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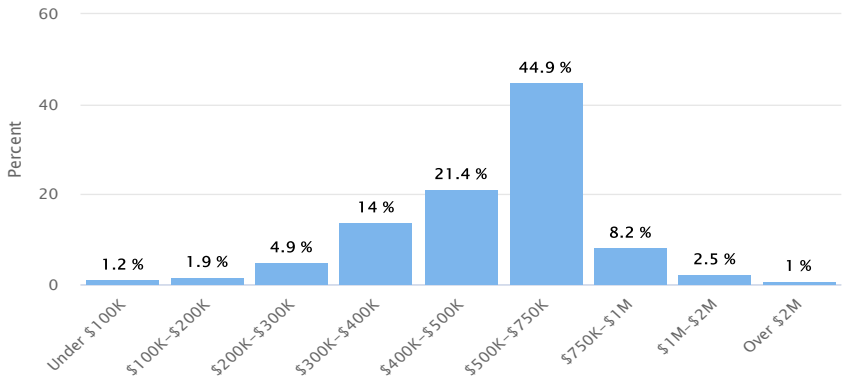
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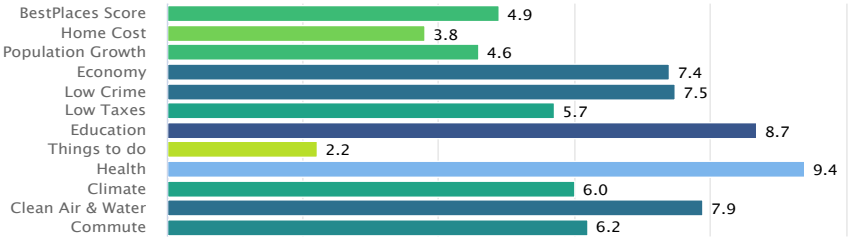
REAL ESTATE

$706,100	Median Home Value
$603,600	Metro Area
$510,500	State
14.68%	1 Year Appreciation
37.35%	5 Years
37.35%	10 Years
$2,648	Average Rent
$8	Property Taxes
60	Average Home Age
48.70%	Own Home
45.55%	Rent
5.75%	Vacant

VALUE OF OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS



WALTHAM INDEXES



VOTING

Strongly liberal. In the last Presidential election, Middlesex county remained overwhelmingly Democratic, 71.5% to 26.3%.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX

3.5/11

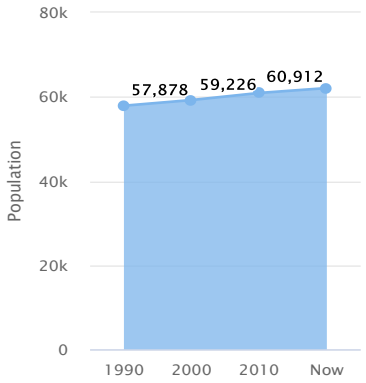
(The US average is 4.3)

SUPERFUND INDEX

83/100

(The US average is 87)

POPULATION



Waltham's population is 62,069 people. Since 2020, it has had a population growth of 5.1%. Waltham's population density is 4,873 people per square mile. The Median Age of people in Waltham is 33.5 years old.

Population Change 1990 to Now:	Population Change 2000 to Now:
7.2%	4.8%

Waltham's Male Percentage 49.0% versus Female Percentage 51.0%. 40.5% of residents are married and 59.5% of residents are single.

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AIR QUALITY INDEX

61/100

(The US average is 58)

CRIME

Violent 10.5 (The US average is 22.7)
Property 20.1 (The US average is 35.4)

In descending order of severity, the **violent crimes** are murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, followed by the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. **Property crime** includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

TAX

Sales 6.25%

Income 5.10%

WATER QUALITY INDEX

43/100

(The US average is 55)

SCHOOLS

High School Graduates 23.95%

2 yr. Degree 5.25%

4 yr. Degree 48.42%

Graduate Degree 27.79%

Counselors per Student 491

Expenditures per Student $19,400

Teachers per Student 11.1

Librarians per Student 333

Waltham public schools spend $19,400 per student. The average school expenditure in the U.S. is $12,383. There are about 11.1 students per teacher in Waltham.

