



MONSON

Monson's rural, mountainous landscape and its close proximity to Springfield are attracting a growing population to this largely residential bedroom community.

Monson's distinctive Wilbraham Mountain Range was traditionally the scene of rocky hill farms. Granite quarries were the foundation of Monson's industry, together with textile mills, which utilized the power of many streams. Among these mills were carding mills, cotton and woolen mills, a linseed oil factory, a tannery, as well as makers of straw hats and bonnets. Today, companies like Polymer Injection Molding, Lamcotec Inc., and IGA Foodliner are the town's main employers.

The town's rich industrial history spawned the construction of numerous historically significant buildings and churches, many of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Monson's Memorial Town Hall is a Romanesque Revival structure. The 1830's Norcross mansion is a Greek Revival structure that was the home of Emily Norcross Dickinson, mother of poet Emily Dickinson.

The downtown business district offers small shops and merchandise stores. Monson's rental housing is located near the town center. Its residential neighborhoods are comprised predominantly of singlefamily homes and nearly 80 percent of the land remains woodland or open space. Monson continues to have few active farms, primarily producing milk and vegetables. The Westview Farms Creamery offers farm-made ice cream and a panoramic view of the town's rolling hills and valley. Monson's public spirit is exemplified in its annual July 4th Summer Fest-which is run completely by volunteers.

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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 None

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	28,614
Square Miles	45
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	9,685
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.67
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.67

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	7,355
2014	7,315
1990	7,784
2000	8,385
2010	8,560
2014	8,660

2014 Race and Latino Population	
White	96.7%
Black	0.5%
Asian	0.3%
Other	2.5%
Latino (of any race)	1.4%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.3	6.3	4.3
5 - 9	7.6	6.9	6.2
10 - 14	7.0	7.6	7.2
15 - 19	6.0	7.0	7.2
20 - 24	5.6	4.2	5.1
25 - 34	17.1	11.6	8.3
35 - 44	18.4	19.7	14.0
45 - 54	11.9	16.1	19.7
55 - 59	4.2	5.7	8.0
60 - 64	4.1	4.0	7.0
65 - 74	7.3	5.7	7.7
75 & over	4.5	5.2	5.2

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	45
Total Road Miles	2009 110
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Residential	2,158
Commercial	64
Industrial	91
Urban Open/Public	167
Transportation	59
Outdoor Recreational	155
Agricultural Land	1,616
Undeveloped Land	23,995
Water	172

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Flynt Park, Brimfield State Forest, Veteran's Field, Cushman Field.

GOLF COURSES: Quaboag Country Club.

OTHER: Springfield Sportsmen's Club, Quaboag Riders Inc., Partridge Hollow Camp Ground, Monson Civil War Museum, Jacob Thomas House, Sunsetview Campgrounds, Keep Homestead Museum.

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	1	0.0%
Construction	119	9.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	88	6.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	167	12.9%
Services	538	41.6%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	103	8.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	176	13.6%
<i>Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.</i>		
Average Weekly Wage	\$767	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	413	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

17.0% work in Monson
83.0% commute out of Monson

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	98	\$175,000
2011	75	\$165,000
2012	84	\$165,000
2013	87	\$199,644
2014	102	\$180,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older * 2013

Less than 12 years	8.7%
4 years High School	34.2%
Less than 4 years College	27.4%
4 or more years College	29.7%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Monson	PK-12	\$12,337
Pathfinder	9-12	\$20,239
Vocational		

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	4,655	5.3%
2005	4,689	4.8%
2006	4,752	5.1%
2007	4,752	4.7%
2008	4,839	5.5%
2009	4,805	8.2%
2010	4,825	8.9%
2011	4,664	7.3%
2012	4,707	6.5%
2013	4,733	6.6%
2014	4,813	6.0%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	4.1%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	3.4%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	8.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	4.9%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	9.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	24.4%
\$75,000 & over	44.4%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$66,389

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 8.2%