



BLANDFORD

The town of Blandford is a rural hilltown located on the western border of Hampden County, at the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains. The town is known for several popular recreational attractions, however its rural location and rugged terrain has limited any significant development activity.

Originally settled in 1741, it became one of the more prosperous towns in the area when dairy farming took over from the traditional farming practices of sheep raising and grain harvesting. Blandford became a bustling agricultural community known for its cheese production during the late 19th century. Historically, the town was located in an important transportation corridor during the revolutionary war.

The town of Blandford also has its place in "Hollywood History;" during the 1930s some early "Tarzan" movies were filmed on location, as well as portions of the Shirley Temple film "The Little Rebel."

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Type of Government:

Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen

Transit System:

Public Carrier None

Private Carrier None

Para-Transit Carrier None

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	34,183
Square Miles	53
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	1,442
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.44
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.44

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	863
2014	1,038
1990	1,182
2000	1,217
2010	1,233
2014	1,186

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	99.2%
Black	0.0%
Asian	0.6%
Other	0.3%
Latino (of any race)	0.3%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	7.0	5.7	4.4
5 - 9	7.6	5.5	5.2
10 - 14	7.8	7.8	6.4
15 - 19	6.7	7.3	5.6
20 - 24	3.7	4.5	4.9
25 - 34	15.2	10.4	8.5
35 - 44	22.2	17.5	12.9
45 - 54	12.1	21.4	18.9
55 - 59	4.4	6.8	9.2
60 - 64	3.3	3.6	10.6
65 - 74	7.0	4.9	7.7
75 & over	3.1	4.7	5.6

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	53
Total Road Miles	2009 90

Land Use	Acres
Residential	486
Commercial	4
Industrial	1
Urban Open/Public	51
Transportation	212
Outdoor Recreational	123
Agricultural Land	892
Undeveloped Land	31,230
Water	1,179

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Springfield Watershed, Watson Park, Blandford/Chester State Forest.

GOLF COURSES: Blandford Country Club.

OTHER: Blandford Ski Area, Blandford Fair Grounds.

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	0	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	134	60.6%
Construction	8	3.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	80	36.2%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0%
<i>Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.</i>		
Average Weekly Wage	\$306	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	87	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

14.7%	work in Blandford
85.3%	commute out of Blandford

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	12	\$183,500
2011	13	\$107,500
2012	14	\$144,950
2013	11	\$195,000
2014	22	\$119,500

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013	
Less than 12 years	5.1%
4 years High School	34.3%
Less than 4 years College	32.1%
4 or more years College	28.5%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Gateway	PK-12	\$14,619
Smith	9-12	\$17,954
Vocational		

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	749	5.9%
2005	744	4.7%
2006	751	4.3%
2007	755	4.1%
2008	741	3.9%
2009	744	6.7%
2010	750	7.9%
2011	724	5.9%
2012	726	5.0%
2013	731	5.7%
2014	743	5.1%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	0.6%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	2.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	3.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	9.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	11.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	24.4%
\$75,000 & over	47.6%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$72,361

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 5.6%