

Beacon has been growing larger every year. Our small town had a large boom in population for the past couple of years since many people from New York City have moved upstate. The DIA, an art museum that has opened, has increased visitation of tourists over the years.

In 10-20 years Beacons economy will surely increase because a lot of miscellaneous stores like Antique shops and the DIA center museum. The economy would grow because more residents and even more tourists would come to live or see an artsy yet still rural town. The environment around Beacon may change with the increase in population. If it's safe enough the town may open the Inn that had burned down on Mt. Beacon many years ago. People would be able ride the tram up the mountain either for the birds eye view of Beacon or to stay a night or weekend on the mountain. If the population grows they may build more houses up there. As the population grows so does the demand of certain things. Many people love to share their culture through art. The art galleries in town would have grown by a very fair amount. The Howland Cultural Center has had many art shows presenting many artists like Richard Outlaw a painter (A close family member of mine) and Miles Pinkney who is a photographer; one of his many books is *Shades of Black* (Recommended). As the population increases so should the amount of shows attendance. The age range would defiantly be most abundant in the adolescent-teenage range because many people like Beacon as a quite town to raise kids. The ethnic groups many either even out between the Caucasian, African and Latin American communities or the Caucasian and African American groups may diminish because many Latin Americans are moving upstate but all this may change because of war or other environmental or Government problems that may surface between now and then.

In Conclusion, the future of Beacon, New York is tied to just about everything. If the tourism increases the population may increase also and with the population increase the ethnic diversity may increase or even out between different races. In 10-20 years I foresee Beacon to be culturally diverse, financially solid, and an all around great place to live so says this Beaconite Sunedara Davis.