



# WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg is comprised of the two villages of Williamsburg and Haydenville; it is a community rich in New England tradition. Established in 1775, the local economy was dominated by the success of the Hayden, Gere and Company Brass Works, the nation's leading producer of plumbing fixtures. Flour, saw and silk mills also flourished, in addition to Mrs. Elnathan Graves' famous cloth covered button factory. However, in 1874 the most disastrous flood in New England occurred along the Mill River, destroying the Town's industrial section and killing 139 townspeople, changing the course of Williamsburg forever.

This vibrant community is comprised of residents descended from the agrarian and mill settlers, as well as professionals, artisans, authors, musicians and educators who have moved in over the past decades. This diversity of residents contributes to a rich social fabric and sense of community. The town has made commitments to honor its past by passing a Right to Farm Bylaw and to protect its future by taking steps to promote more environmentally-friendly policies and practices, beginning with its earning Green Community Status in 2013.

Williamsburg's commercial activity is thriving. Wood products dominate the industry with three lumber mills, as well as foresters, harvesters, managed forests, sugar producers, woodworkers and craftspeople. Agriculture is still an important aspect of the community with small, local farms. Town businesses include restaurants, snack bars and coffee shops, a local market and general store, feed stores, a mechanical contractor, gas stations and auto repair shops, business services, auto and tractor sales, a bike shop, a greenhouse, a craft studio workshop, and bed & breakfast establishments. Williamsburg offers many attractions and recreational opportunities. The town has an Angel Park for quiet reflection, a golf course, Ellen Ames Field for baseball, soccer, and tennis, and numerous hiking trails and conservation properties open to the public for those who seek enjoyment in the wooded countryside.

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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:

Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

### Transit System:

**Public Carrier** Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

**Private Carrier** None

**Para-Transit Carrier** FRTA, PVTA

## MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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## LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	16,428
Square Miles	26
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	3,006
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$17.99
Commercial/Industrial	\$17.99

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	2,342
2014	2,237
1990	2,571
2000	2,426
2010	2,482
2014	2,583

### 2014 Race and Latino Population

White	97.5%
Black	0.5%
Asian	0.3%
Other	1.7%
Latino (of any race)	4.0%

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

## Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.8	4.5	4.5
5 - 9	7.0	6.2	5.2
10 - 14	5.9	7.4	5.0
15 - 19	6.5	5.2	5.4
20 - 24	4.7	3.1	3.1
25 - 34	17.1	11.5	8.8
35 - 44	21.8	17.9	12.9
45 - 54	10.0	22.0	19.7
55 - 59	3.6	4.6	10.9
60 - 64	3.9	4.7	9.4
65 - 74	7.5	6.6	7.9
75 & over	5.2	6.3	7.1

## LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		26
Total Road Miles	2009	51

Land Use	Acres
Residential	829
Commercial	76
Industrial	46
Urban Open/Public	34
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	60
Agricultural Land	947
Undeveloped Land	14,285
Water	85

## RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Devil's Hole, Conway State Forest, Damon Charvette Recreation Area, Town Athletic Field, Petticoat Hill, Pony Mountain.

GOLF COURSES: Beaver Brook Country Club.

OTHER: Williamsburg Rod and Gun 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

	Number	Percent of Community Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	65	11.2%
Construction	102	17.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	15	2.6%
Information	4	0.7%
Manufacturing	57	9.8%
Services	230	39.6%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	18	3.1%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87	15.0%

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

Average Weekly Wage	\$604
Self-employed (includes all business types)	250

## WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

20.3%	work in Williamsburg
79.7%	commute out of Williamsburg

## RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	1,506	4.3%
2005	1,513	4.6%
2006	1,516	3.9%
2007	1,521	3.7%
2008	1,560	4.4%
2009	1,542	7.7%
2010	1,544	8.2%
2011	1,429	7.1%
2012	1,427	6.0%
2013	1,411	6.2%
2014	1,429	5.4%

## HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	36	\$220,000
2011	31	\$280,000
2012	27	\$265,000
2013	29	\$220,000
2014	28	\$226,500

## EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older \*

2013

Less than 12 years	4.8%
4 years High School	27.6%
Less than 4 years College	27.0%
4 or more years College	40.6%

\*Expressed as the highest level attained.

District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2013
Williamsburg	PK-6	\$13,394
Hampshire	7-12	\$14,819
Smith Vocational	9-12	\$17,954

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	4.0%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	7.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	13.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.4%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	15.1%
\$75,000 & over	42.9%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$65,147

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 10.2%