

# Mattapoissett

Plymouth County

Picturesque Mattapoissett is a seacoast community that is world-renowned for its bustling shipyards. Once mainly a summer resort area, the town now has a growing year-round population.

The community today is a well-preserved blend of old and new. Its harbor provides easy access to Cape Cod and the islands of Nantucket, Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard. The flavor of the town is classically New England with historic homes clustered in Mattapoissett Village and small boat repair shops sprinkled along the harbor.

Although more whaling ships were built in Mattapoissett than anywhere else, the town is not dominated by big industries. It is not jammed with summer tourists like its Cape Cod neighbors, but many summer residents own property in town or rent cottages along the waterfront.

The small town community feel is prevalent throughout the streets and byways of the community. The historic Mattapoissett Inn, built in 1799, is the oldest seaside inn in the nation.

Town events are abundant, particularly during the summer months when it hosts the Mattapoissett River Race, harbor concerts and a Harbor Days Festival. There is currently one private golf community within the town, but plans are underway for the Bay Club, a member-owned golf course and private community to be built on more than 650 acres of land.

Mattapoissett's active real estate market coupled with low interest rates have helped more people afford to buy a new or second home in the community. But Mattapoissett is historically a small market, with about 2,800 single-family homes, less than a hundred 2-family homes, and a small percentage of condominiums.



## Town Facts

**INCORPORATED:** 1857

**POPULATION:** 6,525

**POPULATION DENSITY:** 359 people per square miles

**RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:** \$12.35  
508.758.4106

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Administrator  
Representative Town Meeting

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME:** \$68,246

**NEAREST HOSPITAL:**

St. Luke's in New Bedford

**LIBRARY:**

Public Library, 7 Barstow Street

**SHOPPING FACILITIES:**

small local shops

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES:**

84% town water  
18% town sewer  
town trash pickup

## PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Superintendent's Office:**  
135 Marion Road  
Mattapoissett, MA 02739  
508.758.2772

**Total student enrollment:** 569 (PreK to 6)

### School District Organization

One Preschool to grade three  
One Elementary school (4-6)  
Old Rochester Regional Junior High (7-8)  
Old Rochester Regional High School (9-12)

**Integrated Cost Per Pupil:** \$5,475  
**Children Attending Public Schools:** 93%

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

**Teacher Average Salary:** \$49,207

**Mattapoissett average SAT score:** Math - 523; Verbal - 507

**Private School:**  
Tabor Academy in Marion, co-ed, day/boarding, ( 9-12)  
508.748.2000

### Mattapoissett – 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
<b>GRADE 03 - READING</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>GRADE 04 - ENGLISH LANG. ARTS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>GRADE 04 - MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>GRADE 05 - SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>GRADE 06 - MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>87</b>

### Old Rochester Regional High School – MCAS Test Results

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

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

### RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

- Shipyard Park
- Veterans' Memorial park - Ned's Point
- Town Beach, Water Street

### TRANSPORTATION:

The principal highways are Route 6 and Route 495.  
Bus service available to Fairhaven and New Bedford.