

# Bedford

## OVERVIEW

Bedford is a low density somewhat circular town with a population of just over 14,000 in 13.9 square miles. (Wikipedia). It is next to Billerica, Burlington, Lexington, Lincoln, Concord and Carlisle. Compared to some of its neighbors, especially Burlington, it feels like more of a small town in terms of commercial options. But there are grocery stores and stores like TJ Maxx and Marshalls. One resident said it had a “Norman Rockwell” feel.

Bedford has a high number of residents working in the science and technology fields.

## SCHOOLS

[Davis Elementary School \(Grades K- 2\)](#)  
(no rating in Great Schools)

[Lt. Job Lane School \(Grades 3 – 5\)](#)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

[John Glenn Middle School \(Grades 6-8\)](#)  
Great School Rating: 6/10

[Bedford High School \(Grades 9 – 12\)](#)  
Great School Rating: 8/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Bedford High School	98.0%
Massachusetts	88.0%

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

## TRANSPORTATION

The nearest highway is I95/MA128. The nearest T is Alewife Station on border between Arlington and Cambridge. An express bus takes you from Bedford to Alewife Station.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, the Town of Bedford’s violent crime rate was 89% lower than the national average and 89% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 86% lower than the national average and 78% lower than the Massachusetts average.

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

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **3.3%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **20%**

Race	%
White	78.8%
Asian	14.7%
Two or more races	2.3%
Black/African American	3.7%
Some other race	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%

Age Group	%
Under 5	5.2%
Age 5-17	20.2%
Age 18-64	57.0%
Age 65 and older	17.6%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## LOCAL AMENITIES

Bedford contains the beautiful Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge with all sorts of animals. And the Concord River runs through it, along with the Shawsheen River. Hanscom Field Airport is in Bedford. Shopping in Bedford ranges from Whole Foods to Ocean State Job Lot. Bedford is fairly close to the Burlington Mall, although you need a car to get there.

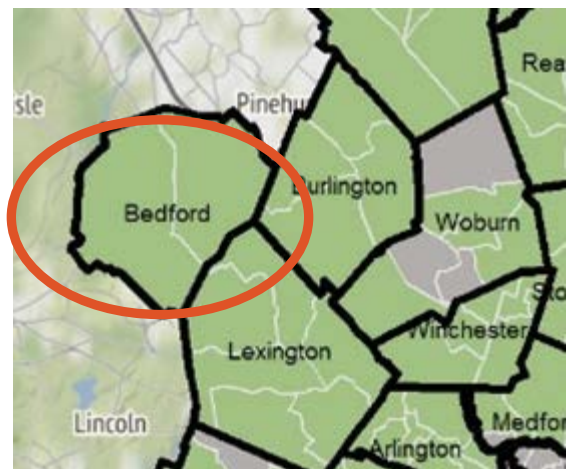
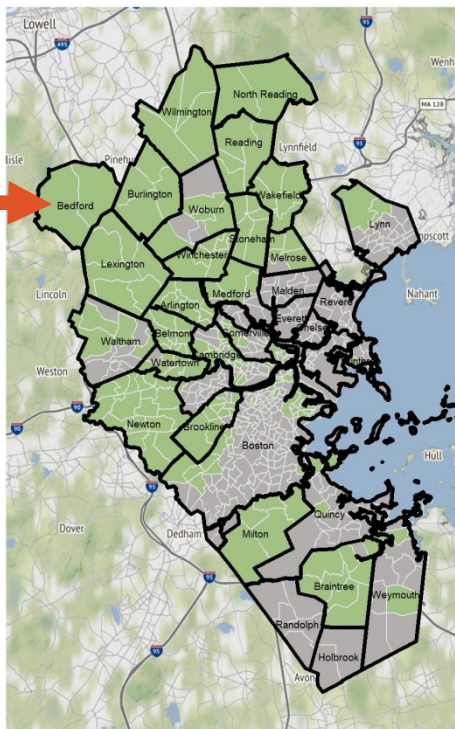
The Bedford Kids Club for grades K -5 provides before-school, after school and vacation (including summer) activities. Bedford has a quaint downtown and sponsors an annual Bedford Day parade. There is a paved bike path that goes to Cambridge.



## MAP

### SNO Mass Opportunity Areas

Metro Housing Boston



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