

This is a brief overview of Southwick, MA. incorporated in 1770. Southwick is located in the southwestern part of the state bordering Granby & Suffield, Connecticut.

### **Recreation**

- 3 eighteen hole golf courses and one miniature golf course in town
- A six mile [rail trail](#) connecting to more than 30 miles of hiking trail in Conn. and Mass
- A modern 11,000 sq. ft. public [library](#) with free *Wi-Fi*, 57,000+ items and programs for all ages
- Hundreds of acres of preserved public land for hiking, walking, hunting, etc.
- [Whalley Park](#) a 70 acre public park with soccer and baseball fields, children's playscape, etc.
- The *Congamond Lakes* with two boat launch areas and public beach
- A non-profit [recreation center](#)
- Exercise, yoga, bicycle, massage, scuba and kayak businesses in town
- A new \$ 750,000 track opened at the High School in October 2014

### **Business**

- Two industrial parks with available space and other industrially zoned property
- Broadband Internet available from multiple providers
- 400+ businesses in town including precision manufacturing
- Nearby intermodal rail facility
- 12 miles from [Bradley Int. Airport](#) (BDL) with non-stop flights to 29 destinations including non-stop service to Europe, general aviation and shippers *FedEx & UPS*.
- [Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport](#) is 9 miles north with general aviation services
- Access to Interstate Highways (*Mass Pike I-90, I-91*), 2 hour drive to Boston and 3 hours to New York City
- Within a one day drive of Toronto, Cleveland and Washington DC
- Nearby postal service facilities (*P & DC, bulk facility*)
- Media outlets in Westfield, Springfield and Hartford (radio, television, newspapers)

### **Demographics**

- Population 9,502 (2010 Census)
- Population estimate July 2015 at 9,737 (census.gov)
- Higher per capita income than nearby communities
- 32.5 percent of adults over age 25 have at least a bachelors degree
- *Median Household income* \$ 81,967 (2014) and per capita income \$ 37,591 (census.gov)
- A [range of housing](#) from under \$ 150,000 to more than \$ 700,000 including senior housing options
- Lower real estate tax than many nearby communities. The 2016/2017 tax rate is \$ 17.73 per thousand residential/commercial property
- A growing community with new homes and condos built each year

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## Quality of Life

- Parks, golf courses, hiking, walking trails and open space
- Seasonal farm stands
- Doctors, dry cleaners, retail, pharmacies, horse stables, campgrounds, three banks and more than 25 restaurants in town
- 7 hospitals within a 40 minute drive (Westfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Hartford, Farmington)
- More than 40 colleges & universities in the [Knowledge Corridor](#)
- Access to theatre and other entertainment (Southwick, Springfield, Westfield, Hartford, Northampton, Amherst)
- [School system](#) completed a \$ 69 million upgrade in 2015
- An active *Cultural Council, Rotary, Lions, scouts, youth sports teams, Historical Society and more.*
- [The Berkshires](#) and [Tanglewood](#) are nearby
- Seven [religious denominations](#) in town



## An Overview of Southwick

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