Pop. change: -0.5% since 2000

County Pop., 2007: 120,839

Racial Breakdown:

White, non-Hispanic	96.2%
Asian	1.4%
Two or more races	1.3%
Hispanic	0.9%
Black	0.5%

Median Age: 40.3 (38.6 ME)

Age Breakdown:

Under 18	20.5%
Ages 18-24	8.7%
Ages 25-44	28.3%
Ages 45-64	24.8%
Age 65 and over	17.7%

Avg. Household Size: 2.1 people

Avg. Family Size: 2.8 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$36,164

Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$134,203

Regional Unemployment Rate, 1/09: 8.4%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 90.3

Principal Industries in County:

Trade, Transportation, Utilities	28.8%
Educational & Health Services	27.8%
Profession & Business Services	12.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8%

Principal Employers:

State of Maine	14,144
Maine General Hospital	3,600
Central Maine Power Company	1,388
Jerome Group (Medical)	1,000

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

High School or higher	81.4%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	19.2%
Graduate/Professional Degree	6.6%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

Univ. of Maine – Augusta (3172 students)
Univ. of ME - Farmington (31 mi. – 2229 students)

Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: Augusta Kennebec Journal
Radio: WMDR (1340 AM) WMME (92.3 FM)

Average January Low Temperature: 10.5°

Average July High Temperature: 80.5°

Average Annual Rainfall: 42.3 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 69 inches

Selected Places of Worship in Augusta:

Fellowship Baptist Church (independent)

www.fellowshipbaptist-me.org

Augusta Church of Christ

www.augustacoc.org

South Parish Congregational Church (UCC)

www.southparish.net

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

www.saintbarnabasaugusta.org

St. Mary's Church (St. Michael Parish, R. Cath.)

www.stmichaelmaine.org

Church Hill Baptist Church (independent)

www.churchhillbaptist.org

Augusta Baptist Church (GARBC)

www.augustabaptist.org

Church of the Nazarene

www.mainenaz.com

Augusta First Seventh Day Adventist Church

www.augustafirst.netadventist.org

Green Street United Methodist Church

First United Pentecostal Church of Augusta