

**Housing:** Homeownership rate: 89.8% (2007); Median home value: \$381,722 (2007); Median rent: \$663 per month (2000); Median age of housing: 20 years (2000).

**Newspapers:** The Register (Local news; Circulation 12,500); The Sandwich/Sagamore Pennysaver (Community news; Circulation 10,100); The Upper Cape Codder (Regional news; Circulation 8,000)

**Transportation:** Commute to work: 91.7% car, 1.8% public transportation, 0.3% walk, 6.2% work from home (2000); Travel time to work: 40.3% less than 15 minutes, 39.8% 15 to 30 minutes, 7.9% 30 to 45 minutes, 3.1% 45 to 60 minutes, 9.0% 60 minutes or more (2000)

## Berkshire County

Located in western Massachusetts; bounded on the north by Vermont, on the west by New York, and on the south by Connecticut; includes most of the Berkshire Hills, and Mt. Greylock, the highest point in Massachusetts (3,505 ft). Covers a land area of 931.32 square miles, a water area of 14.95 square miles, and is located in the Eastern Time Zone. The county was founded in 1760. County exists as a historical geographic region and has no county government. County seat is Pittsfield.

Berkshire County is part of the Pittsfield, MA Metropolitan Statistical Area. The entire metro area includes: Berkshire County, MA

Weather Station: Great Barrington Airport Elevation: 816 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	32	34	43	56	68	77	81	79	70	59	48	37
Low	11	12	22	32	42	51	56	54	45	34	27	17
Precip	3.9	2.9	3.6	3.8	4.7	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.5
Snow	na	13.5	9.8	2.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.0	12.6

*High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches*

**Population:** 139,352 (1990); 134,953 (2000); 131,102 (2007); 127,941 (2012 projected); Race: 94.1% White, 2.3% Black, 1.2% Asian, 2.4% Hispanic of any race (2007); Density: 139.4 persons per square mile (2007); Average household size: 2.37 (2007); Median age: 42.5 (2007); Males per 100 females: 92.9 (2007).

**Religion:** Five largest groups: 51.7% Catholic Church, 2.9% Jewish Estimate, 2.7% Episcopal Church, 2.7% United Church of Christ, 1.9% The United Methodist Church (2000).

**Economy:** Unemployment rate: 4.5% (10/2008); Total civilian labor force: 71,421 (10/2008); Leading industries: 18.2% health care and social assistance; 15.8% retail trade; 13.2% accommodation & food services (2006); Farms: 522 totaling 66,352 acres (2007); Companies that employ 500 or more persons: 6 (2006); Companies that employ 100 to 499 persons: 81 (2006); Companies that employ less than 100 persons: 4,161 (2006); Black-owned businesses: n/a (2002); Hispanic-owned businesses: 105 (2002); Asian-owned businesses: 124 (2002); Women-owned businesses: 3,964 (2002); Retail sales per capita: \$15,859 (2009). Single-family building permits issued: 264 (2007); Multi-family building permits issued: 34 (2007).

**Income:** Per capita income: \$26,743 (2007); Median household income: \$46,696 (2007); Average household income: \$62,273 (2007); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 15.6% (2007); Poverty rate: 10.8% (2007); Bankruptcy rate: 1.42% (2007).

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 85.1% (2007); Bachelor's degree or higher: 26.0% (2007); Master's degree or higher: 11.0% (2007).

**Housing:** Homeownership rate: 67.2% (2007); Median home value: \$182,566 (2007); Median rent: \$428 per month (2000); Median age of housing: 50 years (2000).

**Health:** Birth rate: 102.0 per 10,000 population (2007); Death rate: 116.7 per 10,000 population (2007); Age-adjusted cancer mortality rate: 192.5 deaths per 100,000 population (2005); Air Quality Index: 76.0% good, 20.7% moderate, 3.3% unhealthy for sensitive

individuals, 0.0% unhealthy (percent of days in 2007); Number of physicians: 40.9 per 10,000 population (2006); Hospital beds: 34.0 per 10,000 population (2005); Hospital admissions: 1,216.5 per 10,000 population (2005).

