

Reading

OVERVIEW

Reading is located in Middlesex County near the intersection of I93 and I95/MA128, 16 miles to the North of Boston (Wikipedia). It has 25,100 people in a 9.9 square mile radius and is bordered by Woburn, Stoneham, Wakefield, Lynnfield, North Reading and Wilmington. While parts of it have a quaint, small town feel like its neighbor North Reading, its proximity to the major highways means it has easier access to certain kinds of shopping and entertainment. For example, there is a large Jordan's Furniture with an IMAX Theatre and other amenities for the family.



SCHOOLS

Alice M Barrows Elementary School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Birch Meadow Elementary School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

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

Joshua Eaton Elementary School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Walter S Parker Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Wood End Elementary School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Arthur Coolidge Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Reading Memorial High School (Grades 9 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

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| Reading High School | 98.8% |
| Massachusetts | 88.0% |

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

TRANSPORTATION

Reading is served by the Haverhill/Reading Commuter rail which goes to North Station. Buses also go to the T in Malden. Reading is near the major highways of I93 and I95/MA 128.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, Reading's violent crime rate was 89% lower than the national average and 89% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 72% lower than the national average and 56% lower than the Massachusetts average. (Data Source: www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **3.2%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **9.2%**

| Race | % |
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| White | 92.5% |
| Asian | 4.7% |
| Two or more races | 1.4% |
| Black/African American | 0.4% |
| Some other race | 0.8% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.0% |
| Age Group | % |
| Under 5 | 6.4% |
| Age 5-17 | 17.4% |
| Age 18-64 | 59.9% |
| Age 65 and older | 16.3% |

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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LOCAL AMENITIES

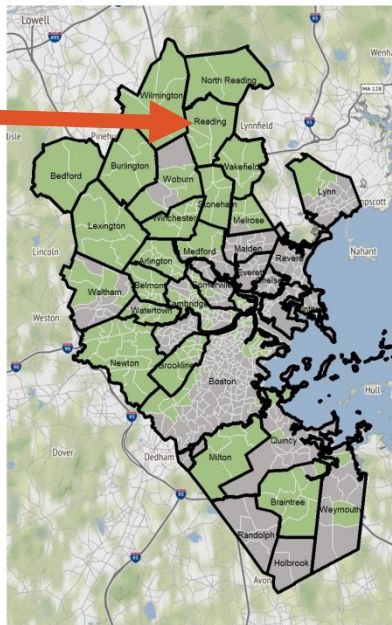
Reading has many options for family entertainment both indoors and outdoors. Jordan's Furniture, on the highway, offers an IMAX Movie Theater, Richardson's Ice Cream and Beanstalk Adventure Ropes Course. Reading Town Forest provides wooded hiking and the Birch Meadow Complex has lots of athletic fields. The Burbank Ice Arena allows public ice skating all year round and the nonprofit North Shore Skating Club offers Learn-to-Skate classes and other programs, although for a fee. Town recreation programs include adult and kids' sports, electronics, coding and other tech programs. The Burbank YMCA is located in Reading but also serves some neighboring towns. It has an indoor pool and offers many fitness and other programs for both adults and children. There is a Market Basket in Reading as well as a Stop and Shop



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