

Town of Groton

2016 Demographics Report

LAND USE DEPARTMENT  
TOWN OF GROTON  
April 11, 2016

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

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| **Demographics** | **2000** | **2010** | **% Change** |
| **Sex & Age** |  |  |  |
| Total Population | 9,547 | 10,646 | 11.5% |
| Male | 4,731 | 5,264 | 11.3% |
| Female | 4,816 | 5,382 | 11.8% |
| Median Age | 36.5 | 42.5 |  |
| % Population 18 years and under | 34.3% | 30.7% | -4.3% |
| % Population 65 years and over | 7.0% | 9.7% | 2.7% |
| Households | 3,268 | 3,753 | 14.8% |
| Total Housing Units | 3,393 | 3,989 | 17.6% |
| Average Household Size | 2.9 | 2.8 |  |
| Average Family Size | 3.3 | 3.2 |  |
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| **Race/Ethnic Classification** |  |  |  |
| **Total Population** | 9,547 | 10,646 | 11.5% |
| White | 9,198 | 9,964 | 8.3% |
| Black or African American | 32 | 45 | 40.6% |
| American Indian & Alaska Native | 12 | 7 | -41.7% |
| Asian | 92 | 293 | 218.5% |
| Some Other Race (Unspecified) | 6 | 8 | 33.3% |
| Two or More Races | 96 | 135 | 40.6% |
| Hispanic or Latino (All Races) | 109 | 193 | 77.1% |
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| **Social Characteristics** |  |  |  |
| **Housing Characteristics** |  |  |  |
| Total Housing Units | 3,393 | 3,989 | 17.6% |
| Occupied Housing Units | 3,268 | 3,753 | 14.8% |
| Owner-occupied | 2,740 | 3,128 | 14.2% |
| Renter-occupied | 528 | 625 | 18.4% |
| Vacant Housing Units | 125 | 236 | 88.8% |
| Avg. Household Size - Owner-occupied | 3.07 | 2.95 |  |
| Avg. Household Size - Renter-occupied | 2.02 | 1.99 |  |

# POPULATION

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| **Population Age in Groton 2000-2010** | |  |  |
| **Age Cohort** | **2000** | **2010** | **% Change 2000 - 2010** |
| Under 5 years | 837 | 517 | -38.2% |
| 5 to 17 years | 2,280 | 2,750 | 20.6% |
| 18 to 24 years | 400 | 384 | -4.0% |
| 25 to 34 years | 968 | 672 | -30.6% |
| 35 to 44 years | 2,155 | 1,485 | -31.1% |
| 45 to 54 years | 1,505 | 2,363 | 57.0% |
| 55 to 64 years | 734 | 1,438 | 95.9% |
| 65 to 74 years | 362 | 584 | 61.3% |
| 75 years and over | 306 | 453 | 48.0% |
| **Total** | **9,547** | **10,646** | **11.5%** |
| Source: US Census Bureau | |  |  |

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| **Education Attainment** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Geography** | **High School Degree or Less** | **Some College** | **Associate's Degree** | **Bachelor's Degree** | **Graduate or Professional Degree** |
| Massachusetts | 36.1% | 16.3% | 7.7% | 22.6% | 17.4% |
| Middlesex County | 29.3% | 13.3% | 6.1% | 26.1% | 25.1% |
| Ayer | 36.3% | 20.3% | 7.1% | 23.9% | 12.4% |
| Dunstable | 25.3% | 13.8% | 7.3% | 30.3% | 23.4% |
| **GROTON** | **16.4%** | **10.9%** | **6.0%** | **35.4%** | **31.3%** |
| Littleton | 19.3% | 13.8% | 7.4% | 33.1% | 26.5% |
| Pepperell | 37.6% | 18.9% | 8.6% | 22.6% | 12.4% |
| Shirley | 50.0% | 20.4% | 5.6% | 17.3% | 6.8% |
| Townsend | 37.0% | 19.6% | 10.8% | 22.2% | 10.4% |
| Tyngsborough | 33.0% | 16.4% | 10.9% | 26.3% | 13.5% |
| Westford | 13.2% | 11.9% | 5.5% | 34.6% | 34.9% |
| Source: 2010 - 2014 American Community Survey | | |  |  |  |

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| **Median Earnings By Education Attainment** | **Total Median Earnings** | **Male Median Earnings** | **Female Median Earnings** |
| Population 25 years and over with Earnings | $69,050 | $91,806 | $56,047 |
| Less than High School Graduate | $53,162 |  |  |
| High School Graduate (includes equivalency) | $42,192 | $49,327 | $36,442 |
| Some College or Associate's Degree | $43,750 | $51,014 | $31,886 |
| Bachelor's Degree | $73,205 | $98,346 | $47,750 |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | $91,898 | $128,565 | $73,678 |
| Source: 2010-2014 ACS |  |  |  |

