

Table 2-8
Housing Units – Towns and Villages Burnett
County and Wisconsin, 1990-2000

	1990	2000	# Change 1990 2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
Total in Towns	10,478	11,166	688	6.6%
Total in Villages	1,265	1,416	151	11.9%
Burnett County	11,743	12,582	839	7.1%
Wisconsin	2,055,774	2,321,144	265,370	12.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990-2000, STF-1.

In 2000, the greatest amount of housing units in Burnett County was found in towns. Villages experienced the greatest percentage change in the number of housing units from 1990 to 2000; however, towns had the greatest change based on the number of housing units.

Housing Occupancy and Tenure

Table 2-10 and Figure 2-5 display the occupancy and tenure characteristics of housing units for Burnett County in 1990 and 2000.

Table 2-9
Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Burnett County, 1990-2000

	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	# Change 1990 - 2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
Total housing units	11,743	100.0%	12,582	100.0%	839	7.1%
Occupied housing units	5,242	44.6%	6,613	52.6%	1,371	26.2%
Owner-occupied	4,232	36.0%	5,587	44.4%	1,355	32.0%
Renter-occupied	1,010	8.6%	1,026	8.2%	16	1.6%
Vacant housing units	6,501	55.4%	5,969	47.4%	-532	-8.2%
Seasonal units	5,870	50.0%	5,664	45.0%	-206	-3.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990-2000, STF-1.

In 2000, approximately 53% of housing units were occupied and approximately 44% of the total units were owner occupied. The 2000 proportion of owner occupied units is lower than that of the State of Wisconsin as a whole at 68%, because seasonal units are not included. The share of seasonal units in Burnett County is significantly higher than the state average of 6.3%. This is primarily a result of the large amount of second homes people have in Burnett County to take advantage of the outdoor recreational and tourism opportunities and the proximity to the Twin Cities. From 1990 to 2000, the most significant change was the number of owner-occupied housing units, which increased by 1,355 in the 10 year span. Seasonal units decreased by over 200 from 1990 to 2000. This change is often an indicator of the conversion of seasonal homes to full-time residences. This trend may also be associated with the aging of the population, more