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BART - Barnstable Area Regional Trends

Summer Edition: Seasonal Homes on the Cape, Part I



BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA – There's often an overlap between strong resort and strong second-home communities, but they aren't the same thing. Second homeowners interact with the economy differently than tourists, providing direct tax benefits to their host towns, typically with fewer expectations and demands on municipal services. That's not to say there aren't other consequences.

For example, second home proliferation could explain the reduced availability of average-priced homes on the Cape, and potentially the displacement of year-round residents.

Through a series of interactive maps, data and historical information, this edition of BART (<http://www.capecodcommission.org/bart>) examines seasonal home trends over and across time and place, highlighting some economic implications of having a seasonally fluctuating population.

Barnstable Area Regional Trends (BART) is published quarterly by the Cape Cod Commission to identify and examine important economic trends in the region.

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ABOUT THE CAPE COD COMMISSION:

Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency for Barnstable County, Massachusetts. It was created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Cape Cod. The Commission works toward maintaining a healthy balance between economic progress and environmental vitality. "Keeping a special place special" describes the agency's mission to protect the region's unique qualities. The 19-member volunteer Cape Cod Commission board represents a wide spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 40 professionals. For more information, visit: <http://www.capecodcommission.org>.

