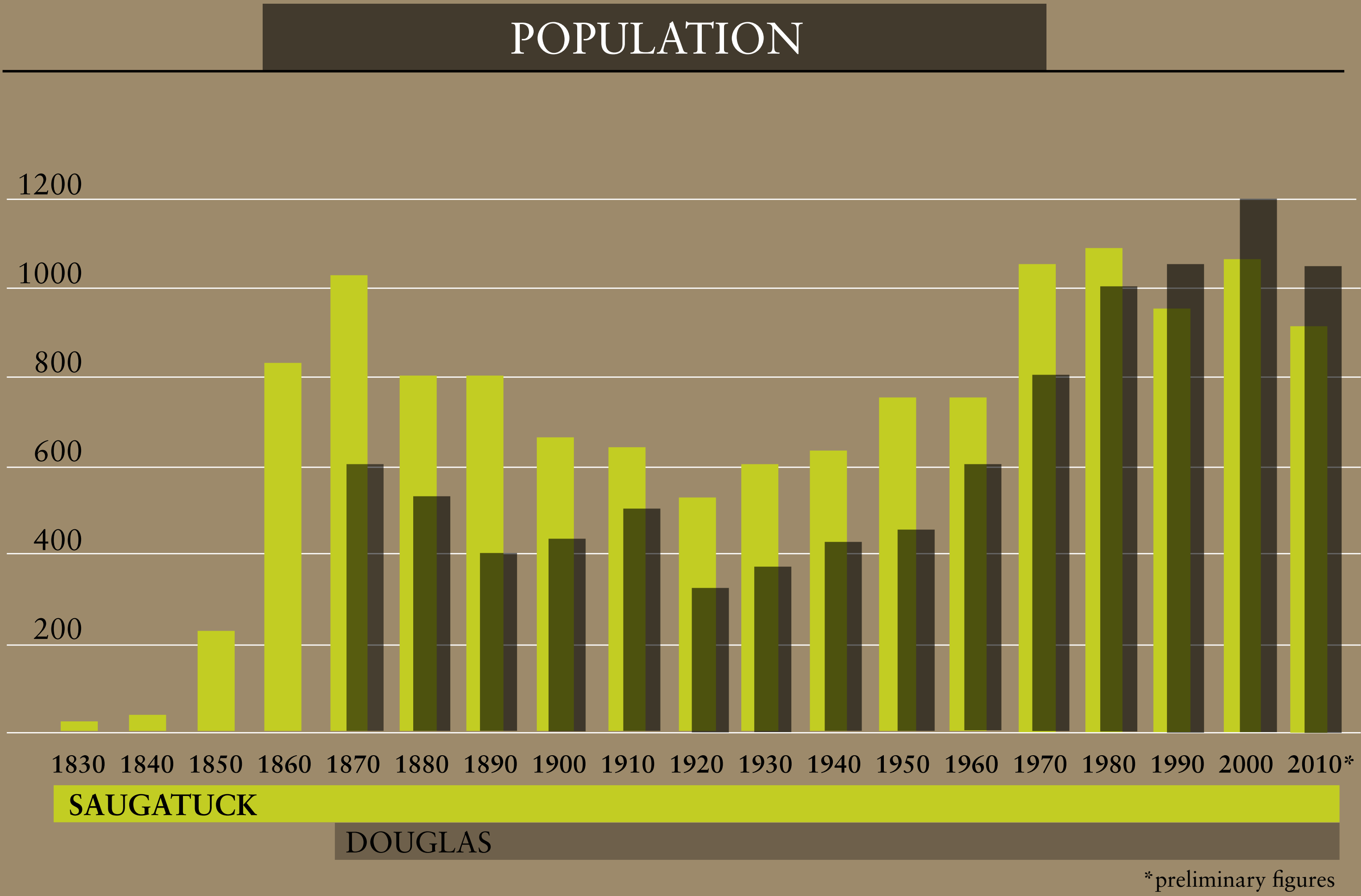


How big and how populated are the villages?

In 2000 the population of Saugatuck was 1,065 with a land area of 1.2 square miles. Douglas was slightly larger with 1,214 people and land area of 1.8 square miles. As many as 40 percent of the houses of the area are owned by non-residents who live in them for varying periods of the year. Some retirees and others without business commitments go to warmer climes in the winter but live in the area from April to November (or the first snow, whichever happens first). Others, especially those who are still working full time, spend weekdays at their other home, driving over here most weekends.



As early as 1915 when this picture was taken, it was evident that the population of the area increased as the weather got warmer.



Summer crowds enjoy a trip on the chain ferry.