HEALTH

83/100

Health Cost Index (US Average = 100)

371/210

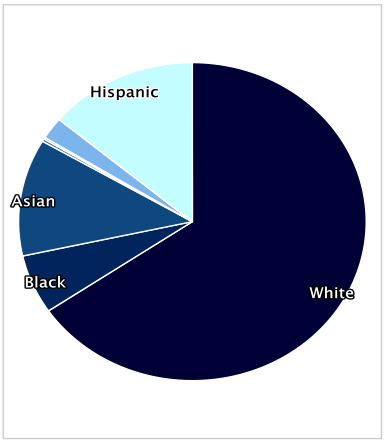
Physicians Per 100,000 Population (The US average is 210)

COST OF LIVING INDEX

152/100

Compared to the rest of the country, Waltham's cost of living is 51.7% higher than the U.S. average.

RACE



White - 65.52% Black - 6.02% Hispanic - 13.89% Asian - 11.90% PacificIslander - 0.00% Two or More Races - 2.24% Native American - 0.16% Other - 0.27%

TRANSPORTATION

Average Commute time is 25.2 minutes. The National Average is 26.4 minutes.

Commuting can effect your health. The average person in Waltham commutes 25.2 minutes one-way, which is shorter than the US average of 26.4 minutes.

How people in Waltham get to work:

- 70.3% drive their own car alone.
- 7.95% carpool with others.
- 4.95% work from home.
- 7.28% take mass transit.

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LOCATION DATA

Latitude 42.388921 Longitude -71.242268

State Massachusetts

County Middlesex County

Metro Area Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metro Area

City Waltham

Zip Codes 02453, 02451, 02452

Time zone Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Elevation 29 ft above sea level

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COMFORT INDEX *

9.2 / 4.7

SUMMER / WINTER

August, July and June are the most pleasant months in Waltham, while January and February are the least comfortable months.

**Comfort Index = (temperature + relative humidity)/4. (10=best)*

ECONOMY

Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 39.7%, which is higher than the US average of 33.5%. Waltham has seen the job market increase by 4.3% over the last year. The unemployment rate in Waltham is 5.9% (U.S. avg. is 6.0%). The Median household income of a Waltham resident is $73,162 a year. The US average is $53,482 a year. The average income of a Waltham resident is $35,642 a year. The US average is $28,555 a year.

PROS

- Education
- Arts and culture
- Historic interest

CONS

- Traffic and sprawl
- Economic cycles
- Cost of living

GLOSSARY

SALES TAX - a tax on sales or on the receipts from sales. Income Tax - tax levied by a government directly on income, especially an annual tax on personal income.

INCOME TAX - tax levied by a government directly on income, especially an annual tax on personal income.

AIR QUALITY INDEX - This is based on new measures of hazardous air pollutants from the EPA, called the National Air Toxics Assessment. This analysis models respiratory illness and cancer risk down to the zip code level, providing better detail and insight than the previous analysis based solely on results from air monitoring stations.

SUPERFUND INDEX - The EPA's Superfund program is responsible for cleaning up some of our nation's most contaminated land. Our index is based on the number of active Superfund sites (over 15,000 in the United States), with particular attention paid to those on the National Priorities List which pose the greatest health danger.

COST OF LIVING INDEX - Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Waltham is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Waltham, Massachusetts is more expensive.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX - The UV Index provides a daily forecast of the expected intensity of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

WATER QUALITY INDEX - Higher scores reflect cleaner water. Note that this is a measure of Watershed quality, not the water that comes from your faucet. The EPA has stated that a healthy watershed is closely related to drinking water quality. The EPA has a complex method of measuring watershed quality using 15 indicators such as pH, chemicals, metals, and bacteria.