



# BRIMFIELD

Brimfield is a small, residential community located on the southwestern edge of Hampden County. Comprised of 5 villages - Brimfield Center, East and West Brimfield, Fentonville and Dingley Dell, the town has managed to resist the extreme development pressure typical of many rural, residential towns.

Brimfield was the third town to be settled in Hampden County and was originally founded as a plantation, adjoining Springfield in 1701. In 1731, it was incorporated as an independent town, covering an area which today is made up of Monson, Wales and Holland. Though predominantly a farming community, industry during the colonial period included the manufacturing of pottery, bricks and wool clothing. Throughout the 19th century, manufacturing activity increased, as grist mills, saw mills and even a distillery were introduced into the community.

The town's land is characterized by lakes, streams and gentle, rolling landscapes. Steerage Rock, located on the ridge of Mount Waddaquaddock, was an important landmark during colonial times on the Bay Path Trail, which connected Boston with towns along the Connecticut River Valley.

Today, Brimfield is host to the largest antique show and flea market in all of New England. Nationally renowned, this market is held three times a year on expansive grounds along Route 20. Prior to the construction of the Massachusetts Turnpike, Route 20 was the main highway connecting Boston and Western Massachusetts.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
 60 Congress Street - Floor 1  
 Springfield, Massachusetts 01104-3419  
 Telephone: (413) 781-6045  
<http://www.pvpc.org>

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.

This material is copyright of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

**Type of Government:**

Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen

**Transit System:**

*Public Carrier* None

*Private Carrier* None

*Para-Transit Carrier* None

## MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Town Hall  
 23 Main Street  
 Brimfield, MA 01010  
 Phone: (413) 245-4100  
 FAX: (413) 245-4107

## LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	22,588
Square Miles	35
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	4,289
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.79
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.79

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	1,907
2014	2,318
1990	3,006
2000	3,368
2010	3,609
2014	3,667

**2014 Race and Latino Population**

White	100.0%
Black	0.0%
Asian	0.0%
Other	0.0%
Latino (of any race)	1.2%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	7.8	6.1	4.4
5 - 9	8.6	7.1	5.6
10 - 14	8.1	9.0	7.1
15 - 19	5.2	7.6	6.6
20 - 24	4.0	3.3	3.8
25 - 34	15.1	10.1	8.3
35 - 44	18.2	18.8	14.8
45 - 54	11.2	17.3	19.5
55 - 59	4.0	5.7	9.0
60 - 64	3.9	4.1	7.0
65 - 74	7.4	6.0	8.1
75 & over	6.5	5.0	5.8

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	35
Total Road Miles	2009 79

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,490
Commercial	149
Industrial	32
Urban Open/Public	21
Transportation	65
Outdoor Recreational	29
Agricultural Land	1,385
Undeveloped Land	18,902
Water	364

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Brimfield State Forest, East Brimfield Reservoir

GOLF COURSES: none

OTHER: Post 430 Sportsmen's Club

SPECIAL: Quinebaug Cove Camping, Springfield Boys Clubs Camp, Mary Lyon Birthplace, Village Green Camping, Brimfield Bike Trail

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	32	6.3%
Construction	66	13.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	32	6.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	32	6.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	163	32.1%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	13	2.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	43	8.5%
<i>Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.</i>		
Average Weekly Wage	\$760	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	290	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

18.9%	work in Brimfield
81.1%	commute out of Brimfield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	60	\$185,500
2011	36	\$145,500
2012	45	\$150,000
2013	39	\$159,000
2014	57	\$210,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older \*

2013	
Less than 12 years	8.3%
4 years High School	23.9%
Less than 4 years College	25.2%
4 or more years College	42.6%

\*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Brimfield	PK-6	\$13,994
Tantasqua	7-12	\$12,403
Tantasqua Vocational	9-12	\$13,588

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	1,988	5.5%
2005	2,004	4.9%
2006	2,055	5.3%
2007	2,061	5.1%
2008	2,059	5.5%
2009	2,080	8.4%
2010	2,068	8.2%
2011	2,134	6.8%
2012	2,158	6.0%
2013	2,182	6.4%
2014	2,214	5.6%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	2.9%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4.4%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	13.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	8.2%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	11.0%
\$75,000 & over	54.0%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$82,365

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 3.0%