
COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Population

Total population of the town of Halifax is:

7,531

According to the *Census Bureau Town Book First View 2003*, the population of Halifax by a racial-ethnic category is:

98% Caucasian:

2% Other (including African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American)

Economic Factors:

Three major sources of employment/income in our community

Schools and Municipal Departments

Commercial businesses :

Small retail and convenience stores

Restaurants

Banks

Wal-Mart

Farming

Cranberries

Vegetables

Flowers and plants



General Description:

Three distinctive attributes of our community:

School Systems

Country-like rural atmosphere

Friendly, active population

Three major trends envisioned for our community during the next five years:

Continuing population growth

Smaller school system (full realignment of grades 7-12 district)

New businesses opening in town, providing jobs and an increasing tax base

Four problem areas confronting the community that congregation members feel the church should address:

Insufficient offerings of activities and programs for teenagers

Drug and alcohol abuse

Need for increased and new activities for senior citizens

Family stability



Cumberland Farms: Strip Mall