

Somerville



OVERVIEW

Somerville is a rapidly gentrifying town next to Cambridge. According to its town website: “a myriad of immigrants from all over the world make Somerville the most densely populated community in New England and one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the nation” (City of Somerville Website). It borders Cambridge, Medford, Everett, Arlington, and Charlestown.

The Redline already stops in Somerville but the MBTA is currently working on an extension of the Green line into Somerville which will add several T stops. The Assembly Square Mall offers outlet shopping and many other amenities.

SCHOOLS

E. Somerville Community (Grades K – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

West Somerville Neighborhood School (Grades PK -8)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Arthur D Healey School (Grades PK – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 3/10

Benjamin Brown School (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 9/10

Somerville High (Grades 9 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Somerville High School	89.9%
Massachusetts	88.0%

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

COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, Somerville’s violent crime rate was 36% lower than the national average and 37.2% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 39% lower than the national average and 5% lower than the Massachusetts average.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The Red Line stops in Davis Square and Porter Square, which is in Cambridge but on the border with Somerville. Somerville is served by the Haverhill/Reading Commuter rail which goes to North Station. Buses also go to the T in Malden. Somerville is near the major highways of I93 and I95/MA 128.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **3.2%**

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

Race	%
White	76.0%
Asian	9.1%
Two or more races	3.9%
Black/African American	6.8%
Some other race	3.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%
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

LOCAL AMENITIES

There is an affordable Market Basket in Somerville, a Trader Joes, a couple of Stop and Shop locations, a Star Market and non-chain stores such as Amigos Grocery Store and Bombay Market. Somerville has several weekly farmers markets including one that moves indoors during the winter. There are many free or low-cost activities for families and children. BOKS (Building Our Kids Success) is a free before-school fitness program for K- 5 students. (Somerville Hub). Dilboy Pool is an open air pool for summer swimming and the Kennedy Pool is an indoor pool with year-round swimming and instruction. The Veteran's Memorial Rink provides a full size rink and a smaller one with skate rental for all ages (Somerville Hub). The nonprofit Science Club for Girls offers free clubs and other activities designed to promote interest in STEM for girls and young women.

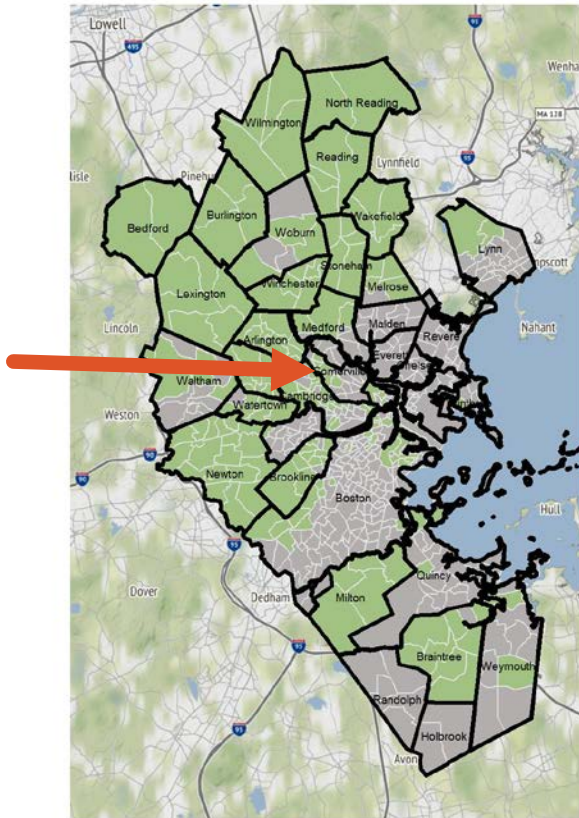
Somerville recreation offers a huge variety of sports and other activities for the whole family. There are also numerous commercial activities for families including: Brooklyn Boulders provides indoor climbing, Esh Circus Arts has classes on a variety of circus performance skills, Sacco Bowl Haven has candlepin bowling and flatbread pizza. Somerville also offers many events throughout the year including Porchfest where musicians play music from their front porches and yards. Somerville High partners with a local nonprofit to offer special mentoring and other programs to immigrant youth.

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



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