

Lewiston/Auburn Fact Sheet

Urban Community
Population: 58,893
County: Androscoggin

White: 96%
African-American: <1%
Latino: 1%

Lewiston and Auburn are known as the "Twin Cities", divided by the Androscoggin River. Lewiston is Maine's second largest city; when the population is combined with that of Auburn the urban area comes very close in size to Portland. Former mill towns, the area is generally economically depressed as no new industry has replaced the factories. There is a large, established population of French-Canadians as well as a new influx of refugees from Africa and Latin America who have moved to the area within the past year because of the housing shortage in the Portland area.

Special Needs Population

Total # special needs children 0-18 receiving services	Ages 0-3 ¹	Ages 3-5 ²	Ages 6-12 ²	Prevalence Rate ² (K-12 population)
1,750	83	192	1,475	17.8%

County-level Economic Indicators³

Median Household Income, 1997	Children 0-17 in Poverty, 1997	Children on TANF, Oct 2000	Children 0-17 participating in Medicaid, 2000
\$34,242	14.6%	7.7%	32.2%

Community Groups

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care, 207-795-4040

Child Health Center/Kids Korner, 207-782-5437

Health and welfare programs, including a specialized preschool program. Child care subsidies for special needs infants to 18 months.

Child Development Services/Opportunities (Norway), 207-743-9701

Service Provider/ Occupational and Physical Therapy for 0-5 with developmental delays.

Community Concepts, Inc., 207-795-6710

Programs include child and family services, affordable housing, emergency shelter and transportation.

Good Shepherd Food Bank, 207-782-3554

Pathway's Inc., 207-795-4085

Provides services to improve the quality of life for individuals of all ages with disabilities.

Pine Tree Legal Services (Lewiston Office), 207-784-1558

Saint Peter's Catholic Church, 207-783-9499

United Way of Androscoggin County, 207-795-4000

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²Maine Department of Education, 12/1/2000 Child Count, http://thor.ddp.state.me.us/pls/doe/eddev.efs05_user_reports.totals_report, [November 5, 2001].

³Maine Kids Count, 2001 Data Book, <http://www.mekids.org>.