

Latino Population

	Latino Persons				Percent of Total Population		
	1990	2000	Change	% Chg.	1990	2000	Change
Massachusetts	287,549	428,729	141,180	49.1%	4.8%	6.8%	2.0%
Springfield MSA	49,694	74,277	24,583	49.5%	8.5%	12.5%	4.1%
Hampden County	45,785	69,917	24,132	52.7%	10.0%	15.3%	5.3%
Hampshire County	3,887	5,212	1,325	34.1%	2.7%	3.4%	0.8%
Pioneer Valley Region	49,672	75,129	25,457	51.3%	8.2%	12.3%	4.1%
Agawam	308	514	206	66.9%	1.1%	1.8%	0.7%
Amherst	1,669	2,159	490	29.4%	4.7%	6.2%	1.5%
Belchertown	95	204	109	114.7%	0.9%	1.6%	0.7%
Blandford	13	4	(9)	(69.2%)	1.1%	0.3%	(0.8%)
Brimfield	21	43	22	104.8%	0.7%	1.3%	0.6%
Chester	9	17	8	88.9%	0.7%	1.3%	0.6%
Chesterfield	1	1	0	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	(0.0%)
Chicopee	2,050	4,790	2,740	133.7%	3.6%	8.8%	5.1%
Cummington	3	32	29	966.7%	0.4%	3.3%	2.9%
East Longmeadow	61	130	69	113.1%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%
Easthampton	273	336	63	23.1%	1.8%	2.1%	0.3%
Goshen	1	10	9	900.0%	0.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Granby	67	74	7	10.4%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%
Granville	3	10	7	233.3%	0.2%	0.7%	0.4%
Hadley	24	80	56	233.3%	0.6%	1.7%	1.1%
Hampden	24	33	9	37.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%
Hatfield	27	34	7	25.9%	0.8%	1.0%	0.2%
Holland	22	34	12	54.5%	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%
Holyoke	13,573	16,485	2,912	21.5%	31.1%	41.4%	10.3%
Huntington	32	40	8	25.0%	1.6%	1.8%	0.2%
Longmeadow	107	170	63	58.9%	0.7%	1.1%	0.4%
Ludlow	380	1,372	992	261.1%	2.0%	6.5%	4.4%
Middlefield	1	3	2	200.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%
Monson	51	98	47	92.2%	0.7%	1.2%	0.5%
Montgomery	2	5	3	150.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.5%
Northampton	1,201	1,518	317	26.4%	4.1%	5.2%	1.1%
Palmer	72	154	82	113.9%	0.6%	1.2%	0.6%
Pelham	33	26	(7)	(21.2%)	2.4%	1.9%	(0.6%)
Plainfield	6	4	(2)	(33.3%)	1.1%	0.7%	(0.4%)
Russell	5	25	20	400.0%	0.3%	1.5%	1.2%
South Hadley	210	405	195	92.9%	1.3%	2.4%	1.1%
Southampton	43	47	4	9.3%	1.0%	0.9%	(0.1%)
Southwick	74	152	78	105.4%	1.0%	1.7%	0.8%
Springfield	26,528	41,343	14,815	55.8%	16.9%	27.2%	10.3%
Tolland	1	5	4	400.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.8%
Wales	2	11	9	450.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%
Ware	145	202	57	39.3%	1.5%	2.1%	0.6%
West Springfield	814	1,605	791	97.2%	3.0%	5.8%	2.8%
Westfield	1,564	2,008	444	28.4%	4.1%	5.0%	0.9%
Westhampton	4	8	4	100.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%
Wilbraham	101	189	88	87.1%	0.8%	1.4%	0.6%
Williamsburg	26	16	(10)	(38.5%)	1.0%	0.7%	(0.4%)
Worthington	26	13	(13)	(50.0%)	2.2%	1.0%	(1.2%)

Sources: 1990 U.S. Census of Population and Housing Summary Tape File1A and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing Public Law 94-171 Data.

DATA DIGEST

A STATISTICAL PROFILE OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION

The Region's Changing Population

During the 1990s, the population of the Pioneer Valley region grew by nearly one percent. This modest growth coincided with increasing urban sprawl. The population of the region's most urbanized areas either declined or remained fairly stable while substantial growth occurred in outlying communities.

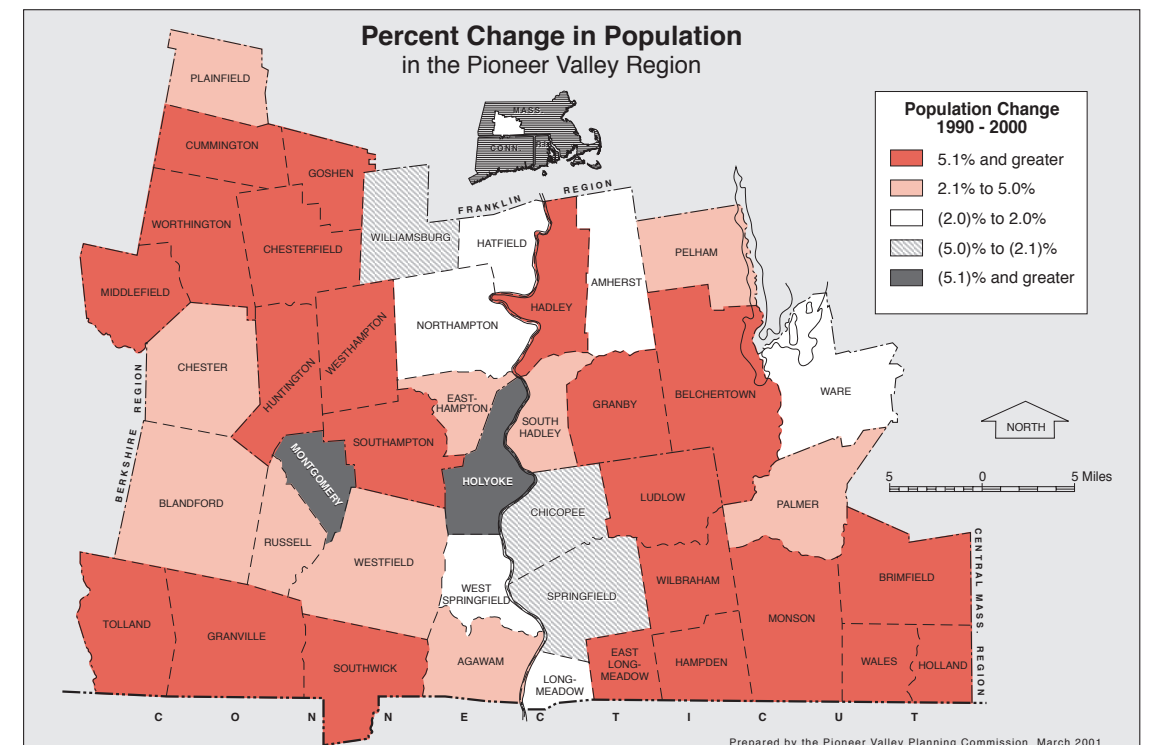
The three largest cities, Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke, each experienced population declines. In aggregate, their population declined by 10,746, or 4.2%. In sharp contrast is Belchertown's experience, which grew by 2,389 residents, or 22.6%. Southwick, another rural community, grew by 1,168 residents, or 15.2%.

The map below depicts the pattern of population growth and decline. Note that the areas of growth, represented by the two red shades, are generally outside of the most urbanized areas of the region.

As expected the region's Latino population grew substantially, by 51.3%. This was even greater than the statewide rate of 49.1%. While the bulk of this growth occurred within the region's urban core (20,467 of the 25,457 new Latino residents), significant increases occurred in many places throughout the Valley. Agawam, Amherst, Ludlow, Northampton, Westfield, and West Springfield are among those communities with the greatest gain of Latinos.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to report population changes by racial categories. Census 2000 was the first census allowing respondents to identify with more than one race. During previous censuses, respondents were restricted to selecting one race. Thus, one cannot determine to what extent the population difference for any race is a result of a change in population rather than the difference reflecting additional races being selected by long-time residents.

The data reported in this publication is from the first Census 2000 data to be released. Over the next few years the U.S. Census Bureau will continue releasing the results of Census 2000, each release coming with greater detail. A schedule of planned releases from Census 2000 is at <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/releaseschedule.html>.



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Total Population

	1990	2000	Change	%Chg.
Massachusetts	6,016,425	6,349,097	332,672	5.5%
Springfield MSA	587,884	591,932	4,048	0.7%
Hampden County	456,310	456,228	(82)	(0.0%)
Hampshire County	146,568	152,251	5,683	3.9%
Pioneer Valley Region	602,878	608,479	5,601	0.9%
Agawam	27,323	28,144	821	3.0%
Amherst	35,228	34,874	(354)	(1.0%)
Belchertown	10,579	12,968	2,389	22.6%
Blandford	1,187	1,214	27	2.3%
Brimfield	3,001	3,339	338	11.3%
Chester	1,280	1,308	28	2.2%
Chesterfield	1,048	1,201	153	14.6%
Chicopee	56,632	54,653	(1,979)	(3.5%)
Cummington	785	978	193	24.6%
East Longmeadow	13,367	14,100	733	5.5%
Easthampton	15,537	15,994	457	2.9%
Goshen	830	921	91	11.0%
Granby	5,565	6,132	567	10.2%
Granville	1,403	1,521	118	8.4%
Hadley	4,231	4,793	562	13.3%
Hampden	4,709	5,171	462	9.8%
Hatfield	3,184	3,249	65	2.0%
Holland	2,185	2,407	222	10.2%
Holyoke	43,704	39,838	(3,866)	(8.8%)
Huntington	1,987	2,174	187	9.4%
Longmeadow	15,467	15,633	166	1.1%
Ludlow	18,820	21,209	2,389	12.7%
Middlefield	392	542	150	38.3%
Monson	7,776	8,359	583	7.5%
Montgomery	759	654	(105)	(13.8%)
Northampton	29,289	28,978	(311)	(1.1%)
Palmer	12,054	12,497	443	3.7%
Pelham	1,373	1,403	30	2.2%
Plainfield	571	589	18	3.2%
Russell	1,594	1,657	63	4.0%
South Hadley	16,685	17,196	511	3.1%
Southampton	4,478	5,387	909	20.3%
Southwick	7,667	8,835	1,168	15.2%
Springfield	156,983	152,082	(4,901)	(3.1%)
Tolland	289	426	137	47.4%
Wales	1,566	1,737	171	10.9%
Ware	9,808	9,707	(101)	(1.0%)
West Springfield	27,537	27,899	362	1.3%
Westfield	38,372	40,072	1,700	4.4%
Westhampton	1,327	1,468	141	10.6%
Wilbraham	12,635	13,473	838	6.6%
Williamsburg	2,515	2,427	(88)	(3.5%)
Worthington	1,156	1,270	114	9.9%

Population Density (Persons per Square Mile)

Land (sq. miles)	1990	2000	Change	% Chg.
7,838.0	767.6	810.0	42.4	5.5%
735.6	799.1	804.6	5.5	0.7%
618.5	737.7	737.6	(0.1)	(0.0%)
529.0	277.1	287.8	10.7	3.9%
1,147.5	525.4	530.2	4.9	0.9%
23.2	1,175.6	1,210.9	35.3	3.0%
27.7	1,272.6	1,259.8	(12.8)	(1.0%)
52.7	200.6	245.9	45.3	22.6%
51.7	22.9	23.5	0.5	2.3%
34.8	86.3	96.0	9.7	11.3%
36.7	34.8	35.6	0.8	2.2%
31.1	33.7	38.6	4.9	14.6%
22.9	2,475.4	2,388.9	(86.5)	(3.5%)
23.1	34.0	42.4	8.4	24.6%
13.0	1,030.8	1,087.3	56.5	5.5%
13.4	1,158.2	1,192.3	34.1	2.9%
17.4	47.8	53.0	5.2	11.0%
27.9	199.7	220.0	20.3	10.2%
42.2	33.2	36.0	2.8	8.4%
23.3	181.5	205.7	24.1	13.3%
19.6	239.8	263.3	23.5	9.8%
16.0	198.8	202.8	4.1	2.0%
12.4	176.3	194.2	17.9	10.2%
21.3	2,053.2	1,871.6	(181.6)	(8.8%)
26.6	74.6	81.6	7.0	9.4%
9.0	1,714.6	1,733.0	18.4	1.1%
27.1	693.2	781.2	88.0	12.7%
24.2	16.2	22.4	6.2	38.3%
44.3	175.6	188.7	13.2	7.5%
15.1	50.4	43.4	(7.0)	(13.8%)
34.5	849.9	840.9	(9.0)	(1.1%)
31.5	382.3	396.3	14.0	3.7%
25.1	54.8	56.0	1.2	2.2%
21.1	27.1	28.0	0.9	3.2%
17.6	90.8	94.4	3.6	4.0%
17.7	942.3	971.2	28.9	3.1%
28.2	159.1	191.4	32.3	20.3%
31.0	247.7	285.4	37.7	15.2%
32.1	4,889.8	4,737.1	(152.7)	(3.1%)
31.6	9.1	13.5	4.3	47.4%
15.8	99.4	110.3	10.9	10.9%
34.4	285.0	282.1	(2.9)	(1.0%)
16.8	1,643.8	1,665.4	21.6	1.3%
46.6	823.7	860.1	36.5	4.4%
27.1	48.9	54.1	5.2	10.6%
22.2	568.5	606.2	37.7	6.6%
25.6	98.1	94.7	(3.4)	(3.5%)
32.1	36.1	39.6	3.6	9.9%

Percent Population by Race: 2000

White		African American		Native American		Asian		Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander		Other Races	
Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
84.5%	86.2%	5.4%	6.3%	0.2%	0.6%	3.8%	4.2%	0.0%	0.1%	3.7%	5.1%
81.6%	83.3%	6.7%	7.6%	0.2%	0.7%	1.9%	2.2%	0.1%	0.2%	7.2%	8.3%
79.1%	80.8%	8.1%	9.0%	0.3%	0.7%	1.3%	1.6%	0.1%	0.2%	8.8%	10.2%
91.1%	92.6%	2.0%	2.6%	0.2%	0.7%	3.4%	3.9%	0.1%	0.1%	1.5%	2.0%
82.1%	83.8%	6.6%	7.4%	0.2%	0.7%	1.8%	2.2%	0.1%	0.2%	7.0%	8.1%
96.7%	97.4%	0.9%	1.1%	0.2%	0.4%	1.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.7%
79.3%	82.0%	5.1%	6.4%	0.2%	0.9%	9.0%	10.2%	0.1%	0.2%	2.9%	4.0%
96.1%	97.3%	0.8%	1.2%	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.9%
98.8%	99.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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98.7%	99.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
89.8%	91.4%	2.3%	2.8%	0.2%	0.5%	0.9%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	4.9%	5.9%
96.4%	98.2%	0.6%	1.0%	0.4%	1.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%
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99.0%	99.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
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65.8%	68.0%	3.7%	4.6%	0.4%	0.8%	0.8%	1.0%	0.1%	0.2%	26.4%	28.4%
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97.4%	98.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.2%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%
56.1%	58.7%	21.0%	22.9%	0.4%	1.0%	1.9%	2.3%	0.1%	0.5%	16.4%	18.9%
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Note: Departing from previous federal censuses, the 2000 census permitted respondents to select more than one race. Because a white-Asian will be reported twice, as both a white and an Asian, the sum of the population for each race will exceed the total population. As reported above, the *minimum* reflects the number of persons selecting only that race. The *maximum* includes all persons selecting that race.