



**Incorporated: 1673**

**Franklin County**

The Town of Deerfield is an historic rural suburban center on the primary corridor between Northampton and Greenfield in the Connecticut River Valley. It was the earliest community settled in Franklin County. Because of its strategic location, the town was subjected to repeated attacks from French and Indian forces through the early 18th century and was actually abandoned during King Philip's war. An outstanding collection of houses survives from this period, some preserving the hatchet and bullet scars from battles. The early Deerfield economy was built on tobacco and cucumbers, pickle factories and the manufacture of pocketbooks, but a major economic force in the community has been the private schools. Deerfield is host to Deerfield Academy, the Eaglebrook School and the Bement School. The town is also the site of a major craft fair each year which brings in over 250 selected exhibitors and is considered to be one of the most important craft fairs in the northeast. The town's museum offers 19 exhibit rooms and many concerts throughout the season. Visitors are able to tour 13 of the historic residences in the town.

(Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)

**Population:** 4,750 (2000 census)  
**Government:** Board of Selectmen

**Total Area:** 33.36 sq/miles+/-  
**Tax Rate:** \$11.86 (2010) + fire & water as applicable

Open Town Meeting

**School Superintendent:** 665-1155  
**Public Schools:** South Deerfield Elementary;  
 Frontier Regional 7-12

**Private Schools:** Deerfield Academy  
 Eaglebrook School  
 Bement School

**Shopping:** Local convenience stores; Yankee Candle; larger mall shopping within 30 minutes; 15-30 minutes to Northampton, Amherst & Greenfield

**Libraries:** Tilton Library  
 75 North Main Street  
 South Deerfield, MA 01373  
 413-665-4683

**Recreational Facilities:** Tri-Town Beach District; Mt. Sugarloaf State Reservation; Deerfield Academy; League of Sportsmen Field; Eaglebrook School Ski Area; Historic Deerfield—Indian House Memorial; Memorial Hall Museum

**Utilities:**  
 Cable: Comcast 1-888-633-4266  
 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

**For More Information:**  
**Town hall:** 665-2130  
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