

# Community PROFILE: AMHERST



Staff Photo

Web Site: [www.amherstma.gov](http://www.amherstma.gov)

## Demographic Information

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| Year Founded .....                           | 1759                                   |
| Type of Government .....                     | Town Manager/Select Board/Town Meeting |
| County .....                                 | Hampshire                              |
| Area .....                                   | 27.75 square miles                     |
| Population .....                             | 35,228                                 |
| Population Density .....                     | 1,273 per square mile                  |
| Households .....                             | 10,169                                 |
| Per Capita Income .....                      | \$17,427                               |
| Owner-occupied Housing Units .....           | 44%                                    |
| Labor Force .....                            | 19,460                                 |
| Registered Voters .....                      | 18,956                                 |
| Commercial Tax Rate .....                    | \$15.82                                |
| Residential Tax Rate .....                   | \$15.82                                |
| Avg. Residential Tax Bill .....              | \$5,611                                |
| Assessed Value of a Single-family Home ..... | \$354,647                              |

## Key Elected/Appointed Officials

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| Town Manager .....                           | Laurence Shaffer  |
| Selectmen .....                              | Aaron Hayden, Alisa Brewer, Diana Stein,<br>Stephanie O'Keefe, Gerald Weiss |
| Select Board Chair .....                     | Stephanie O'Keefe   |
| State Representative .....                   | Ellen Story   |
| State Senator .....                          | Stanley Rosenberg   |
| School Superintendent .....                  | Maria Geryk   |
| Planning Director .....                      | Jonathon Tucker   |
| Town Clerk .....                             | Sandra Burgess  |
| Finance Director/Treasurer .....             | John Musante  |
| Chamber of Commerce Executive Director ..... | Tony Maroulis   |
| Town Assessor .....                          | David Burgess   |

## Telephone Directory (area code 413)

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| Town Hall (Main Number) .....          | 259-3002 |
| Town Manager .....                     | 259-3002 |
| Select Board .....                     | 259-3001 |
| Assessor's Office .....                | 259-3024 |
| Planning/Zoning Department .....       | 259-3040 |
| Community Services .....               | 259-3074 |
| Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce ..... | 253-0700 |
| Finance Director/Treasurer .....       | 259-3022 |

## Major Employers\*

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| University of Massachusetts ..... | 4,776 |
| Amherst College .....             | 840   |
| Amherst Public Schools .....      | 680   |
| Hampshire College .....           | 470   |
| Town of Amherst .....             | 350   |
| Center for Extended Care .....    | 200   |
| National Evaluation Systems ..... | 160   |
| Atkins Farms Country Market ..... | 150   |

\*Most recent data available