

Church Planting Profile:

Brunswick, Maine

Summary: Brunswick is located in Cumberland County, on the banks of the Kennebec River near the Atlantic Ocean. It is about 30 miles northeast of Portland on the mid-coast of Maine. Brunswick is the home of Bowdoin College, a nationally-renowned liberal arts college, and has a highly-educated population. It is also home to the Brunswick Naval Air Station. The population is generally white, relatively young, and moderately affluent. Evangelical Christians make up about 4% of the population of Cumberland County. There is an OPC church meeting in Brunswick, a PCA church and an OPC church located in Portland, and a PCA church in Lewiston (20 miles northwest of Brunswick).



Downtown Brunswick

Source: hotelsbycity.net

Demographics:

City Population, 2007: 21,160

Pop. change: 0.0% since 2000

County Pop., 2007: 275,374

Racial Breakdown:

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	94.5%
<i>Hispanic</i>	1.3%
<i>Two or more races</i>	1.3%
<i>Black</i>	1.0%
<i>Other</i>	1.9%

Median Age: 36.3 (38.6 ME)

Age Breakdown:

<i>Under 18</i>	23.0%
<i>Ages 18-24</i>	14.1%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	26.9%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	20.5%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	15.5%

Avg. Household Size: 2.3 people

Avg. Family Size: 3.0 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$47,773

Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$222,912

Regional Unemployment Rate, 11/08: 5.0%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 96.2

Principal Industries:

<i>Educ./Health/Social Services</i>	28.8%
<i>Retail Trade</i>	15.4%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	10.0%
<i>Arts/Entertainment/Recreation</i>	9.8%

Principal Employers

Brunswick Naval Air Station
Bowdoin College
L.L. Bean
Bath Iron Works

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	86.7%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	33.6%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	14.1%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

Bowdoin College (Brunswick – 1605 students)
Univ. of South. Maine (28 miles – 7381 students)

Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: *Brunswick Times Record*
 Radio: *WJJB (900 AM) WCLZ (98.9 FM)*

Average January Low Temperature: 20.6°

Average July High Temperature: 68.9°

Average Annual Rainfall: 48.0 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 61 inches

Brunswick Churches:

First Parish Church (UCC)

www.firstparish.net

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

www.goodshepherdme.org

Brunswick Church of the Nazarene

www.boctn.com

Mid-Coast Baptist Church (independent)

www.midcoastbaptistchurch.com

Berean Baptist Church (CBAmerica)

www.thebereans.org

Merrymeeting Bay Orthodox Pres. Church (OPC)

www.mbopc.org

Brunswick Church of Christ

www.brunswickchurchofchrist.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

www.stpaulsmaine.org

St. Charles Borromeo Church (Roman Catholic)

www.saintcharlesbrunswick.org

Brunswick Seventh Day Adventist

www.brunswicksdachurch.org