

Wakefield

OVERVIEW

Wakefield is in Middlesex County about 12.5 miles northwest of downtown Boston. It is a town of 26,960 in 7.9 square miles and borders Reading, Melrose, Stoneham, Lynnfield and Saugus. It mostly has a small town feel with a cute downtown. However, the commuter rail can take you from Wakefield to Boston. Wakefield has a beautiful lake that has a playground at its edge and offers boating and other recreational opportunities.

SCHOOLS

Dolbearre Elementary School (Grades K – 4)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Woodville School (Grades – 4)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Greenwood Elementary School (Grades K – 4)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Walton Elementary School (Grades 1 – 4)
Great Schools Rating: 3/10

Galvin Middle School (Grades 5 – 9)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Northwest Metro Regional Vocational (Grades 9 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 3/10 (No graduation rate)

Wakefield Memorial High (Grades 9-12)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Wakefield High School	97.8%
Massachusetts	88.0%

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

TRANSPORTATION

Route 129 runs through Wakefield. I 95/Route 128 goes right by it. The Haverhill line of the commuter rail runs from Wakefield to North Station.



COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, Wakefield's violent crime rate was 44% lower than the national average and 41% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 68% lower than the national average and 30% lower than the Massachusetts average.

Data Source: www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **4.0%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **10.2%**

Race	%
White	93.0%
Asian	2.2%
Two or more races	1.4%
Black/African American	1.4%
Some other race	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%
Age Group	%
Under 5	4.6%
Age 5-17	14.6%
Age 18-64	62.2%
Age 65 and older	18.6%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

LOCAL AMENITIES

Wakefield has a beautiful 247 acre lake – Lake Quannapowitt – for recreation including kayaking. There is playground on its shore and a paved loop around it for running and walking and typically an annual festival next to the lake with arts, crafts and kids' activities. There is also a weekly farmer's market next to the lake. The town keeps a community calendar of events. Linden Tree Coffee house hosts concerts.

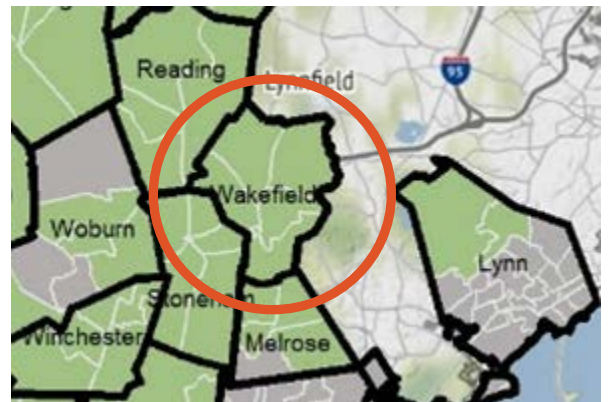
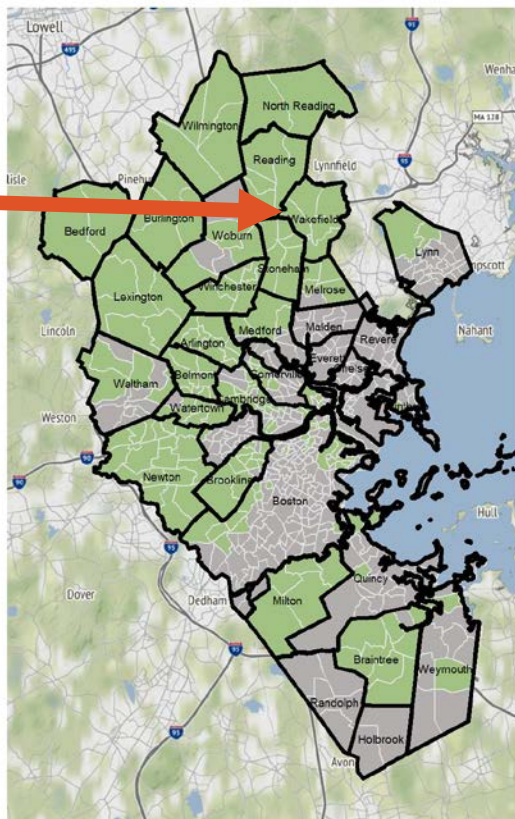
Wakefield has a Shaws along with local convenience stores and a bakery. The Parks and Recreation Department offers year round programs including "Metrocraft with Right Brain," dance, soccer, basketball and pickleball.



MAP

SNO Mass Opportunity Areas

Metro Housing Boston



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