

Newton

OVERVIEW

Although a suburb of Boston, Newton is actually considered a “city” composed of 13 distinct villages; frequently voted one of the ten best communities to live in. (Newton.gov). It has a population over 87,000 in 18.3 miles and borders Watertown, Waltham, Brookline, Needham, Brighton and Weston. Newton’s nickname is the “Garden City” and it does have plenty of green space but it also has an abundance of shopping.

While most of the housing is comprised of single-family homes, it does have existing rental stock and new developments means that stock is growing. One of the two high schools, Newton North, was rebuilt just about 6 years ago and other schools have undergone recent renovations. Newton is home to Boston College and several smaller colleges. With its proximity to Boston, numerous amenities, well regarded schools and public transportation, Newton is a very popular location for families.



Lincoln Eliot Elementary School (Grades: K-5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Mason-Rice Elementary School (Grades: K -5)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Memorial Spaulding Elementary School (Grades: K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Peirce Elementary School (Grades: K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

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

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

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

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

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

F.A. Day Middle School (Grades 6 -8)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Oak Hill Middle School (Grades: 6 -8)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Newton North High School (Grades 9-12)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Newton South High School (Grades 9-12)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Newton North High School	97.0%
Newton South High School	97.3%
Massachusetts	88.0%

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

SCHOOLS

Newton Early Childhood Center (Grade: PK)
Great School Rating: No rating

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

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

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

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

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

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

Horace Mann Elementary School (Grades: K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

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

TRANSPORTATION

Newton has three commuter rail stations on the Framingham/Worcester line to North Station. Newton is also on the Green Line of the "T", the D and B branches. Buses go downtown from Newton, including express buses. The closest highways are 95/128 and 90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike). Newton has two exits from the Pike.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, Newton's violent crime rate was 87% lower than the national average and 86% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 71% lower than the national average and 54% lower than the Massachusetts average.

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

LOCAL AMENITIES

Wegmans, Shaw's, Stop and Shop are all in Newton. Newton is also close to Russo's a store that wholesales to restaurants and has very inexpensive fruit and vegetables. Newton has many restaurants, both locally owned and chains. In addition to local stores, The Shops at Chestnut Hill, the Street and Chestnut Hill Square all have big name brand stores.

There is a public swimming pool, the Gath Pool, and Crystal Lake with a small beach. Newton residents can also rent kayaks and canoes at the Charles River Boathouse. Newton has several large parks, including Cold Spring Park, a large wooded park with sports fields, a long trail and a dog park, Cutler Park which features a pond with a boat launch and is next to the Charles River, and Hammond Pond Reservation which also has a pond and rock climbing.

Newton sponsors multiple activities for families and children including an annual Halloween window painting, annual Fourth of July town fireworks and fair and many other fairs, some with kiddie rides. There is an annual artist studio open house. The community education program offers a huge range of programming for kids and adults including multiple technology courses. Newton Parks and Recreation also offers a huge range of programs including sports, summer and school break programs and Teen programs. The library, like libraries in many towns, offers activities and passes that allow free access to area museums and other attractions. Newton has weekly farmers' markets – typically twice a week in two different locations.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **4.3%**

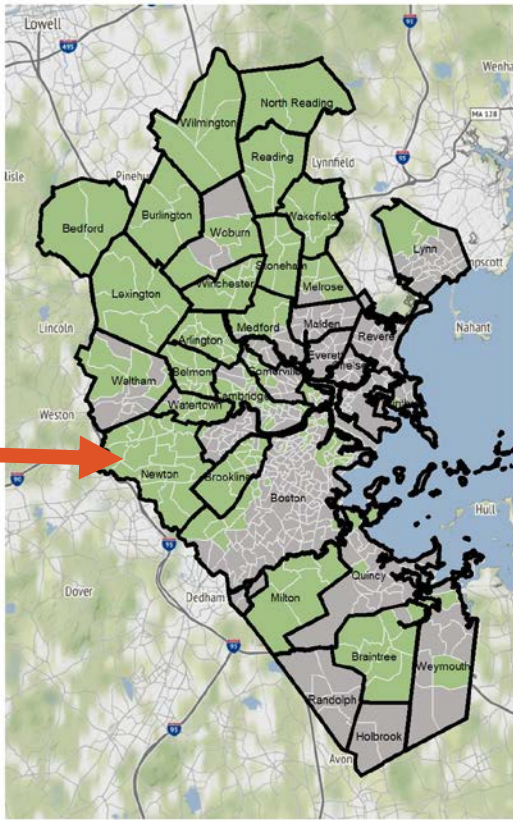
Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **26.7%**



Race	%
White	77.0%
Asian	14.5%
Two or more races	3.5%
Black/African American	4.2%
Some other race	1.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%
Age Group	%
Under 5	4.9%
Age 5-17	16.8%
Age 18-64	58.2%
Age 65 and older	20.1%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

SNO Mass Opportunity Areas

Metro Housing Boston



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