

Waltham

OVERVIEW

Waltham is a City in Middlesex County about 11 miles north west of downtown Boston. It is nicknamed “Watch City” because it was the site of Waltham Watch Company. Waltham has 62, 970 residents in 13.6 square miles and borders: Weston, Lincoln, Newton, Belmont, Watertown and Lexington.

Overall, Waltham is more blue-collar than most of its neighbors and the housing stock reflects that a bit with more multi-families than most of its neighbors. In the last decade or so, there has been growth in immigrant families coming to Waltham and also a boom of development and an increase in restaurants and shopping. Waltham is home to Brandeis University and Babson University. The commuter rail and proximity to highways make it a good commuting option.



TRANSPORTATION

The Commuter rail goes from Waltham to both Porter Square in Cambridge and to North Station. There are express buses that go to the financial district and South Station. Waltham is on Route 20 and Route 128/195 and near the Mass Pike.

SCHOOLS

Douglas Macarthur Elementary School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

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

William F. Stanley Elementary School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Northeast Elementary School (Grades: PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Thomas R. Plympton Elementary School (Grades: K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

John W. McDevitt Middle School (Grades 6 -8)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

John F. Kennedy Middle School (Grades 6 -8)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Waltham Sr. High School (Grades 8 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 3/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Waltham High School	84.1%
Massachusetts	88.0%

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

COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, Waltham’s violent crime rate was 61% lower than the national average and 59% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 56% lower than the national average and 31% lower than the Massachusetts average. (Data Source: www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **10.9%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **33.6%**

Race	%
White	72.3%
Asian	11.4%
Two or more races	3.3%
Black/African American	7.7%
Some other race	5.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%
Age Group	%
Under 5	5.0%
Age 5-17	9.6%
Age 18-64	71.7%
Age 65 and older	13.7%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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LOCAL AMENITIES

Waltham offers an eclectic community with sizeable LatinX population – 11.4% of residents speak Spanish – and a number of stores cater to LatinX population. There are also quite a few Indian grocery stores. Waltham also has more standard grocery stores such as Market Basket, Shaws and Star Market. It also is very close to Russos which offers an affordable array of produce and other grocery items. The Charles Riverwalk is a walkway along the Charles River which goes through Waltham. Gore Place has an annual sheepshearing and other events. Lyman Estates has a greenhouse and also hosts events. There are a couple of museums in Waltham dedicated to industry.

Moody Street offers lots of shopping, including ethnic and dollar stores, and huge variety of restaurants. There is a weekly Farmers Market and there are concerts on the common. There are also a number of festivals that celebrates Waltham’s ethnic diversity. The local universities offer free programming. Connors Pool has outdoor swimming for residents and there are several spray parks. Prospect Hill Park has great views and trails and a playground and picnic area. Nipper Maher Park has lighted adult and youth baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts as well as a playground. Reagle Music Theater produces low cost musicals. Chill Zone is a free after school programs for middle schoolers. There is a public skating rink. There is a nice movie theater. Waltham also has many other recreation sites and programs.



**Please note that not all parts of Waltham are SNO Mass Opportunity Areas. See map on next page.*