**Elections:** 2008 Presidential election results: 75.2% Obama, 22.6% McCain, 1.3% Nader

**National and State Parks:** Balance Rock State Park; Bates Memorial State Park; Beartown State Forest; Becket State Forest; Clarksburg State Forest; Clarksburg State Park; Cookson State Forest; East Mountain State Forest; Florida State Forest; Great Barrington State Forest; Mount Greylock State Reservation; Mount Washington State Forest; October Mountain State Forest; Peru State Forest; Pittsfield State Forest; Pittsfield State Watershed Area; Sandisfield State Forest; Savoy Mountain State Forest; Taconic Trail State Park; Wahconah Falls State Park; Windsor James State Park; Windsor State Forest

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- Berkshire Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 499-4000  
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- Berkshire Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 663-3735  
<http://www.berkshirechamber.com>
- City of North Adams . . . . . (413) 662-3000  
<http://www.northadams-ma.gov>
- City of Pittsfield . . . . . (413) 499-9321  
<http://www.pittsfield-ma.org>
- Lee Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 243-0852  
<http://www.leechamber.org>
- Lenox Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 637-3646  
<http://www.lenox.org>
- Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 528-4284  
<http://www.greatbarrington.org>
- Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 298-5200  
<http://www.stockbridgechamber.org>
- The Berkshire Visitors Bureau . . . . . (800) 237-5747  
<http://www.berkshires.org>
- Town of Adams . . . . . (413) 743-8300  
<http://town.adams.ma.us>
- Town of Dalton . . . . . (413) 684-6111  
<http://www.dalton-ma.gov>
- Town of Great Barrington . . . . . (413) 528-1619  
<http://www.townofgb.org>
- Town of Lee . . . . . (413) 243-5505  
<http://www.lee.ma.us>
- Town of Lenox . . . . . (413) 637-5500  
<http://www.townoflenox.com>
- Town of Williamstown . . . . . (413) 458-9341  
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- Williamstown Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (413) 458-9077  
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## Berkshire County Communities

**ADAMS** (town). Covers a land area of 22.937 square miles and a water area of <.001 square miles. Located at 42.62° N. Lat.; 73.11° W. Long. Elevation is 794 feet.

**History:** A Society of Friends meeting house (built 1782) is the site of annual Quaker meetings. Susan B. Anthony born here. Incorporated 1778.

