

SWAN'S ISLAND

COMMUNITY PROFILE

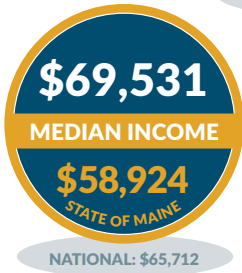
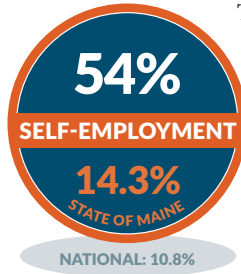
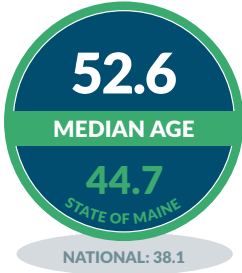


QUICK FACTS

Swan's Island unofficial motto is "6 miles east of ordinary." It is one of three year-round island communities located off the coast of Mount Desert Island, along with neighbor Frenchboro, and the Cranberry Isles to the northeast. The island is the traditional territory of the Penobscot people. Colonizers renamed the island after Col. James Swan in the 1700s. While there is no single town center, there are points of interest across the island from three previous distinct villages: Swan's Island, Minturn, and Atlantic.



ECONOMY

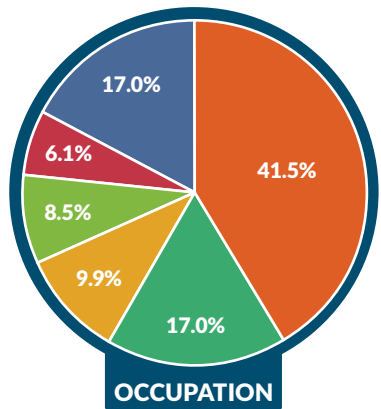


The island economy revolves around lobster fishing, with several active wharves and a fishing co-op supporting a fleet of 65 boats. Swan's Island has its own lobster zone. Clamming, locally grown shellfish, kelp aquaculture businesses, and a sea salt company are based in the waters around the island. The school is a major employer on the island, and many others work

in construction—including several local contractors and those who come from the mainland daily. Tourism is primarily through Airbnb rentals or a local real estate agent, although there is one four-unit motel on the island. Several small seasonal businesses are located in Atlantic and elsewhere on the island.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

Swan's Island has a K–8 school that is part of the Mount Desert Island Regional School System AOS–91. The town also runs a nursery school. The school classrooms are multi-age with Grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–8 being combined. After eighth grade, students commute to the mainland and have a choice of schools, though most choose to attend Mount Desert Island High School. While most students commute daily on the ferry, some board in nearby Southwest Harbor or other towns on Mount Desert Island to participate more fully in extracurricular activities.



2020–21 SCHOOL YEAR:
3 Teachers + 19 Students

YEAR-ROUND RESIDENT DATA FROM 2020 CENSUS AND SEASONAL HOUSING DATA FROM 2010 CENSUS. ALL OTHER DATA FROM THE 2019 AMERICAN COMMUNITY 5-YEAR SURVEY.

