Recent Demographic and Economic Information about Berkley

Population Growth Rates by Decade

Berkley’s population was booming in the 1990s. The rate has slowed, but Berkley is still growing at a faster rate than Bristol County.

Households

- Average household size has decreased slightly.
- 20.3% of Berkley households include a person age 65+
- 36.8% of households include children under 18

Age Trends

Berkley’s median age increased by 7 years from 2000 - 2016. The share of older, “Retirement Age” people is increasing.

School Enrollment

Berkley’s student population declined slightly between 2008 and 2018.

Income

Median Household Income in Berkley is estimated at $95,186

This is much higher than median incomes in:
- Bristol County: $59,343
- Plymouth County: $77,627
- Massachusetts: $70,954

Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing

Slightly more than a quarter of owner households are housing cost burdened, whereas slightly more than 10% of renters are burdened.

In order to gain more control over the Chapter 40B process, Berkley must have 10% of its housing stock on the state SHI or meet annual production goals. It currently has 1.1%.

In the past ten years, Berkley has gained about 122 jobs. Job growth was higher than its neighbors, the state, and the region.

In 2017, the biggest industries in Berkley (in total jobs) were construction and accommodations and food services.

Top Employers in Berkley, 2018

The top employers in Berkley are the Somerset Berkley Regional School District and the Town of Berkley.

Tax Base, 2018

Berkley’s tax base is 94.4% residential. For FY2018, the average single family tax bill in Berkley is $4,842 compared to $3,945 in Taunton, $4,114 in Freetown, $4,587 in Dighton, and $4,669 in Lakeville.

Tax Rates Per $1,000 of Value (Millage Rates), 2018

Berkley has a flat tax rate (meaning that it taxes residential and commercial properties at the same rate). Compared to its neighbors, the town’s tax rate is low.