



# Easthampton

**Incorporated: 1785**

**Hampshire County**

The Town of Easthampton is a residential and manufacturing community. The town, with roughly 13.6 square miles of land area is a broad, relatively level valley bordered on the east by the steep slopes of Mount Tom. Easthampton's downtown maintains a New England village character which is an architecturally attractive and historically significant feature of the community. The first settlers arrived in Easthampton around 1664, and the town was incorporated in 1785. Easthampton was an agrarian village until the mid-1800's when manufacturing became a major force in the local economy. Mills proliferated along the banks of the Manhan taking advantage of the water power. Many area towns have become bedroom communities and succumbed to commercial strip development; Easthampton is focusing on its center and industrial areas as the place for economic development. Easthampton offers numerous opportunities for education and recreation. Nonotuck Park is a beautiful regional recreation area containing 190 acres for active and passive activities. The Massachusetts Audubon Society manages the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary which provides educational programs for adults and children. The Manhan River flows past the center of the town eventually reaching the Connecticut River, and there is fishing on Nashawannuck Pond. Easthampton is also home to Williston Northampton School, a private secondary college prep school which recently received a blue ribbon educational award, ranking it one of the top private schools in the country. (Narrative supplied by community)

**Population:** 15,994 (2000 census)

**Government:** Mayor—Council with  
9 councilpersons

**Total Area:** 13.60 square miles +/-

**Tax Rate:** \$11.45 (2008)

**School Superintendent::** 529-1500

**Public Schools:** Elementary schools; middle  
school & high school

**Colleges and Universities:** none

**Private Schools:** The Williston Northampton  
School

**Shopping:** local downtown shopping area; larger  
mall within 15 minutes

**Libraries:** Williston Memorial Library  
527-1031

**Recreational Facilities:**

Nonotuck Park; Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary;  
Nashawannuck Pond

**Utilities:**

Cable: Charter Communications 592-5171  
Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000  
Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

**Child Care Providers:** 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus

56 Vernon Street Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

**For More Information:**

**Town hall:** 529-1416

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