



# GOSHEN

While the town of Goshen has experienced growth pressures, it has largely maintained its quiet country character. Residential development has consisted mainly of single family homes in an area which lies along Route 9. The remainder of Goshen is hilly and forested, with some scattered open fields in farming.

Incorporated in 1781, the town was named after the Goshen of biblical accounts, which the Israelites inhabited while in Egypt. As with most hilltowns, the Congregational Church has played a central role in its establishment, and biblical references are part of the fabric of the community to this day.

Quarrying was an important industry in the 19th century. One quarry produced what has been called Goshen Stone, and the mineral lithium aluminum silicate, the source of lithium metal, was found in town. There are still geological digs every year on the spot now call Lithia Farms.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Forest, the first D.A.R. in the United States, is located in Goshen and there is a beach at the upper and lower Highland Lake. Goshen has its own elementary school and it's a member of the Hampshire Regional School District. There is no public water or sewer system. Residents obtain water from private springs and wells.

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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	11,326
Square Miles	18
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	1,212
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.74
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.74

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	483
2014	651
1990	764
2000	924
2010	1,054
2014	1,151
<b>2014 Race and Latino Population</b>	
White	98.0%
Black	0.0%
Asian	1.5%
Other	0.5%
Latino (of any race)	1.7%

*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	4.6	5.6
5 - 9	7.6	5.7	5.7
10 - 14	4.6	6.4	5.2
15 - 19	6.9	7.4	6.5
20 - 24	7.4	2.3	3.8
25 - 34	15.3	12.5	7.8
35 - 44	20.2	19.6	14.7
45 - 54	13.4	18.6	19.2
55 - 59	2.5	7.4	10.2
60 - 64	4.3	5.1	7.5
65 - 74	6.0	5.8	9.5
75 & over	4.0	4.9	4.4

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	18
Total Road Miles	2009 43

Land Use	Acres
Residential	401
Commercial	21
Industrial	18
Urban Open/Public	27
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	60
Agricultural Land	409
Undeveloped Land	10,153
Water	215

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Town Park, DAR State Forest, Tilton Recreation Area.

GOLF COURSES: None

OTHER: Camp Howe.

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	20	12.3%
Construction	15	9.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	103	63.6%
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	\$519	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	126	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

19.0%	work in Goshen
81.0%	commute out of Goshen

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	20	\$149,250
2011	15	\$175,000
2012	21	\$125,000
2013	21	\$125,000
2014	19	\$137,500

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older \* 2013

Less than 12 years	4.1%
4 years High School	31.4%
Less than 4 years College	29.8%
4 or more years College	34.6%

\*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	593	3.4%
2005	589	2.5%
2006	600	3.3%
2007	597	2.7%
2008	615	4.7%
2009	599	6.3%
2010	594	6.1%
2011	624	3.7%
2012	634	4.1%
2013	633	4.4%
2014	644	4.0%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	4.6%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	2.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	3.7%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	11.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	27.5%
\$75,000 & over	41.1%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$69,219

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 2.8%