

Wareham

Plymouth County

If living by the sea is a priority, but affordability is a consideration, Wareham may be the perfect choice for you. This rural seacoast town also offers ample woodlands, natural lakes and ponds, and the gateway to Cape Cod is at your doorstep.

Wareham is cranberry country with some of the largest bogs in New England, and one third of the town's 39 square miles is used for agriculture. Businesses are brisk within the town, which houses industrial parks, large companies, department stores and chain restaurants.

Recreational opportunities abound especially during the summer months when Wareham attracts visitors and residents with its 52 miles of beach run in the section called Onset. Onset is a bustling summer resort area with festivals, concerts and other seasonal events taking center stage. Golfers will enjoy the Bay Pointe Country Club and sports fans can follow the Wareham Gatemen, a franchise team of the Cape Cod Baseball League.

Like other seacoast towns, Wareham has grown considerably in the last 10 years, and new construction has risen dramatically. Young families will appreciate the excellent school system in the community, and empty nesters will enjoy the opportunity to retire by the sea without depleting their life savings.



Town Facts

INCORPORATED: 1739

POPULATION: 20,335

POPULATION DENSITY: 554 people per square mile

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:

Wareham - \$12.06

Onset - \$12.00

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Board of Selectmen

Executive Administrator

Open Town Meeting

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$45,750

NEAREST HOSPITAL:

Tobey Hospital in Wareham

LIBRARY:

Wareham Public

SHOPPING FACILITIES:

Downtown shopping in various small plazas

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Town sponsored curbside trash pick-up.

Approximately 40% of households are linked to the town's sewer system.

Approximately 48% of households receive water through the Onset or Wareham Fire Districts.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

Superintendent's Office:

54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571
508.291.3500

Total student enrollment: 3,630

School District Organization

Five Elementary schools (PreK-5)
One Middle school (6-8)
One High School (9-12)

Integrated Cost Per Pupil: \$6,177

Children Attending Public Schools: 96.2%

% of students planning to attend a 4-year college: 53.5%
2-year college: 29.4%

Teacher Average Salary: \$47,261

Wareham average SAT score: Math - 456, Verbal - 477

Wareham – 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	52	45	3	289
GRADE 04 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	5	44	44	7	263
GRADE 04 – MATHEMATICS	7	29	50	14	263
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	16	37	39	9	287
GRADE 06 – MATHEMATICS	10	14	37	39	382
GRADE 07 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	1	49	39	11	326
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	5	16	34	45	311
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	1	16	47	35	313
GRADE 10 - ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	14	53	31	2	169
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	21	32	35	13	171

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

RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

- Oakdale Playground
- Lopes Playgound, Onset Avenue
- West Wareham Playground, Carver Road
- Swift Beach, Swift Beach Road & Weweantic Playground, Hathaway Street
- Beaches:
 - Onset Beach, Onset Avenue
 - Little Harbor, Little Harbor Road
 - Swifts Beach, Swifts Beach Road

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

Principal highways are U.S. Route 6, State Routes 28 and 25, which share a roadway with Interstate 495. Bonanza Bus Lines provides commuter service between Buzzards Bay, Wareham, and Boston. It is 50 miles to Boston with train service available from Lakeville and Plymouth stations. New Bedford is 16 miles from Wareham.