



EDDI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DATA & INFORMATION
for Connecticut & Western Massachusetts

Springfield, MA Hampden County



Location:

Settled in 1636, Springfield has several historic and distinct neighborhoods, which earned it the nickname of the "City of Homes". Springfield is also known as the "City of Firsts". The First gasoline powered automobile was built in Springfield by J. Frank and Charles E. Duryea in 1891. Springfield is the birthplace of basketball. The Basketball Hall of Fame borders I-91 and is adjacent to the Connecticut River, which separates Springfield and West Springfield.

Business Climate:

Springfield's exemplary partnerships with the business community are demonstrated by its revitalized Central Business District.

Contacts

Dave Panagore, Chief Development Officer
Planning and Economic Development
70 Tapley Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01104
Phone: 413-787-6565
Fax: 413-787-6524
E-mail: dpanagore@springfieldcityhall.com
Web site: <http://springfieldcityhall.com>

Demographic Information

Population

	1990	2000	2007	2012
Population:	154,590	152,082	153,076	153,608
Labor Market Population:	1,522,021	2,370,565	2,845,962	2,911,342

Data Source: 1990, 2000 and 2006 From U.S. Census. Current and Projected data from Demographics Now/AGS

Households

	1990	2000	2007	2012
Total Number of Households:	56,767	57,178	57,581	57,848
Average Household Size:	0	2.57	2.56	2.56
Median Household Income:	\$25,656.00	\$30,417.00	\$36,289.00	\$39,951.00

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2007
Associate Degree:	7 %
Bachelor's Degree:	12 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	8 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Boston, MA	92		0	0
Chicopee, MA	4		0	0
Hartford, CT	27		0	0
Holyoke, MA	8		0	0
New York, NY	142		0	0

Labor Force Characteristics

Leading Employers

	Product or Service	Employees
Baystate Health System	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities	4428
Baystate Medical Center	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities	8000
Big Y Foods	Food and Beverage Stores	500
Massachusetts Mutual Financial Group	Securities, Community Contracts and Other Financial Investments	5000
Mercy Medical Center	Hospital	3000
Smith and Wesson		587
Springfield College	Educational Services	740
Union News/Springfield Republican	Publishing Industries	1000
Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities	3000
Western New England College	Educational Services	570

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	1970
Strategic City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
County Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Unknown
Percent of Streets Paved:	95.0

Local Government Services

David Panagore, Chief Development Officer	Planning and Economic Development
Phil Dromey	Deputy Director of Planning
Steven Desilettes	Dept. of Code Enforcement Building Division
Helen Caulton-Harris	Health and Human Services
Stephen O'Malley	Assessor

Utilities

Water

Provider Name:	Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Rated Capacity (mgd):	100
Average Capacity (mgd):	36
Peak Demand (mgd):	0
Storage Capacity (gallons):	60

Sewer

Provider Name:	Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Rated Capacity (mgd):	67
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	40
Peak Demand (mgd):	180

Electric

Provider Name:	Western Massachusetts Electric Company
Peak Demand (kW):	0
Generation Capacity (MW):	33,676
Customers Served (state):	220,000
Customers Served (system):	220,000

Natural Gas

Provider Name:	
Pipeline Source:	
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

Telecommunications

Provider Name:	Verizon Communications
Service Type:	
DSL:	Yes
Fiber Optics:	Unknown
Switch Services:	
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Two major highways, I-291 and I-391 promote travel within the metropolitan region. I-91 North and South facilitate travel from New York to Vermont.

Motor Carriers:	2
Local Terminals:	1

Railroads

Amtrak runs north and south, east and west.

Piggyback Ramp Available:	Yes
Distance to Nearest Piggyback:	7
Intermodal Services Available:	No

Airport

The closest major/regional airport is Bradley International Airport, which is located in Windsor Locks, CT, just outside of Hartford, CT. Westover Airforce Base, in Chicopee, has recently made commercial flights available from Chicopee to Columbus, OH. In January, flights will be available from Chicopee to Greensboro, NC. Westover is the largest Air Force Reserve Base in the U.S. All arrangements must be made through the website <http://www.skybus.com>. The first 10 seats on each flight are available for \$10.00; all others vary.

Waterway

The Connecticut River is the nearest to Springfield. It runs parallel to a major highway I-91 that runs north and south.

Public Transportation Network

The Pioneer Valley Transportation Authority provides bus service locally in Springfield and to 24 communities in the Pioneer Valley.

General Comments

Bus service, via Peter Pan, travels nationwide.

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation (2007):	\$7,433,650,520.00
Bond Indebtedness (2007)	
General Obligation:	\$ 349,693,453.00
Revenue:	
County:	
School:	

General Comments:

As of August 2007, Springfield had a Moody's bond rating of Baa3. As of July 2007, the S&P bond rating was BBB.

Quality of Life

Commercial Services

Number of Hotels and Motels:	0
Number of Rooms Available:	0
Number of Conference Centers:	4
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	0

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Higher Education Overview

There are four colleges located in Springfield.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	8
Total Number of Beds:	1,422
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	0
Number of Medical Doctors:	862
Number of Dentists:	0
Number of Registered Nurses:	847
Number of Practitioning Nurses:	0