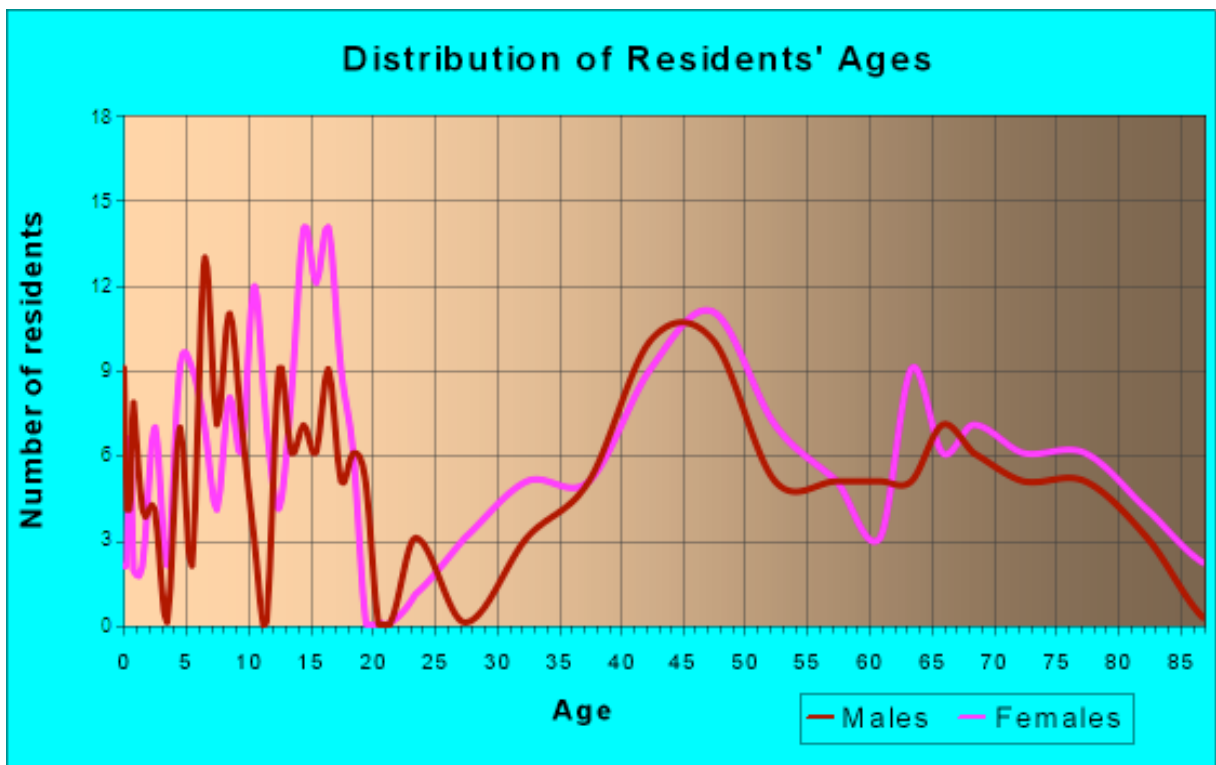


## The Missing Middle

For at least the last decade, the population of Sandwich, and most of New Hampshire, has shown a remarkable decrease in the population of adults between the ages of about 20 and 40. The figure shown below of recent estimates of the age distribution for Sandwich graphically illustrates both this missing middle of the population and the “graying” of the town in the older age groups. In the words of the recent movie and book, *Communities and Consequences*, [www.communitiesandconsequences.org](http://www.communitiesandconsequences.org), this has led to “the unbalancing of New Hampshire’s human ecology”. One of the missions of Sandwich Citizens Housing is to emphasize the consequences of this imbalance and to propose and encourage ways of reversing it.



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