



HAMPDEN

Located only 10 miles east of Springfield and 30 miles northeast of Hartford, this small town maintains its scenic, rural landscape. Consisting of fields, forests, and hills, it is not well-suited for intense development. It also has no public water or sewer system. These factors have limited Hampden's commercial and industrial development. This community is comprised primarily of single family homes.

Historically the town was a small textile manufacturing center. However, Hampden transitioned into a residential community with the construction of summer homes. A former cider mill and stagecoach stop are reminders of the town's early commercial roots.

Today Hampden offers a Premier Senior Center, family-run grocery mart, convenience stores, garden and flower shops, restaurants, a thriving theater group, The Hampden Theater Guild and a flourishing boutique offering gifts, clothing and jewelry as well as small commercial operations, located in a developed industrial area.

One of Hampden's most valuable resources is the Laughing Brook Education Center & Wildlife Sanctuary, managed by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Laughing Brook has 356 acres of fields and woodlands with hiking trails, and a touch-and-see trail for the blind. In addition, there are many trail along Minnechaug Mountain and goat Rock allowing people to enjoy protected lands in Hampden.

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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 Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carrier None

Para-Transit Carrier Council on Aging, PVTA

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	12,569
Square Miles	20
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	5,894
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$18.98
Commercial/Industrial	\$18.98

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	4,572
2014	4,745
1990	4,726
2000	5,104
2010	5,139
2014	5,174

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	98.6%
Black	0.4%
Asian	0.0%
Other	1.0%
Latino (of any race)	1.0%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	5.5	5.3	3.7
5 - 9	7.3	7.4	5.9
10 - 14	6.7	8.6	7.2
15 - 19	6.9	7.3	6.8
20 - 24	6.3	3.0	4.5
25 - 34	13.2	8.4	6.7
35 - 44	18.2	18.5	11.6
45 - 54	14.5	17.1	18.8
55 - 59	5.3	6.3	8.7
60 - 64	4.5	5.0	7.8
65 - 74	5.9	7.3	10.3
75 & over	5.8	6.0	8.2

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	20
Total Road Miles	2009 55

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,631
Commercial	65
Industrial	39
Urban Open/Public	68
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	153
Agricultural Land	813
Undeveloped Land	9,721
Water	17

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Hampden Memorial Park.

GOLF COURSES: Great Horse Country Club.

OTHER: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Scantic Valley Horse Club, Laughing Brook Education & Wildlife Sanctuary.

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	132	16.0%
Construction	70	8.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	13	1.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	153	18.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	20	2.4%
Services	375	45.4%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	9	1.1%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	54	6.5%

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

Average Weekly Wage \$759

Self-employed (includes all business types) 310

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

17.1%	work in Hampden
82.9%	commute out of Hampden

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	47	\$230,000
2011	50	\$249,950
2012	70	\$221,000
2013	65	\$244,900
2014	53	\$206,400

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013	
Less than 12 years	6.0%
4 years High School	28.6%
Less than 4 years College	31.1%
4 or more years College	34.3%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost
2013		
Hampden	PK-12	\$12,840
Wilbraham		

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	2,918	5.1%
2005	2,907	4.3%
2006	2,920	4.0%
2007	2,918	3.9%
2008	2,967	4.7%
2009	2,894	7.2%
2010	2,904	7.9%
2011	2,894	6.2%
2012	2,896	5.3%
2013	2,896	5.2%
2014	2,946	4.7%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	1.7%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	2.5%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	4.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.2%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21.7%
\$75,000 & over	53.1%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$78,722

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 4.2%