



WESTFIELD

Westfield combines suburban and rural living with the services and amenities of a city. The City contains a healthy mixture of residential neighborhoods, industrially-zoned property, an historic downtown and a retail corridor. In this community, 59% of the residences are single family homes and 67% of all housing units are occupied by homeowners.

Westfield was founded in 1669 as an agricultural community. With several operating farms, agriculture remains an important part of the community. The city also has a storied industrial history. In the 1880s, Westfield was the world's leading manufacturer of buggy whips, thus earning the moniker "Whip City." The 20th Century saw additional industrial development, including Columbia Manufacturing, the founder of the U.S. bicycle industry, and H.B. Smith, manufacturers of cast-iron boilers, which are both still vibrant companies today.

Additionally, paper making and the food industry were also key components of the early Westfield economy. Today, Westfield has a healthy mix of retail, precision manufacturing, and warehousing operations for national interests, including C & S Wholesale, Home Depot and Lowe's. Aviation-related business near the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport include the 104th Tactical Fighter Group of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The city is also home to Westfield State University, a campus of 6,000 students and to Baystate Noble Hospital, an acute-care community hospital with over 97 beds. Stanley Park, with 180 acres of scenic walking trails, award-winning floral gardens, and family amenities, is on the region's outstanding parks. The recently-constructed Columbia Greenway Rail Trail traverses the City's downtown and connects with the 30-plus mule Farmington canal Heritage Trail into Connecticut.

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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, 13 Member Council

Transit System:

Public Carrier Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carrier None

Para-Transit Carrier Council on Aging, PVRTA

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	30,368
Square Miles	48
2012	
Vehicle Registrations (autos and light trucks)	36,859
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$18.54
Commercial/Industrial	\$34.69

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	31,433
2014	36,465
1990	38,479
2000	40,084
2010	41,094
2014	41,371

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	89.9%
Black	2.1%
Asian	2.9%
Other	5.2%
Latino (of any race)	8.5%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.9	5.9	5.3
5 - 9	6.8	6.5	5.6
10 - 14	5.9	7.2	6.2
15 - 19	8.4	8.8	9.6
20 - 24	9.5	8.0	9.5
25 - 34	16.2	12.3	10.4
35 - 44	14.8	15.7	12.3
45 - 54	9.6	13.7	14.9
55 - 59	3.8	4.8	6.7
60 - 64	4.1	3.4	5.8
65 - 74	8.0	6.6	6.9
75 & over	5.8	7.1	6.7

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles	48
Total Road Miles	2009 248

Land Use	Acres
Residential	6,349
Commercial	521
Industrial	671
Urban Open/Public	677
Transportation	1,149
Outdoor Recreational	654
Agricultural Land	3,238
Undeveloped Land	16,062
Water	573

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Hampton Pond State Park, Stanley Park, and numerous neighborhood playgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: East Mountain Country Club, Shaker Farms Country Club, Tekoa Country Club, Golf Acres.

OTHER: Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield YMCA, Columbia Greenway.

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	14	0.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,482	8.0%
Construction	831	4.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	386	2.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,792	15.1%
Information	249	1.3%
Manufacturing	3,023	16.3%
Services	5,357	29.0%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	1,449	7.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,850	15.4%
<i>Note: Above does not include self-employed, where many work in the agriculture, construction and service industries.</i>		
Average Weekly Wage	\$856	
Self-employed (includes all business types)	1266	

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

39.2%	work in Westfield
60.8%	commute out of Westfield

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	351	\$187,000
2011	37	\$178,000
2012	386	\$185,000
2013	417	\$182,000
2014	390	\$191,500

EDUCATION

*Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older **
2013

Less than 12 years	10.2%
4 years High School	30.5%
Less than 4 years College	29.7%
4 or more years College	29.6%

**Expressed as the highest level attained.*

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Westfield	PK-12	\$13,015
Westfield	9-12	\$13,471
Vocational		

Colleges: Westfield State University

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	21,269	4.9%
2005	21,274	4.6%
2006	21,390	4.7%
2007	21,310	4.6%
2008	21,516	5.3%
2009	21,926	8.0%
2010	21,939	8.5%
2011	20,572	7.6%
2012	20,531	7.2%
2013	20,618	7.4%
2014	20,934	6.6%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	4.2%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	6.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	10.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	9.0%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.7%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.3%
\$75,000 & over	42.0%

Median Household Income: 2010-14
\$60,845

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014
10.9%