



WEST SPRINGFIELD

With both suburban and rural qualities, West Springfield is Western Massachusetts' second most populous town. Since 1990, its population grew by 3.6% to 28,554 in 2014. While its colonial settlement dates back to 1665, the town was formally established in 1774. West Springfield lies on the west bank of the Connecticut River. The area was once rich farmland replenished by the annual flooding of the river. Elements of the town's continuing old New England flavor include the Town Common, towering shade trees and its historic structures like the Josiah Day House, circa 1754, which is believed to be the oldest structure of its kind in Massachusetts.

The town's biggest tourist attraction is the Eastern States Exposition, which hosts the New England regional fair in September. It is one of the nation's largest agricultural fairs. Storowton Village, a recreated village of colonial America, is a permanent attraction on the "Big E" fairgrounds. The first Morgan Horse was bred in West Springfield and the Eastern States Horse Show is among the oldest in the country.

West Springfield is also an emerging commercial center for the region. Riverdale Street (Route 5) best exemplifies the Town's success in supporting commercial development. Major retailers and warehouse outlets have located there along with the region's largest complex of movie theatres. In West Springfield's industrial areas, small and medium-sized manufacturers dominate. K & M Electronics is one of the region's largest electronic component manufacturers.

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Type of Government:

Mayor, 9 Member Council

Transit System:

Public Carrier Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carrier None

Para-Transit Carrier Council on Aging, PVTA

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	11,233
Square Miles	18
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	26,236
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.99
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.99

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	28,461
2014	27,042
1990	27,545
2000	27,936
2010	28,391
2014	28,554

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	85.0%
Black	3.1%
Asian	4.2%
Other	7.7%
Latino (of any race)	9.7%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.4	5.8	5.9
5 - 9	6.1	6.5	5.5
10 - 14	5.7	7.0	5.8
15 - 19	5.7	6.3	6.3
20 - 24	7.4	5.6	6.7
25 - 34	17.6	13.6	13.3
35 - 44	15.0	15.9	12.6
45 - 54	10.2	14.1	15.6
55 - 59	5.0	4.9	7.2
60 - 64	5.5	4.3	5.9
65 - 74	8.8	8.0	7.3
75 & over	6.8	7.9	7.8

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	18
Total Road Miles	2009 144

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,325
Commercial	647
Industrial	447
Urban Open/Public	414
Transportation	368
Outdoor Recreational	238
Agricultural Land	179
Undeveloped Land	4,869
Water	515

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Mittineague Park and numerous neighborhood playgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: Springfield Country Club.

OTHER: Eastern States Exposition, Pioneer Valley Sport Club, Memorial Pool, Springfield Olympia Ice & Rollerskating Rinks, YMCA Paucatuck Park.

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	2,373	14.2%
Construction	744	4.4%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	884	5.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,697	16.1%
Information	221	1.3%
Manufacturing	1,275	7.6%
Services	3,492	20.9%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	740	4.4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4,312	25.7%

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

Average Weekly Wage \$785

Self-employed (includes all business types) 842

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

26.4% work in West Springfield
73.6% commute out of West Springfield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	288	\$175,000
2011	257	\$179,900
2012	287	\$174,900
2013	306	\$178,750
2014	298	\$180,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013

Less than 12 years	12.5%
4 years High School	32.0%
Less than 4 years College	28.9%
4 or more years College	26.8%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District Grades Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013

West Springfield PK-12 \$12,890

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	14,628	5.4%
2005	14,639	5.3%
2006	14,613	5.0%
2007	14,520	4.8%
2008	14,511	6.1%
2009	14,614	8.9%
2010	14,669	9.6%
2011	14,364	8.3%
2012	14,361	7.5%
2013	14,402	7.5%
2014	14,575	6.4%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	4.9%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	6.2%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	14.2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	10.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	12.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.7%
\$75,000 & over	34.0%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$52,806

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 11.0%