

Upton, Massachusetts

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Upton is a town in Worcester County, Massachusetts, United States. It was first settled in 1728. The population was 7,542 at the 2010 census, with over 2,100 households.

For geographic and demographic information on the census-designated place Upton-West Upton, see: Upton-West Upton, Massachusetts.

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History

Upton was originally the home of the Nipmuc, who inhabited most of central Massachusetts. The town was first settled in 1728 and was officially incorporated in 1735.

Upton was home to a number of members of the Taft family, including an American Revolutionary War soldier named Samuel Taft, who was born there.^[1] Samuel Taft had 22 children and hosted President George Washington on his inaugural tour of New England in 1789.^[2] Three-term mayor of Worcester, historian Judge Henry Chapin was born here on May 13, 1811.^[2]

Between 1730 and 1850, Upton had many small shoe shops, called ten-footers. These operations were gradually merged into large assembly-line

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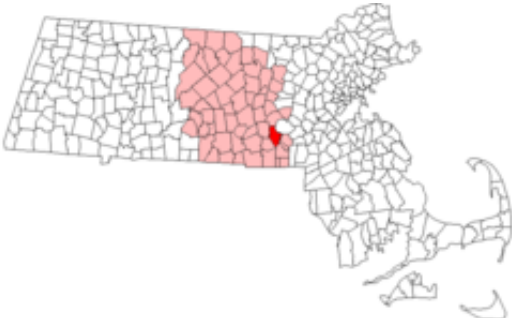
Town



Upton Town Hall



Seal



Location in Worcester County in Massachusetts
Coordinates: 42°10′28″N 71°36′10″W

Country	United States
State	Massachusetts
County	Worcester
Settled	1728
Incorporated	1735
Government	
• Type	Open town meeting
• Town Manager	Blythe C. Robinson
• Board of Selectmen	Robert J. Fleming Kenneth E. Picard James A. Brochu

manufacturing companies. By 1837, Upton produced 21.7% of the boots made in Worcester County.^[3]

William Knowlton founded what was to become the world’s largest women's hat factory: Knowlton Hat Factory was built in 1872 and added to the National Historic Register in 1982.^[3]

The Upton Town Library was founded in March 1871.^{[4][5]}

The Upton Fire Department was incorporated at Town Meeting on April 9th, 1839, and has served Upton and its residents faithfully for 175 years.

Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 21.7 square miles (56 km²), of which 21.5 square miles (56 km²) are land and 0.2-square-mile (0.52 km²) (0.97%) is water.

Adjacent towns

Upton is located in eastern Massachusetts, bordered by:

- Hopkinton to the northeast
- Westborough to the north
- Milford to the east
- Mendon to the south
- Grafton to the northwest
- Hopedale to the southeast
- Northbridge to the southwest

Demographics

By the 2010 census, the population had reached 7,542.

As of the census^[16] of 2000, there were 5,642 people, 2,042 households, and 1,562 families residing in the town. The population density was 262.2 people per square mile (101.2/km²). There were 2,084 housing units at an average density of 96.9 per square mile (37.4/km²). The racial makeup of the town was 96.34% White, 3.46% African American, 0.07% Native American, 0.97% Asian, 0.30% from other races, and 0.83% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.73% of the population.

Area	
• Total	21.7 sq mi (56.3 km2)
• Land	21.5 sq mi (55.7 km2)
• Water	0.2 sq mi (0.5 km2)
Elevation	301 ft (92 m)
Population (2000)	
• Total	7,542
• Density	262.2/sq mi (101.2/km2)
Time zone	Eastern (UTC-5)
• Summer (DST)	Eastern (UTC-4)
ZIP code	01568
Area code(s)	508 / 774
FIPS code	25-71480
GNIS feature ID	0618386
Website	www.uptonma.gov/ (http://www.uptonma.gov/)

Historical population

Year	Pop.	±%
1850	2,023	—
1860	1,986	−1.8%
1870	1,989	+0.2%
1880	2,023	+1.7%
1890	1,878	−7.2%
1900	1,937	+3.1%
1910	2,071	+6.9%

There were 2,042 households, out of which 42.1% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 67.9% were married couples living together, 6.7% had a female householder with no husband present, and 23.5% were non-families. 19.0% of all households were made up of individuals and 7.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.74 and the average family size was 3.17.

In the town the population was spread out, with 29.1% under the age of 18, 4.3% from 18 to 24, 35.0% from 25 to 44, 22.2% from 45 to 64, and 9.5% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 37 years. For every 100 females there were 95.6 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 92.7 males.

The median income for a household in the town was \$78,595, and the median income for a family was \$89,251. Males had a median income of \$66,734 versus \$39,224 for females. The per capita income for the town was \$34,924. About 1.8% of families and 3.5% of the population were below the poverty line, including 4.1% of those under age 18 and 4.7% of those age 65 or over.

1920	1,693	−18.3%
1930	2,026	+19.7%
1940	2,249	+11.0%
1950	2,656	+18.1%
1960	3,127	+17.7%
1970	3,484	+11.4%
1980	3,886	+11.5%
1990	4,677	+20.4%
2000	5,642	+20.6%
2010	7,542	+33.7%

Source: United States Census records and Population Estimates Program data.^{[6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15]}

Education

There are three different schools in Upton. Memorial Elementary School and Nipmuc Regional High School are part of the public school system of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is a trade school open to the surrounding towns.

Government

County-level state agency heads

Clerk of Courts: Dennis P. McManus (D)

District Attorney: Joseph D. Early, Jr. (D)

Register of Deeds: Anthony J. Vigliotti (D)

Register of Probate: Stephanie K. Fattman (R)

County Sheriff: Lew Evangelidis (R)

State government

State Representative(s): David Muradian (R)

State Senator(s): Michael O. Moore (D)

Governor's Councilor(s): Jen Caissie (R)

Federal government

U.S. Representative(s): 2nd District

U.S. Senators: Elizabeth Warren (D), Ed Markey (D)

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