



Community Profile

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SPRINGFIELD

The City of Springfield is the cultural and commercial center of the Pioneer Valley region. It is the third largest city in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and combined with the surrounding communities, constitutes the fourth largest metropolitan area in New England. Five of the Pioneer Valley region's twenty largest employers are located in Springfield, including the Baystate Health System, the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Solutia, Inc. (Division of Monsanto Chemical Co.) and the Smith & Wesson Company. The city's strong partnership with the business community can account for the revitalized Central Business District, as well as more recent economic development initiatives.

Springfield is also known as the "City of Firsts." The first gasoline powered automobile was built in Springfield by J. Frank and Charles E. Duryea in 1891. The Indian Motor cycle, the first gas-powered cycle, was built in Springfield in 1901 by George Hendee and is home to the Indian Motorcycle Museum. The city also lays claim to the invention of basketball, and is the location of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Major cultural institutions include the Springfield Symphony, City Stage, MassMutual Center, and the Springfield Library and Museums Association. The region's interstate bus and Amtrak train stations are located in Springfield. The city is the hub of intercity bus service provided by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. Springfield is home to several colleges, including the Springfield Technical Community College, American International College, Springfield College, and Western New England College and School of Law.

Springfield's state of the art medical facilities include Mercy Hospital, Kindred Hospital Park View, Shriners Hospital for Children, and Baystate Medical Center, a Tufts Medical School teaching hospital.

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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:

Mayor, City Council

Transit System:

Public Carrier PVTA

Private Carrier Bonanza Bus Lines, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Greyhound Bus Lines and Vermont Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carrier Mass. Career Development Inst., NCBA Mass. Services, Charter Ambulance Service, Community Care Mental Health Center, Gandara Mental Health Center, Jewish Community Center, Springfield Action Commission, United Cerebral Palsy, Inc., PVTA

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	21,147
Square Miles	33
2012	
Vehicle Registrations (autos and light trucks)	103,621
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$19.67
Commercial/Industrial	\$38.77

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	163,905
2014	152,319
1990	156,964
2000	151,894
2010	153,060
2014	153,836
2014	Race and Latino Population
White	54.0%
Black	21.6%
Asian	2.1%
Other	22.3%
Latino (of any race)	41.4%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	8.5	7.6	7.3
5 - 9	7.6	8.5	7.2
10 - 14	6.7	8.2	7.5
15 - 19	7.7	8.1	9.3
20 - 24	9.0	7.9	8.8
25 - 34	18.1	14.0	13.4
35 - 44	12.9	14.4	12.4
45 - 54	7.9	11.6	12.9
55 - 59	3.6	4.1	5.7
60 - 64	4.1	3.1	4.7
65 - 74	7.8	6.1	5.6
75 & over	5.9	6.4	5.4

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	33
Total Road Miles	2009 498

Land Use	Acres
Residential	9,664
Commercial	1,624
Industrial	1,265
Urban Open/Public	1,660
Transportation	616
Outdoor Recreational	641
Agricultural Land	30
Undeveloped Land	4,856
Water	796

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Forest Park, Van Horn Park, White Cedar Bog, Loon Pond, Five Mile Pond, Marshall Roy Park, Blunt Park, Greenleaf Park & Community Center, and more.

GOLF COURSES: Veterans Golf Course, Franconia Golf Course.

OTHER: Springfield Boys Club, YWCA, Smead Skating Rink, Massasoit Day Camp, Camp Wilder, Lake Lorraine Beach, Orchard Beach, Shooting Sports Center at Smith and Wesson.

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	5,483	7.0%
Construction	1,462	1.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6,606	8.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,420	34.9%
Information	1,478	1.9%
Manufacturing	3,905	5.0%
Services	21,503	27.4%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	3,677	4.7%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7,075	9.0%
<i>Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.</i>		
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,026	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	3003	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

50.6%	work in Springfield
49.4%	commute out of Springfield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	1,685	\$105,000
2011	1,417	\$96,900
2012	1,449	\$98,000
2013	1,255	\$120,000
2014	1,269	\$120,000

EDUCATION

*Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older **

2013	
Less than 12 years	24.4%
4 years High School	31.3%
Less than 4 years College	27.2%
4 or more years College	17.2%

**Expressed as the highest level attained.*

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost
Springfield	PK-12	\$14,682
Putnam Vocational	9-12	\$16,598

Colleges: American International College, Springfield College, Springfield Tech. CC, Western New England College

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	66,269	7.8%
2005	65,994	7.3%
2006	66,310	7.4%
2007	65,712	7.0%
2008	66,123	7.9%
2009	67,609	11.3%
2010	68,369	12.6%
2011	63,768	13.1%
2012	63,669	12.5%
2013	64,000	12.9%
2014	64,038	10.8%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	14.1%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	11.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	14.3%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	10.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14.8%
\$75,000 & over	21.2%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$34,731

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 30.1%