

Church Planting Profile:
White River Junction, Vermont

Summary: White River Junction is one of five villages in the town of Hartford, Vermont, located in Windsor County and is part of the Upper Connecticut River Valley, a region that also includes Lebanon and Hanover, New Hampshire. It is known for a strong and eclectic arts community, including the “alternative” Main Street Museum. Evangelical Christians make up about 2% of the population of Windsor County. A PCA attempt to plant a church in the Upper Valley region was discontinued in 2007.



Downtown White River Junction

Source: www.flickr.com

Demographics:

City Population, 2007: 2,541

Pop. change: -1.1% since 2000

County Population, 2007: 56,875

Racial Breakdown:

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	96.2%
<i>Two or more races</i>	1.7%
<i>American Indian</i>	1.6%
<i>Hispanic</i>	0.6%
<i>Black</i>	0.6%

Median Age: 38.2 (37.7 VT)

Age Breakdown:

<i>Under 18</i>	24.3%
<i>Ages 18-24</i>	7.3%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	29.9%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	23.3%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	15.3%

Avg. Household Size: 2.2 people

Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$39,861

Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$175,693

Unemployment Rate, 12/08: 3.3%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 93.9

Principal Industries (Windsor County):

<i>Accommodation & Food Services</i>	13.5%
<i>Retail Trade</i>	11.6%
<i>Health Care</i>	10.8%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	9.2%

Largest Employers (town of Hartford):

- White River Junction VA Medical Center*
- United States Postal Service*
- Verizon*
- State of Vermont*

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	83.5%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	18.1%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	3.0%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

- Dartmouth College (21 miles - 5309 students)*
- Norwich University (42 miles - 2585 students)*

Principal Media Outlets:

- Newspaper: Valley News*
- Radio: WNHV (910 AM); WSSH (95.3 FM)*

Average January Low Temperature: 7.7°

Average July High Temperature: 81.4°

Average Annual Precipitation: 36.2 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 65 inches

White River Junction Churches:

Valley Bible Church

www.valleybiblechurch.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

www.stpauls-wrj.org

United Methodist Church of White River Junction

www.unitedmethodistchurchwrj.com

Revival Connections (Charismatic)

www.revivalconnections.org

Victory in Jesus Ministries

Upper Valley Church of Christ

www.uppervalleychurch.com

Greater Hartford United Church of Christ (UCC)

Also: White River Shambhala Center (Shambhala)

www.whiteriver.shambhala.org

Unitarian-Universalist Church

Mindfulness Practice Center (Buddhist)

Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall