



AGAWAM

Agawam was the first colonial settlement in the Pioneer Valley region in 1635. The Connecticut River forms the Town's eastern border and is the basis for Agawam's name, a Native American word meaning "crooked river." Over time the town developed a rich agricultural industry which, while still evident, has largely declined in favor of residential, commercial and industrial growth. Since 1990, the town's population has increased by almost 5 percent to 28,626 in 2014.

Agawam benefits from its location near the regional highway system and nearby airport, providing a link to many of the area's opportunities. Today, Agawam is a residential community for residents who commute to both Springfield and neighboring Connecticut, and is also home to a thriving commercial and industrial center. State Route 57, the Town's primary highway, provides direct access to the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

Agawam prides itself on a small town atmosphere where many people participate in civic activities, school affairs, and sports events. Recent home construction has coincided with the town's effort to protect its historic open spaces and rural character. Agawam may be most widely known as the home of Six Flags New England, the largest amusement park in New England. Six Flags attracts visitors from throughout the Northeast. The park's carousel is a landmark located on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Profiles covering all forty-three communities in the Pioneer Valley Region and a range of other topics are available. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Regional Information Center provides demographic, economic, and geographic data and services including mapping, research, and analysis to its constituent communities and to the public. Contact the Information Center for additional information.

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Type of Government:

Mayor and 11 member City Council

Transit System:

Public Carrier Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carrier Peter Pan (Limited Service)

Para-Transit Carrier Council on Aging, PVRTA

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	15,566
Square Miles	24
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	28,994
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.74
Commercial/Industrial	\$28.29

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	21,717
2014	26,271
1990	27,320
2000	28,184
2010	28,438
2014	28,626

2014	Race and Latino Population
White	93.4%
Black	1.2%
Asian	2.3%
Other	3.0%
Latino (of any race)	5.6%

Note: Race %s can be greater than 100% because of multiple race persons.

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.2	5.6	4.7
5 - 9	6.3	6.1	5.2
10 - 14	5.8	6.5	6.3
15 - 19	6.4	6.1	6.3
20 - 24	6.8	4.2	5.1
25 - 34	17.3	12.6	10.3
35 - 44	16.7	17.0	13.1
45 - 54	10.6	15.4	16.7
55 - 59	4.2	5.7	7.6
60 - 64	4.5	3.9	6.7
65 - 74	8.5	7.4	8.2
75 & over	6.6	9.4	9.9

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	24
Total Road Miles	2009 152

Land Use	Acres
Residential	4,483
Commercial	310
Industrial	591
Urban Open/Public	289
Transportation	253
Outdoor Recreational	793
Agricultural Land	1,727
Undeveloped Land	6,428
Water	620

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Robinson State Park

GOLF COURSES: Agawam Country Club, St. Anne Golf Course, Crest View Country Club (private), Oak Ridge Country Club

OTHER: Agawam Repertory Theatre, Agawam Stable, Springfield Yacht and Canoe, Six Flags New England.

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Revenue; Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development; Massachusetts Department of Education; United States Census Bureau; The Warren Group; Resource Mapping; University of Massachusetts; Applied Geographic Solutions; Local Municipal Offices

EMPLOYERS and EMPLOYMENT

2014

Industry	Number	Percent of Community Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	18	0.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,896	15.9%
Construction	656	5.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	278	2.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,839	15.4%
Information	32	0.3%
Manufacturing	2,157	18.1%
Services	2,612	21.9%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	222	1.9%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,607	13.5%
Average Weekly Wage	\$839	

Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.

Self-employed (includes all business types) 47

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

22.7%	work in Agawam
77.3%	commute out of Agawam

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	301	\$192,500
2011	298	\$176,550
2012	294	\$175,500
2013	310	\$190,000
2014	336	\$190,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013	
Less than 12 years	8.1%
4 years High School	32.7%
Less than 4 years College	32.7%
4 or more years College	26.6%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Agawam	PK-12	\$12,913

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	16,014	4.9%
2005	16,016	4.6%
2006	16,083	4.7%
2007	15,995	4.3%
2008	15,860	5.2%
2009	15,802	7.9%
2010	15,819	8.4%
2011	15,484	6.9%
2012	15,479	6.1%
2013	15,549	6.4%
2014	15,816	5.8%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	5.7%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	3.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	11.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8.0%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.5%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.0%
\$75,000 & over	41.8%

Median Household Income: 2014 \$63,561

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 9.3%