

# Rochester

Plymouth County

Rochester was originally part of a tract of land encompassing Marion, Mattapoisett, and West Wareham, Today it is an independent community, but still enjoys beach rights to the other three towns.

This small community maintains its rural New England feel with its miles of open spaces and winding country roads cut through the rugged landscape. There are few traffic lights in the town and the Plumb Corner Mall and a handful of Mom and Pop stores make up the shopping district.

Cranberry bogs and a smattering of antique farmhouses are reminders of Rochester's agricultural past. Although the bogs continue to produce cranberries, commercial business is largely missing from the town. Preservation of open spaces is more important to the town fathers than attracting business.

The landscape is mostly woodlands, open fields and small bodies of water. Houses are spread out with many set far off the country roads with long winding driveways. Scenes of horses grazing on rolling green hills are commonplace within the community, and wildlife is abundant.

Recreational activities include golfing at the town's golf course and water sports at Mary's Pond, one of the town's most beautiful natural attractions. Among the annual special events are the Rochester Country Fair and the Memorial Day Boat Race.

The peace, serenity, and family feel of Rochester make it home to a growing population of young professionals as well as empty-nesters seeking the peace and tranquility of rural living.



## Town Facts

**INCORPORATED:** 1686

**POPULATION:** 4,681

**POPULATION DENSITY:** 136 people per square miles

**RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:** \$14.16

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:**

Selectmen  
Executive Administrator  
Representative Town Meeting

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME:** \$67,031

**NEAREST HOSPITAL:**

Tobey Hospital in Wareham

**LIBRARY:**

J.H. Plumb Memorial Library, the Commons

**SHOPPING FACILITIES:**

Local Shops

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES:**

Mostly private water  
Private sewer

## PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

**Total student enrollment: 507**

*School District Organization*

One Elementary schools (PreK-6)  
 Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School (7-8)  
 Old Rochester High School (9-12)  
 Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School

**Integrated Cost Per Pupil: \$6,177**  
**Children Attending Public Schools: 97%**

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

**Teacher Average Salary: \$48,649**  
**Rochester average SAT score: Math - 523; Verbal - 507**

### Rochester – 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 06 - MATHEMATICS	29	37	26	8	245
GRADE 07 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	8	75	16	1	261
GRADE 08 – SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	5	34	44	17	232
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	16	38	29	17	233
GRADE 10 - ENG. LANGUAGE 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.*

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:**

Rochester is 50 miles from Boston. The principal highway is Route 105 with access to Routes 195 and 495. Train service to Boston from Lakeville Station. (12 miles to New Bedford)

**RECREATIONAL SERVICES:**

- Gifford Memorial Park, Mary's Pond Road
- Dexter Lane Park
- Rochester Golf course - 18 holes