

**Table OSR-4  
Median Household Income Comparison**

North Brookfield Median Household Income:	\$44,286
State Median Household Income:	\$50,502
North Brookfield as a Percent of State Average:	87.7%
Worcester County Median Household Income:	\$47,874
North Brookfield as a Percent of Worcester County Average:	92.5%

Source: 2000 US Census

Table 4 indicates that North Brookfield’s median household income is slightly lower than Worcester County and the State as a whole. This indicates that the Town may have some difficulty providing a diverse selection of recreation opportunities and open space amenities to its citizens. Therefore it is important to provide those opportunities and amenities that serve the widest cross-section of citizens and are the most economically realistic.

**Table OSR-5  
Per Capita Income Comparison**

North Brookfield Median Per Capita Income:	\$20,205
State Median Per Capita Income:	\$25,952
North Brookfield as a Percent of State Average:	77.8%
Worcester County Per Capita Income:	\$22,983
North Brookfield as a Percent of Worcester County Average:	87.9%

Source: 2000 US Census

Table 5 indicates that North Brookfield’s per capita income is slightly below average for Worcester County and the State as a whole. This is not surprising as the Town’s median income is also below the averages. The average household income is based on the combined income raised by all of the household members, while the per capita income figure is derived by taking the community’s total income generated and dividing it by every person in town whether they are in the labor force or not. The fact that North Brookfield’s median income figure is lower than average is indicative of households that are headed by wage earners with lower paying jobs. That North Brookfield’s per capita income is also below average is indicative of a community who’s households have a higher than average percentage of those not in the workforce (children & the elderly). A breakdown of the Town’s income categories is provided below.

**Table OSR-6  
North Brookfield Household Income Distribution**

<u>Income Categories</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Less than \$15,000:	51 households	4.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999:	88 households	7.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999:	128 households	10.3%
\$35,000 - \$49,999:	308 households	24.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999:	374 households	30.1%
\$75,000 - \$99,999:	129 households	10.4%
\$100,000 - \$149,999:	129 households	10.4%
\$150,000 and over:	34 households	2.7%