



Incorporated: 1661

Hampshire County

Hadley is a growing residential community with a strong agricultural base. This scenic community is bordered on the west by the Connecticut River and on the south by the Mount Holyoke Range. One of the oldest settlements in the Commonwealth, Hadley was founded by English colonists in 1659 and grew into an active farming and trading center which today has the most acreage of farmland of any Pioneer Valley town. Hadley has two village centers; North Hadley, a picturesque New England settlement, and Hadley Center, with its notable historic homes. The Porter Phelps-Huntington House Museum, built in 1752, hosts folk music concerts and storytelling. Hadley became the birthplace of broom-making in 1797 and an important cultivator of broom corn thereafter. The Hadley Farm Museum houses a large collection of early New England farm machinery which illustrates the area's early way of life. The town center, with its old stately colonial homes clustered around the large village green is a contrast to the economically vital commercial strip along Route 9. The Joseph Skinner State Park, on the Mount Holyoke Range, boasts a spectacular view from its 930 feet summit and from the Summit House, which was originally built in 1851. (narrative supplied by community)

Population: 4,793 (2000 census)

Total Area: 24.73 square miles +/-

Government: Open Town Meeting; Selectmen

Tax Rate: \$9.32 (2010)

School Superintendent: 586-0822

Private Schools: Hartsbrook School pre K-12

Public Schools: Hadley Elementary
Hopkins Academy 7-12

Shopping: Hampshire Mall and numerous other businesses. 5 –10 minutes to either Northampton or Amherst.

Libraries: Goodwin Memorial Library 584-7451

Recreational Facilities: Skinner State Park; Amherst College Land; Mitch's Marina; Family Golf Center; Hadley Young Men's Club; Bike Path; Sportsman Marina; Hadley Town Reservation land; Lake Warner; Bison Farm

Utilities:

Cable: Charter Communications 800-827-8288
Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000
Gas: Berkshire Gas Company 586-3677
Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus 56 Vernon Street
Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

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