

Acushnet

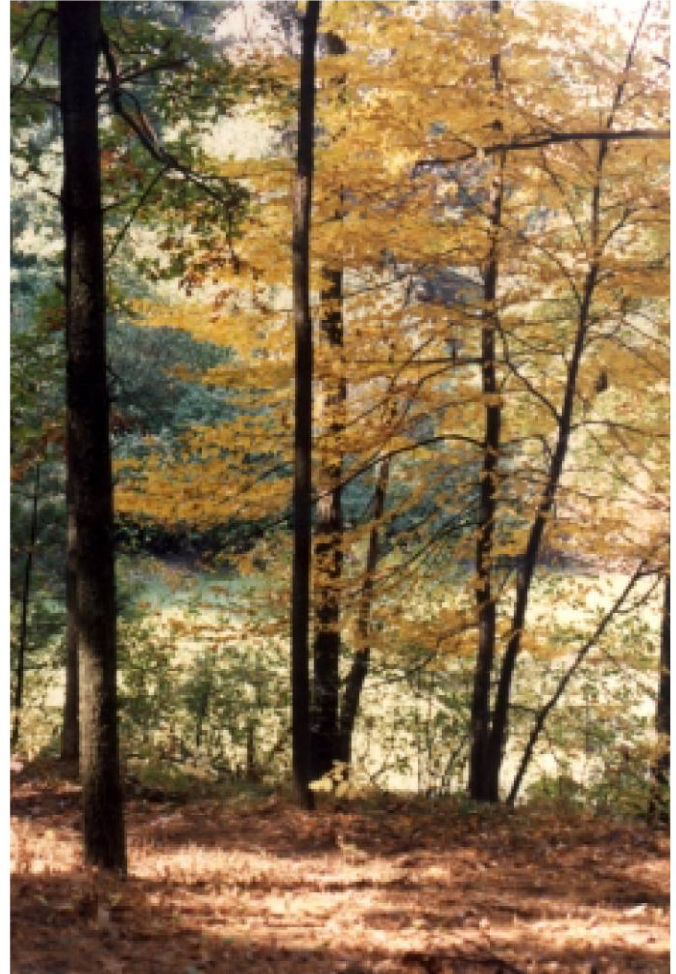
Bristol County

Acushnet is a small agricultural-based community with many operating dairy and turkey farms, apple and peach orchards, and strawberry and blueberry farms. Commuters to New Bedford can find all the comforts of a peaceful, rural community in Acushnet.

Bucolic is a term that truly describes the winding country roads that run throughout this farm community. If you are seeking refuge from the traffic and bustle of the city, you will find it in Acushnet.

Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, which provides route service between New Bedford and Acushnet, and principal highways running through the town are Interstate 195 and U.S. Route 6.

Many homes are reasonably priced, and residents take pride in their school system and in the many community-based activities hosted by the town.



Town Facts

INCORPORATED: 1860

POPULATION: 10,161

POPULATION DENSITY: 565 per sq. mile

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:

Residential - \$11.76

Commercial - \$15.11

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Open Town Meetings

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$58,722

NEAREST HOSPITAL:

St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford

LIBRARY:

Russell Memorial Library

SHOPPING FACILITIES:

Major Mall shopping in North Dartmouth

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Town water, town trash collection

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

Superintendent's Office

708 Middle Road, Suite I

Acushnet, MA 02743

(508) 998-0260

Total student enrollment: 1,048

School District Organization

One elementary school (K-4)

One middle/junior high school (5-8)

Fairhaven/New Bedford High School (9-12)

Old Colony Regional Vocational/Tech. High School in
Rochester

Integrated Cost Per Pupil: \$6,177

Children Attending Public Schools: 90.1%

% of students planning to attend a 4-year college: 53.6%

2-year college: 21.5%

Teacher Average Salary: \$48,649

Acushnet average SAT score: Verbal - 470; Math - 470

Private School:

St. Francis Xavier School

Southeastern Mass. Educational Collaborative (SMEC)

Bristol County Agricultural

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical

Acushnet – MCAS Test Results

MCAS Tests of Spring 2003 Percentage of Students at Each Performance Level					
Grade and Subject	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning/ Failing	Students Included
GRADE 03 – READING	NA	79	20	2	112
GRADE 04 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	0	51	47	2	124
GRADE 04 – MATHEMATICS	4	24	57	15	124
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	26	45	25	4	119
GRADE 06 – MATHEMATICS	5	24	49	23	146
GRADE 07 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	5	69	23	4	142
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	7	41	31	21	135
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	0	30	56	14	135

The use of average scaled scores was discontinued by the Department of Education in 2003.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

For a town of its size, Acushnet offers a fair amount of recreational programs and activities to its residents. The town's Pope Park provides tennis courts, baseball and basketball facilities. The park is staffed by counsellors during the summer months and operates a playground program for children. Numerous sports teams are active within the community, and the Acushnet River offers a wide range of natural recreational activities, including fishing, swimming, water skiing, and boating.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

48 miles to Boston, 28 miles to Providence, Acushnet has easy access to Amtrak in Providence. Train service is available to Boston from nearby Lakeville Station. New Bedford Municipal Airport has scheduled passenger service. Principal highways are Interstate 195 and U.S. Route 6, which run E-W across the town. Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA), which provides fixed route service between New Bedford and Acushnet, SRTA and the Council on Aging also provide paratransit services for the elderly and disabled.