



# MIDDLEFIELD

Nestled in the Berkshire Hills, Middlefield has the highest elevation among the Hampshire County hilltowns at 1,650 feet. Facing west towards Pittsfield, Middlefield's plateau provides a view of 5 states. Though the town has a small population, it is a friendly and active community.

Established in 1783, the manufacture of woolens and union broadcloth prospered here in the mid-nineteenth century. Today, there are remains of 19th century soapstone quarries as well as a few cottage industries. Commercial agriculture, because of the prevalence of gravel and wetlands, remains impractical. A lone dairy farm continues their operations in town.

The Middlefield Agricultural Fair, which features horse and tractor pulls, is a popular attractions. Glendale Falls, located in the southeast part of town, is another favorite recreation spot.

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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

Town Hall  
 Skyline Trail  
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## LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	15,444
Square Miles	24
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	587
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$17.44
Commercial/Industrial	\$17.44

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	288
2014	385
1990	392
2000	542
2010	521
2014	514

**2014 Race and Latino Population**

White	95.3%
Black	0.0%
Asian	0.0%
Other	4.7%
Latino (of any race)	0.0%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.8	4.8	3.6
5 - 9	9.8	6.3	3.8
10 - 14	8.3	7.8	5.2
15 - 19	4.8	8.0	6.9
20 - 24	3.9	3.4	3.5
25 - 34	14.7	8.8	8.6
35 - 44	22.2	19.3	10.2
45 - 54	11.6	19.8	24.0
55 - 59	2.8	6.9	12.1
60 - 64	4.7	4.4	9.2
65 - 74	6.3	5.0	9.0
75 & over	4.3	5.6	3.8

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		24
Total Road Miles	2009	38

Land Use	Acres
Residential	0
Commercial	0
Industrial	0
Urban Open/Public	0
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	0
Agricultural Land	0
Undeveloped Land	0
Water	0

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: The Arches, Glendale Falls, Peru State Forest, Middlefield Fair Grounds, Middlefield Town Forest, Middlefield State Forest, Nature Conservatory.

GOLF COURSES: None

OTHER: None

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%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0%
Construction	0	0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	0%
Information	0	0%
Manufacturing	0	0%
Services	40	95.2%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	0	0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0%

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

Average Weekly Wage \$423

Self-employed (includes all business types) 44

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

13.5% work in Middlefield  
86.5% commute out of Middlefield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	15	\$42,000
2011	8	\$170,000
2012	8	\$103,750
2013	6	\$68,750
2014	8	\$131,500

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older \*

2013	
Less than 12 years	5.4%
4 years High School	37.8%
Less than 4 years College	39.6%
4 or more years College	17.4%

\*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Gateway	PK-12	\$14,619
Smith Vocational	9-12	\$17,954

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	321	3.7%
2005	324	3.7%
2006	327	3.7%
2007	326	2.8%
2008	328	3.4%
2009	327	7.3%
2010	321	6.2%
2011	340	5.0%
2012	339	4.1%
2013	341	5.3%
2014	340	4.1%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	7.3%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	3.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	9.4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	4.3%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	3.0%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	22.2%
\$75,000 & over	50.7%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$78,214

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 5.3%