

Marion

Plymouth County

Marion is a small, affluent community of year-round and summer residents who enjoy living by the sea. The town's old world charm is prevalent throughout its picturesque neighborhoods and shoreline. Sprawling new estates and former sea captain's homes give Marion its prestigious charm.

Marion's shipbuilders, once producing giant whaling vessels, now make luxurious sailboats and yachts. When train service first arrived in Marion, wealthy residents from Boston soon discovered the pleasures of this summer resort area.

The town is populated with historical buildings, and a famous benefactor and life-long resident, Elizabeth Taber is credited with

donating the town's library, union hall, music hall and the elite Tabor Academy college preparatory school.

One of the town's more well known events is the Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race, in which racers sail the 645 miles due south to Bermuda over several days. Marion maintains several pristine beaches and parks. The town's oldest lighthouse is located just off Bird Island.

With a population of just over 5,000 residents, Marion provides a small town feel that is a selling point for many potential home buyers.



Town Facts

INCORPORATED: 1852

POPULATION: 5,068

POPULATION DENSITY: 359 per square mile

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE: \$9.56

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Selectmen

Executive Administrator

Representative Town Meeting

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$74,265

NEAREST HOSPITAL:

Tobey Hospital, Warehan

St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford

LIBRARY:

Elizabeth Taber Library

SHOPPING FACILITIES:

small shops

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Almost all town water

60% town sewer

Town trash collection

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Superintendent's Office

135 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
508.758.2772

Total student enrollment: 493 (elementary)

School District Organization

One Elementary school (PK-6)
Old Rochester Regional Junior High (7-8)
Old Rochester Regional High School (9-12)

Integrated Cost Per Pupil: \$6,132

Children Attending Public Schools: 93%

% of students planning to attend a 4-year college: 74%
2-year college: 17%

Teacher Average Salary: \$47,390

Marion average SAT score: Math - 523; Verbal - 507

Private School:

Tabor Academy, co-ed, boarding/day, grades 9-12
508.748.2000

Marion – 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	72	25	3	68
GRADE 04 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	4	56	36	4	75
GRADE 04 – MATHEMATICS	19	31	41	9	75
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	29	38	34	15	78
GRADE 06 – MATHEMATICS	25	33	31	10	67

Old Rochester Regional High School – MCAS Test Results

GRADE 07 - ENGLISH LANG. ARTS	8	75	16	1	261
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	16	38	29	17	233
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	5	34	44	17	232
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANG. ARTS	13	54	31	3	176
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	18	34	36	12	177

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

RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

- Silvershell Beach
- Island Wharf
- Veterans' Memorial Park
- Washburn Park
- Bicentennial Park
- Holmes Woods

TRANSPORTATION:

Principal highways are Route 195, Route 495. Marion is 52 miles to Boston, 50 miles to Providence and 14 miles to New Bedford.