

# Arlington

## OVERVIEW

Arlington is a fairly dense town with a population of over 45,000 in a 5.5 square mile radius. It borders Cambridge, Medford, Somerville, Winchester, Lexington and Belmont and is 6 miles northwest of Boston (Wikipedia). Arlington is an eclectic town with lots of shopping and restaurants and – despite its relative density – a lot of beautiful parks and playgrounds. Although it does not have its own “T” to downtown, it is close to the Alewife T stop in Cambridge. There are well regarded vocational programs in the schools’ curriculum and through the Arlington Career Center.

## SCHOOLS

Bishop Elementary (Grades K – 5)  
Great School Rating: 9/10

Brackett Elementary (Grades K – 5)  
Great School Rating: 7/10

Dallin Elementary School (Grades K – 5)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

Hardy Elementary School (Grades K-5)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

Norcross Stratton Elementary School (Grades K-5)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

Peirce School (Grades K – 5)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

Thompson Elementary (Grades K – 5)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

Ottoson Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)  
Great School Rating: 7/10

Arlington High School (Grades 9- 12)  
Great School rating: 8 /10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Arlington High School | 97.7% |
| Massachusetts         | 88.0% |

Data Sources: GreatSchools.org; MA Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education District Profiles

## TRANSPORTATION

Nearest highway is Route 2. Nearest T station is Alewife Station on the border between Arlington and Cambridge. Buses go from Arlington to Alewife and Harvard Stations.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, the Town of Arlington’s violent crime rate was 70% lower than the national average and 68% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 79% lower than the national average and 68% lower than the Massachusetts average.

Data Source: [www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics](http://www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics)

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **5.4%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **22%**

| Race                                       | %     |
|--|-------|
| White                                      | 80.6% |
| Asian                                      | 11.8% |
| Two or more races                          | 3.9%  |
| Black/African American                     | 2.7%  |
| Some other race                            | 1.1%  |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0.0%  |
| American Indian and Alaska Native          | 0.0%  |
| Age Group                                  | %     |
| Under 5                                    | 6.9%  |
| Age 5-17                                   | 15.0% |
| Age 18-64                                  | 61.8% |
| Age 65 and older                           | 16.3% |

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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## LOCAL AMENITIES

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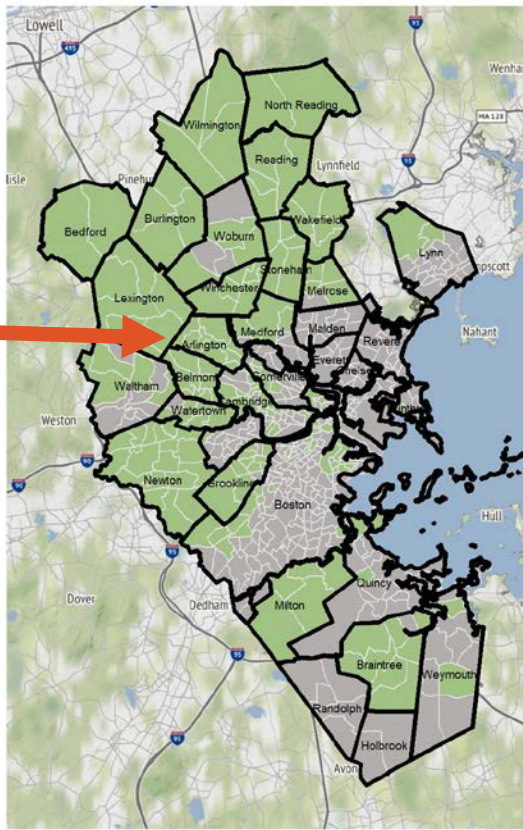
Arlington boasts a number of beautiful parks including Menotomy Rocks Park and Spy Pond Park. Spy Pond has a boat launch, a playground, and a walking path and the Boys and Girl's Club is right on its shore. North Union Park/Lussiano Field is one of a number of playgrounds and sports facilities but also has a spray pool. Arlington Reservoir has a sandy beach. There is an ice skating rink. Arlington recreation programs include tennis, hockey, flag football, soccer, basketball, theater, fencing, exploration, volleyball and programs for small children. There is city-sponsored pre-school and after school programs. Minuteman Bike Path goes through Arlington. The only Black Freemason Cemetery in the country is located in Arlington.

Arlington has a range of grocery stores including a Stop and Shop and a Trader Joes and a variety of convenience stores.



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