

Church Planting Profile: **Raymond, Maine**

Summary: Raymond is located in Cumberland County, Maine, about 20 miles northwest of Portland. It is one of 13 communities that make up the Lakes Region of Maine, a popular area for tourists with a combined population of about 30,000. It is adjacent to Sebago Lake and was the boyhood home of the Nathaniel Hawthorne. The population is generally white, well-educated, and relatively affluent. Evangelical Christians make up about 4% of the population of Cumberland County. There is an OPC church and a PCA church in Portland, and a PCA church being planted in Lewiston (20 miles northeast).



Sebago Lake

source: www.verymaine.com

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$65,538
Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$257,027
Regional Unemployment Rate, 1/09: 6.4%
Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 96.1
Principal Industries in County:
Trade, Transportation, Utilities 20.9%
Professional & Business Serv. 20.9%
Construction 11.8%
Educational & Health Services 11.6%

Principal Employers:

Town of Raymond 67
Sebago Storage Inc. 42
Raymond School District 40
Jom Inc. (baby vehicles) 38

Places of Worship in Raymond and Vicinity:

Raymond Village Community Church (UCC)
www.rvccme.org
 Lakes Region Baptist Church (Raymond – Indep.)
www.thriceholly.net/lrbc
 Christ Chapel (Raymond – Advent Christian)
www.christchapelmaine.org
 Casco Alliance Ch. (Chr. & Missionary Alliance)
www.cascoalliancechurch.org

Demographics:

City Population, 2007: 4641

Pop. change: +7.1% since 2000

County Pop., 2007: 275,374

Racial Breakdown:

White, non-Hispanic 98.4%
Two or more races 0.6%
Hispanic 0.6%
Black 0.4%
Other 0.6%

Median Age: 37.8 (38.6 ME)

Age Breakdown:

Under 18 26.4%
Ages 18-24 6.1%
Ages 25-44 31.5%
Ages 45-64 25.7%
Age 65 and over 10.4%

Avg. Household Size: 2.7 people

Avg. Family Size: 3.0 people

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

High School or higher 89.4%
Bachelor's Degree or higher 33.5%
Graduate/ Professional Degree 12.7%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

St. Joseph's College (13 miles – 2376 students)
Univ. of South. Maine (21 miles – 7381 students)

Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: *Portland Press Herald*
 Radio: *WMTW (870 AM) WBLM (102.9 FM)*

Average January Low Temperature: 4.3°

Average July High Temperature: 78.8°

Average Annual Rainfall: 47.9 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 68 inches

Casco Village Church (UCC)

www.uccwebsites.net/cascovillageme.html

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (Gray)

www.goodshepumc.org

Windham Assembly of God

www.windhamag.org