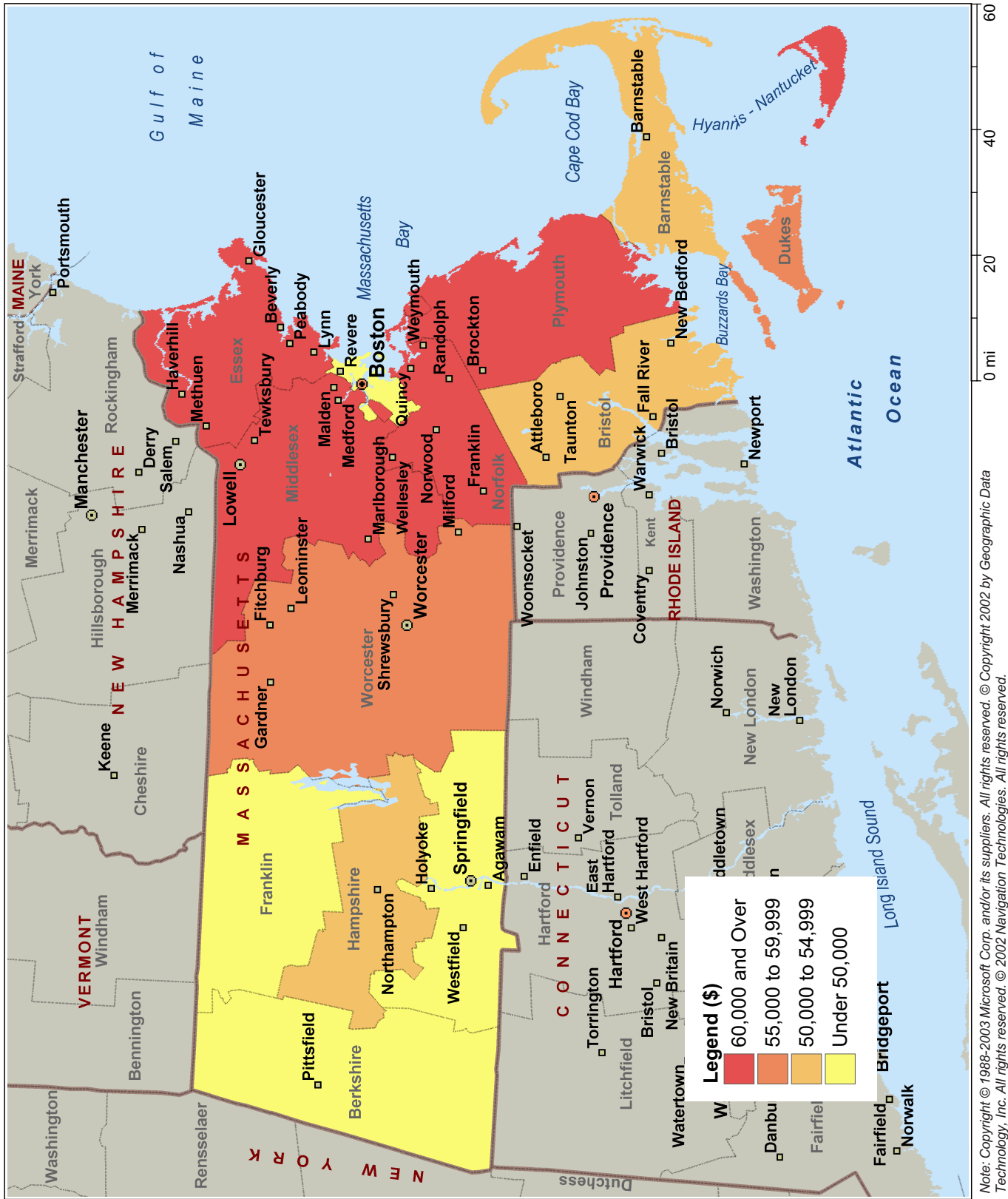
<b>Grade 6 Mathematics</b>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	<i>Needs Improvement</i>	<i>Warning</i>
<b>All Students</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
Female	24	33	26	17
Male	23	32	25	20
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
African American/Black	7	23	33	37
Asian	45	31	15	9
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	18	26	19	37
Hispanic/Latino	8	22	31	40
Multi-Race (non-Hispanic/Latino)	24	30	26	20
Native American	16	30	31	23
White	27	36	24	13
<b>Student Status</b>				
Non-Disabled	28	37	25	10
Students with Disabilities	4	14	29	53
Limited English Proficient (LEP)	4	13	26	57
Formerly LEP (FLEP)	14	28	31	27
LEP & FLEP	8	20	28	44
Low Income	9	24	32	35

<sup>1</sup> Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. For the purpose of computing school, district, and state results, students who were absent with or without a medically documented excuse from any subject area MCAS test were not included in performance results but were counted as non-participants for that subject area.

<b>Grade 7 English Language Arts</b>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	<i>Needs Improvement</i>	<i>Warning</i>
<b>All Students</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
Female	18	59	18	5
Male	8	54	28	10
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
African American/Black	3	44	36	16
Asian	23	55	18	4
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	8	47	35	11
Hispanic/Latino	3	39	39	19
Multi-Race (non-Hispanic/Latino)	14	54	25	8
Native American	5	46	38	11
White	15	62	19	5
<b>Student Status</b>				
Non-Disabled	15	64	19	3
Students with Disabilities	1	26	43	29
Limited English Proficient (LEP)	0	15	42	43
Formerly LEP (FLEP)	4	45	38	13

(Table 10 continued on following page)

Median Household Income (2007)



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