



WORTHINGTON

A small hilltown, Worthington has earned a reputation for being a center of innovation. Settled in 1768, at the eastern edge of the Berkshire Mountains, the Town's landscape is primarily rugged and forested; almost 90% of the land is undeveloped. Two state forests are located in Town.

Worthington's history is rich in agriculture, an industry which still flourishes today. In recent years, Worthington has also earned the reputation of having a center of entrepreneurship. Town residents have developed new ventures in bio-technology, hand tools and baby furniture.

Culturally, Worthington is home to many artists, poets, writers and musicians and has gained national recognition for its hosting of the Sevenars Concerts. This musical venue is considered to be one of the best small music festivals in the country.

The population has declined slightly since 2000. However, residents are attracted to the rural landscape and the cosmopolitan character of Worthington. The majority of residents are professionally employed and commute out of town for work.

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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

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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,543
Square Miles	32
2012	
Vehicle Registrations <i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	1,475
2015	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$13.94
Commercial/Industrial	\$13.94

POPULATION TRENDS

1970	712
2014	932
1990	1,156
2000	1,274
2010	1,156
2014	1,154

2014 Race and Latino Population

White	96.2%
Black	0.3%
Asian	1.0%
Other	2.6%
Latino (of any race)	0.9%

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

Percent of Population by Age

Age	1990	2000	2010
0 - 4	6.8	4.8	3.1
5 - 9	9.8	6.3	4.6
10 - 14	8.3	7.8	4.5
15 - 19	4.8	8.0	4.6
20 - 24	3.9	3.4	3.9
25 - 34	14.7	8.8	6.4
35 - 44	22.2	19.3	12.0
45 - 54	11.6	19.8	21.6
55 - 59	2.8	6.9	12.5
60 - 64	4.7	4.4	10.6
65 - 74	6.3	5.0	10.8
75 & over	4.3	5.6	5.4

LAND USE 2005

Total Square Miles		32
Total Road Miles	2009	64

Land Use	Acres
Residential	590
Commercial	12
Industrial	6
Urban Open/Public	18
Transportation	0
Outdoor Recreational	57
Agricultural Land	1,689
Undeveloped Land	18,076
Water	91

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Worthington State Park Forest, Peru State Forest, Hiram Fox State Wildlife Management Area.

GOLF COURSES: Worthington Golf Club.

OTHER: Berkshire Park Campground, Senas Snowmobile Area, Hickory Hill Touring Center, Worthington Rod and Gun.

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	0	0.0%
Construction	11	6.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	68	39.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Services	78	44.8%
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	8	4.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0%

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

Average Weekly Wage \$548

Self-employed (includes all business types) 122

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2014

18.1% work in Worthington
81.9% commute out of Worthington

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
2010	17	\$160,000
2011	21	\$133,000
2012	19	\$160,000
2013	20	\$161,000
2014	16	\$145,000

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

2013	
Less than 12 years	9.8%
4 years High School	30.0%
Less than 4 years College	24.3%
4 or more years College	35.9%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

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

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
2004	704	5.4%
2005	698	4.7%
2006	704	5.4%
2007	694	4.6%
2008	696	5.6%
2009	678	7.4%
2010	675	7.3%
2011	659	5.2%
2012	671	5.5%
2013	667	5.8%
2014	679	5.4%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010-2014

\$0 - \$9,999	2.6%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	10.9%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	5.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	9.3%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	23.0%
\$75,000 & over	44.1%

Median Household Income: 2010-14 \$71,300

Persons Below Poverty Level: 2010-2014 4.6%