



CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield's landscape is characterized by magnificent rolling hills with two main valleys through which branches of the Westfield River flow, which designated as a National Scenic and Wild River. Established in 1762, Chesterfield's farming activity has declined since colonial days, though some dairy farms and orchards remain. The economy in town is influenced by small wood product and lumber businesses, though the majority of residents commute elsewhere to work. Chesterfield Gorge, a 60 acre preserve which offers picnicking and fishing contains a magnificent 30-foot abyss near the headwaters of the pristine Westfield River.

Blacksmith Samuel Eddy, whose participation in the Battle of Saylor's Creek in Virginia during the Civil War made him Hampshire County's only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, was from Chesterfield. Chesterfield's New England heritage is maintained with Grange suppers, Town Meetings held at the Town Hall, and special Town Meetings and elections held in the Town Offices, formerly the Davenport School.

Chesterfield is a community looking to preserve its past, present and future by adopting bylaws that support sustainability. The Town of Chesterfield is a farming community and through its Right to Farm bylaw, encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands. In addition, Chesterfield is actively supporting alternative energy sources by its adoption of the Wind Energy System bylaw and was designated a Massachusetts Green Community.

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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:

Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen

Transit System:

Public Carrier None

Private Carrier None

Para-Transit Carrier Franklin Regional

Transit Authority

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Town Offices
 422 Main Road
 Chesterfield, MA 01012
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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,007
Square Miles	31
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	1,433
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$19.09
Commercial/Industrial	\$19.09

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	556
2014	704
1990	1,050
2000	1,206
2010	1,222
2014	1,221

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	98.8%
Black	0.0%
Asian	0.0%
Other	1.2%
Latino (of any race)	0.8%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.8	6.2	3.3
5 - 9	9.9	7.1	5.5
10 - 14	7.8	7.2	7.0
15 - 19	6.7	7.4	6.3
20 - 24	4.3	4.0	3.4
25 - 34	17.0	10.7	10.0
35 - 44	22.1	19.1	12.7
45 - 54	10.2	19.4	19.7
55 - 59	4.1	5.6	9.8
60 - 64	3.2	3.7	9.0
65 - 74	5.0	6.0	7.9
75 & over	3.0	3.8	5.4

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		31
Total Road Miles	2009	58

Land Use	Acres
Residential	485
Commercial	14
Industrial	16
Urban Open/Public	19
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	12
Agricultural Land	1,017
Undeveloped Land	18,151
Water	275

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Chesterfield Gorge State Park, Chesterfield Gorge Reservoir, Phillip W. Russell Park.

GOLF COURSES: none

OTHER: Chesterfield Boy Scout Camp, The Bend.

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	0	0.0%
Construction	21	15.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25	18.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	73	52.9%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	3	2.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0%

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

Average Weekly Wage \$507

Self-employed (includes all business types) 95

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

12.3% work in Chesterfield
87.7% commute out of Chesterfield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	16	\$162,000
2011	23	\$133,500
2012	19	\$152,000
2013	15	\$190,000
2014	16	\$127,500

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013

Less than 12 years	3.2%
4 years High School	28.5%
Less than 4 years College	27.6%
4 or more years College	40.6%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Chesterfield-Goshen	K-6	\$11,938
Hampshire	7-12	\$14,819

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	753	4.0%
2005	754	2.9%
2006	773	4.4%
2007	766	3.3%
2008	776	4.1%
2009	760	6.6%
2010	764	7.5%
2011	722	5.0%
2012	733	5.0%
2013	729	4.9%
2014	738	4.1%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	3.5%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	6.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	16.0%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	22.2%
\$75,000 & over	39.8%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$63,594

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 7.3%