



# TOLLAND

One of the least-populated towns in the Commonwealth, the town of Tolland is a rural hill town located in southwestern Hampden County. First settled in 1750, the town was mainly used as a seasonal location for hunting and fishing camps. In the late 1800's, a group of land speculators purchased large tracts of land on the rumor that the Boston and Albany Railroad would be built through the center of town. When the railroad was built thirty miles to the north, the investors turned the land into a private hunting and fishing club called the Tunxis Club. The club still owns and rents 6,000 acres in town.

Due to the town's rugged terrain and marshlands, agriculture was limited primarily to dairy and cattle farms, some of which still exist today. Lumbering is still a main industry for the town; nearly two-thirds of Tolland's acreage is under controlled forest development. Other locally-based industries include maple syrup production and apple harvesting, in addition to a growing recreation and resort development. Camping areas include the Tolland and Granville State Forests and one of the largest Girl Scout camps in the nation.

Route 57 constitutes Tolland's only main road. Tolland is served by the PostOffice in nearby Granville and children attend school in nearby Southwick.

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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  
 241 W. Granville Road,  
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## LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,977
Square Miles	33
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	620
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$6.95
Commercial/Industrial	\$6.95

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	172
2014	235
1990	289
2000	425
2010	485
2014	569

<b>2014 Race and Latino Population</b>	
White	91.9%
Black	0.4%
Asian	1.6%
Other	6.2%
Latino (of any race)	1.9%

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

## Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	8.0	6.3	5.4
5 - 9	5.5	7.3	4.7
10 - 14	6.2	7.7	7.8
15 - 19	6.9	4.2	6.2
20 - 24	5.5	1.6	3.5
25 - 34	13.2	11.0	7.8
35 - 44	18.0	20.0	11.1
45 - 54	14.5	14.3	17.7
55 - 59	6.6	8.5	10.7
60 - 64	3.5	6.1	6.8
65 - 74	8.0	9.6	12.4
75 & over	4.2	3.3	5.8

## LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	33
Total Road Miles	2009 42

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: Tolland State Forest, Granville State Forest, Hartford Water Works.

GOLF COURSES: None

OTHER: Camp Spruce Hill, Twin Brook Camping.

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	15	44.1%
Construction	0	0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	0%
Information	0	0%
Manufacturing	0	0%
Services	19	55.9%
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 518

Self-employed (includes all business types) 41

## WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

18.8% work in Tolland  
81.2% commute out of Tolland

## HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	16	\$210,875
2011	15	\$99,275
2012	11	\$180,000
2013	9	\$163,250
2014	9	\$205,000

## EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older \*

2013

Less than 12 years	7.5%
4 years High School	31.4%
Less than 4 years College	24.9%
4 or more years College	36.2%

\*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost
		2013

Southwick	PK-12	\$12,032
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## RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	247	3.2%
2005	251	3.6%
2006	250	2.4%
2007	254	3.1%
2008	256	3.1%
2009	256	5.9%
2010	253	5.1%
2011	273	4.8%
2012	275	4.0%
2013	275	4.7%
2014	282	5.0%

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	2.9%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	1.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	7.7%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.9%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	8.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.7%
\$75,000 & over	59.3%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$85,750

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 7.9%