



RUSSELL

Russell is distinguished by rugged terrain and steep inclines. The town's rural landscape is set amid mountain ranges and creates a pleasant balance for its residents. Russell is located between the City of Westfield and the rural hilltowns at the foot of the Berkshire Mountains.

The town of Russell was incorporated in 1792 in response to a petition of residents of "New Addition." At the time the land belonged to Westfield and was valued because of its marble quarry and excellent building stone. The earliest settlers were located on Glasgow Mountain, now known as Russell Mountain. The area around Russell Pond was developed using the ample water supply to power mills. In 1838, the railroad began running through Russell and the town continued to grow with saw mills, brick and tile works, a tannery, charcoal burning, and stores and taverns. The three distinct villages within Russell developed around the three paper mills built on the Westfield River.

Less than one quarter of the town is urbanized, with the remainder farm, forest, recreation land, or watershed. The town has municipally-operated electric, water, and sewer services. In 1997, an improvement project to the sewer system was completed. Russell is also one of the two communities in Massachusetts with a municipally owned and operated cable television service.

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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	11,483
Square Miles	18
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	1,799
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$19.70
Commercial/Industrial	\$22.89

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	1,382
2014	1,570
1990	1,594
2000	1,661
2010	1,775
2014	1,532

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	95.4%
Black	0.5%
Asian	0.3%
Other	3.8%
Latino (of any race)	7.3%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	7.3	6.3	5.8
5 - 9	7.9	6.5	7.8
10 - 14	7.5	8.4	7.7
15 - 19	7.7	8.3	5.5
20 - 24	6.9	4.6	5.3
25 - 34	17.2	12.4	11.3
35 - 44	18.1	18.7	13.3
45 - 54	10.5	15.9	18.2
55 - 59	4.0	5.4	8.7
60 - 64	3.4	3.4	6.6
65 - 74	6.0	6.2	5.5
75 & over	3.6	3.9	4.4

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		18
Total Road Miles	2009	36

Land Use	Acres
Residential	514
Commercial	26
Industrial	48
Urban Open/Public	27
Transportation	93
Outdoor Recreational	48
Agricultural Land	98
Undeveloped Land	10,324
Water	273

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Russell Watershed, Amos Moses Scout Reservation, Russell Town Beach, Strathmore Park, Tekoa Park, Peckham Lot, Russell Town Common.

OTHER: Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway (Route 20), Nobleview Appalachian Mountain Club.

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	10	6.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	5	3.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	86	58.9%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	26	17.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	17	11.6%
Average Weekly Wage	\$667	

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

Self-employed (includes all business types) 116

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

11.7%	work in Russell
88.3%	commute out of Russell

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	18	\$196,500
2011	12	\$183,000
2012	25	\$175,000
2013	13	\$162,500
2014	23	\$149,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013	
Less than 12 years	7.4%
4 years High School	39.4%
Less than 4 years College	30.1%
4 or more years College	23.1%

*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	965	4.9%
2005	978	5.0%
2006	997	5.5%
2007	992	5.0%
2008	982	5.6%
2009	990	8.1%
2010	997	9.1%
2011	998	7.7%
2012	993	6.3%
2013	989	6.3%
2014	1,000	5.2%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	2.5%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	2.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	12.6%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	3.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.6%
\$75,000 & over	45.6%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$68,750

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 2.1%

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