

Plymouth County: Abington, MA

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COMMUTE TO WORK

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER IN 2003

Drove Alone (Car, truck, or van):	6,725	83.49%	Carpooled:	590	7.32%
Public Transportation:	500	6.21%	Motorcycle:	6	0.07%
Bicycle:	12	0.15%	Walked:	106	1.32%
Other Means:	18	0.22%	Worked at Home:	98	1.22%
2003 Average number of vehicles available:	1.8%				
2003 Average travel time to work in minutes:	32				

Sources: Claritas; The Warren Group

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PROFILE

Abington is a small bedroom community of 13,000 people some 12 miles south of Boston. The town was famous as part of the shoe industry and, as recently as 1986, had a working dairy farm. Today, though the town's roots in manufacturing and agriculture have given way to a primarily residential community character, several small and medium size businesses flourish within the boundaries of the quiet town. The town was founded in 1712 and although it has experienced substantial growth over the last several decades, the community retains a great deal of open space and a rural feeling. Residents are proud of the parks and recreation facilities which have produced several fine athletes. In addition, the growth of the town has not diminished the local spirit. There are several active civic organizations; annual celebrations include everything from an enthusiastic St. Patrick's Day parade to a huge 4th of July celebration attracting thousands from the South Shore. Abington enjoys a fine school system and full time fire and police departments. Town facilities also include a water department, sewer department, public library and municipal golf course. The future of Abington remains bright as development continues. Residents believe that future growth is certain to be spurred on when the Old Colony Railroad, which will connect the town to Boston by rail, is reactivated. In addition, the town will have its own commuter rail station. Abington keeps an eye on the potential for development that lies on the horizon. At the same time, the town keeps its feet planted firmly on the ground in a desire to maintain the high quality of life that makes Abington a special place to live.

GOVERNMENT

Board of Selectmen, Executive Secretary, Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated:

as a town: 1712

LOCATION

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Weymouth on the north, Rockland on the east, Whitman on the south, and Brockton and Holbrook on the west and northwest. Abington is 4 miles east of Brockton, 19 miles south of Boston, and 21 miles northeast of Plymouth.

Longitude:

-70.9545

Latitude:

42.1174

Sources: US Department of Housing; Claritas; The Warren Group

CRIME INFORMATION

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Crime Types:	Number of offenses reported for 12 of 2002	Compare Crime Rate per 100,000 population		
		Abington	MA	US
VIOLENT CRIMES				
Murder & Manslaughter	0	0	2.7	5.6
Forcible Rape	5	33.8	27.6	33
Robbery	4	27.1	111.5	145.9
Aggravated Assault	65	439.6	342.5	342.5
Total Violent Crimes	74	500.5	484.4	494.6
PROPERTY CRIMES				
Burglary	60	405.8	517.2	746.2
Larceny - Theft	177	1,197.1	1,679	2,445.8
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	209.7	413.6	432.1
Total Property Crimes	268	1,812.5	2,609.8	3,624.1
ALL CRIMES	342	2,313	3,094.2	4,118.8

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics; The Warren Group

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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ENROLLMENT BY GRADE/SCHOOL TYPE 2004:

Schools	pk	k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
Public Schools																	
Abington ECC	41	169	180	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597
Abington High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	147	146	161	0	0	593
Center	0	0	0	0	50	53	49	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
Frolio Jr Hs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	409
North	0	0	0	0	48	53	54	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Woodsdale	0	0	0	0	96	95	101	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	380
Private Schools																	
St Bridget	34	31	30	28	28	24	27	24	29	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	281

Source: Massachusetts Department of Education

PLANS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (2003)

HIGH SCHOOLS	Number of Grads	2-year Public College	4-year Public College	2-year Private College	4-year Private College	Military	Work	Other
Abington High	115	12.2%	47.8%	1.7%	27.8%	0.9%	7.8%	1.7%

Source: Massachusetts Department of Education

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