



CUMMINGTON

Cummington is a rural hill town community with a growing population of 925, an 18 percent increase since 1990. Many residents commute to work in Northampton and Pittsfield. Comprised of three villages, Cummington Center, West Cummington, and Swift River, the town is hilly and heavily wooded. The town is primarily residential with a year-round resort community.

Woolen and cotton mills and the making of palm leaf hats were main industries in the 19th century but when the railroad bi-passed the town, many industries vacated. Small family farms with dairy, fruit, and maple syrup operations became active and remain so today. The town's history is rich with artists and performers who have made their home in Cummington. William Cullen Bryant, poet and New York Evening Post editor, settled here in 1865. In 1872 he built the Cummington Library and the librarian's house, which is still a benefit of employment as a librarian.

The Cummington Press was once one of the finest small publishing presses, which actively helped struggling writers gain a larger audience for their works. In addition, the town was featured in the short film produced by the US Office of War Information in 1945, entitled "The Cummington Story," which told the stories of families of Jewish artists who escaped Hitler's Europe. Once a stately resort, the Swift River Farm was converted to the Academy at Swift River, an innovative, therapeutic, private high school.

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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 Hall
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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	14,763
Square Miles	23
2012 Vehicle Registrations (autos and light trucks)	1,058
2015 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$12.97
Commercial/Industrial	\$12.97

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	562
2014	657
1990	785
2000	978
2010	872
2014	925

2014	Race and Latino Population
White	94.5%
Black	3.4%
Asian	0.0%
Other	2.2%
Latino (of any race)	2.1%

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	3.7	3.7
5 - 9	8.0	4.7	5.2
10 - 14	7.6	6.1	5.5
15 - 19	6.1	16.6	5.7
20 - 24	5.2	2.6	2.8
25 - 34	17.5	12.2	8.0
35 - 44	21.0	18.1	14.2
45 - 54	8.7	15.8	26.6
55 - 59	3.4	5.2	11.1
60 - 64	3.7	3.9	9.5
65 - 74	7.6	5.9	6.4
75 & over	5.1	5.3	7.2

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		23
Total Road Miles	2009	62

Land Use	Acres
Residential	399
Commercial	25
Industrial	22
Urban Open/Public	17
Transportation	15
Outdoor Recreational	76
Agricultural Land	1,347
Undeveloped Land	12,709
Water	117

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Cummington Town Recreation Area, Deer Hill State Reserve, Town Forest, Town Beach, Cummington Fairgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: none

OTHER: Deer Hill Rod and Gun Club, ShireVillage Campground, W.C. Bryant Homestead, Kingsman Tavern Historica Museum, Greenwood Musical Camp.

SPECIAL: Sheep and Wool Fair.

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	0	0.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7	4.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	16	8.1%
Services	79	52.3%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	47	31.1%
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 \$551

Self-employed (includes all business types) 101

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

29.6%	work in Cummington
70.4%	commute out of Cummington

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	9	\$120,000
2011	12	\$166,500
2012	17	\$217,500
2013	11	\$154,000
2014	18	\$127,500

EDUCATION

*Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older **

2013	
Less than 12 years	3.0%
4 years High School	28.5%
Less than 4 years College	27.5%
4 or more years College	41.0%

**Expressed as the highest level attained.*

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost
2013		
Central Berkshire	PK-12	\$14,143
Smith Vocational	9-12	\$17,954

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	527	5.7%
2005	525	5.5%
2006	533	6.8%
2007	522	5.2%
2008	517	6.2%
2009	508	8.5%
2010	507	8.7%
2011	455	6.6%
2012	457	5.9%
2013	453	6.4%
2014	458	5.5%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	1.4%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	7.2%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	13.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	13.3%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	23.1%
\$75,000 & over	28.0%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$50,521

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 6.4%