



Rutland, VT



The City and Town of Rutland, Vermont, are located in a wide valley between two mountain ranges, the Green Mountain range of Killington, Pico, and Shrewsbury on the east and the Taconic range on the west. The Town of Rutland surrounds Rutland City on all sides.

Rutland boomed with the development of the marble industry in the mid-1800s. Downtown Rutland City's architecture was impacted by the proximity of the marble quarries. Marble was used extensively in the construction or embellishment of many architecturally significant buildings. Many Victorian homes of the era still stand behind the Main Street Park. Many buildings along Merchants Row and Center Street are noted on the National Register of Historic Places. Significant buildings include the Rutland Savings Bank, the Opera House, the Gryphon Building, and Merchants Row.

Rutland is home to several cultural attractions. The Norman Rockwell Museum commemorates the time that Norman Rockwell spent in Vermont as well as the rest of his career. The New England Maple Museum covers over 200 years of maple sugaring history and includes a tasting room. The Chaffee Arts Center offers visual arts exhibitions and art classes and maintains a beautiful 1896 Queen Anne Victorian mansion that is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Rutland Historical Society provides historical information about the area of the "old" Town of Rutland, which now includes the City of Rutland and the towns of Rutland, Proctor, and West Rutland. The restored Paramount Theatre hosts musical and theatrical performances.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Rutland City has four residential neighborhoods: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest. The older neighborhoods are the Northwest and Southwest. Some homes in the Northwest are over 100 years old. This neighborhood also has more rental properties and more two-, three-, and four-family houses than other neighborhoods. The Northeast and Southeast neighborhoods have some undeveloped land. New construction is occurring in the Maryland Acres portion of the Northeast.

Rutland Town has an area known as Center Rutland Town that is village-like in nature and is dominated by houses that date from about 1910, several of which are on Vermont's Register of Historic Places. Elsewhere, housing ranges from farmhouses to Carmel Place, a new planned development for people 55 years and older that consists of duplexes as well as single-family homes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Rutland has 10 parks, including a skate park, an indoor ice-skating arena, and an outdoor swimming pool. Pine Hill Park offers a 300-acre, high-level, 16-mile single-track trail system for mountain biking, running, hiking, walking, GPSing/geocaching, and snowshoeing.

Rutland is located near the ski slopes of the Green Mountains. Killington is the largest ski and snowboard resort in the eastern United States.

The Vermont Rampage is a semiprofessional football team that plays in Rutland.

EDUCATION

Rutland City Public Schools educate 2,800 students at three primary schools (kindergarten–grade 2), an intermediate school (grades 3–6), a middle school (grades 7–8), a high school (grades 9–12), and a technical center. In addition, the school district provides a program designed to prevent high school students from dropping out of school and another for students in kindergarten to grade 12 who have had difficulties in adapting to a traditional classroom and school environment. An after-school and summer program offers extensive enrichment, tutorial, counseling, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Rutland Town has a school that serves students from kindergarten through grade 8. Afterwards, students attend one of the five area high schools.

Rutland has three opportunities for higher education. The College of St. Joseph is a Catholic college that grants bachelor's degrees and three master's degree programs. Community College of Vermont offers 17 associate's degree programs and 11 career certificates. The University of Vermont Extension Campus offers agriculture and other courses in Rutland.

HEALTH CARE

Rutland Regional Medical Center has 188 beds.

CITY STATS

2007

City Population	16,809
Town Population	4,075
County	63,454
Per capita personal income, Rutland, VT (County)	\$35,664