# HOUSEHOLDS

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| **Household and Family Income by Geographic Area** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Households** | | | **Families** | |
| **Geography** | **% with Income > $150,000** | **Median Income** | **% Householders 65 & Older Below Poverty Line** | **Median Income** | **% of Families With Children Below Poverty Line** |
| Middlesex County | 42.0% | $83,488 | 4.0% | $105,827 | 8.2% |
| Ayer | 34.6% | $66,630 | 0.0% | $84,539 | 20.8% |
| Dunstable | 59.3% | $116,125 | 0.0% | $135,234 | 0.4% |
| **GROTON** | **57.1%** | **$116,686** | **0.0%** | **$133,421** | **2.5%** |
| Littleton | 55.7% | $111,652 | 0.0% | $129,815 | 3.5% |
| Pepperell | 37.1% | $77,767 | 4.0% | $85,959 | 3.4% |
| Shirley | 27.7% | $66,453 | 4.5% | $78,398 | 18.3% |
| Townsend | 38.6% | $81,024 | 2.3% | $93,423 | 1.9% |
| Tyngsborough | 48.2% | $93,108 | 14.2% | $115,331 | 9.0% |
| Westford | 54.8% | $125,143 | 5.5% | $144,194 | 2.3% |
| Source: 2010 - 2014 ACS | | | | | |

**HOUSING**

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| **Town of Groton** |  |  |  |
| **Housing Trends** | **2000** | **2010** | **2014** |
| Number of Dwelling Units | 3,393 | 3,989 | 4,260 |
| Average Household Size | 2.9 | 2.79 |  |
| Median House Value | $278,700 | $471,200 | $426,900 |
| % Change in Median House Value |  | 69.1% | -9.4% |
| **Income Trends** |  |  |  |
| Median Household Income | $83,079 | $123,853 | $116,686 |
| % Change in Median Household Income | | 49.1% | -5.8% |
| **Rent Trends** |  |  |  |
| Rent | Not Avail. | $1,171 | $1,214 |
| % Change in Rent |  |  | 3.7% |
| **Vacancy Trends** |  |  |  |
| Vacant Housing Units | 125 | 236 | 246 |
| Homeowner Vacancy Rate | 0.8% | 1.8% | 1.7% |
| Rental Vacancy Rate | 1.9% | 6.8% | 7.5% |
| Source: US Census, 2006 - 2010 ACS, 2010 - 2014 ACS | |  |  |

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| **Groton's New Construction Building Permits Issued 2004-2014** | | | | | | | |  |
| **Year** | **Single Family Building Permits** | | **Two Family Building Permits** | | **Multi-family Building Permits** | | **Demolitions** | **Total** |
| 2004 | 19 | | 4 | | 10 | | 13 | **33** |
| 2005 | 19 | | 4 | | 53 | | 14 | **76** |
| 2006 | 14 | | 6 | | 0 | | 12 | **20** |
| 2007 | 19 | | 0 | | 0 | | 6 | **19** |
| 2008 | 12 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2 | **12** |
| 2009 | 21 | | 4 | | 0 | | 4 | **25** |
| 2010 | 35 | | 1 | | 5 | | 6 | **35** |
| 2011 | 18 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2 | **16** |
| 2012 | 25 | | 1 | | 0 | | 2 | **24** |
| 2013 | 26 | | 1 | | 0 | | 3 | **24** |
| 2014 | 23 | | 1 | | 1 | | 7 | **18** |
| Source: Groton Land Use Department | | | | |  | |  |  |
| **Median Sales Price of Groton Housing By Type 2005-2015** | | | | | | | |
| **Year** | | **Total Sales** | | **Median Sales Price Single Family Homes** | | **Median Sales Price Condos** | |
| 2015 | | 177 | | $431,500 | | $197,250 | |
| 2014 | | 189 | | $412,000 | | $218,450 | |
| 2013 | | 182 | | $405,000 | | $214,900 | |
| 2012 | | 184 | | $391,500 | | $185,000 | |
| 2011 | | 117 | | $371,500 | | $190,200 | |
| 2010 | | 150 | | $404,000 | | $165,500 | |
| 2009 | | 108 | | $415,000 | | $169,900 | |
| 2008 | | 92 | | $399,250 | | $217,500 | |
| 2007 | | 155 | | $501,450 | | $312,500 | |
| 2006 | | 147 | | $457,500 | | $337,500 | |
| 2005 | | 188 | | $472,000 | | $270,200 | |
| Source: The Warren Group | | | | | | | |

# ECONOMY

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| **Civilian Employed Population Sixteen and Over by Occupation** | | |  |  |  |
| **Community** | **Management, Business, Science & Arts** | **Service** | **Sales & Office** | **Natural Resource, Construction & Maintenance** | **Production, Transportation & Material Moving** |
| Middlesex County | 52.8% | 14.5% | 20.4% | 5.7% | 6.5% |
| Ayer | 47.0% | 14.9% | 21.5% | 10.9% | 5.7% |
| Dunstable | 55.5% | 10.5% | 21.4% | 4.8% | 7.8% |
| **GROTON** | **69.3%** | **8.9%** | **14.9%** | **2.9%** | **4.0%** |
| Littleton | 56.1% | 12.4% | 19.6% | 5.6% | 6.3% |
| Pepperell | 43.2% | 18.1% | 24.1% | 7.5% | 7.2% |
| Shirley | 42.7% | 17.2% | 16.1% | 8.8% | 15.1% |
| Townsend | 41.1% | 15.1% | 22.9% | 11.9% | 8.9% |
| Tyngsborough | 44.6% | 11.9% | 22.0% | 11.1% | 10.4% |
| Westford | 68.1% | 8.9% | 14.1% | 5.2% | 3.7% |
| Source: 2010 - 2014 ACS |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Groton's Labor Force Statistics 2005-2015** | | |  |
| **Year** | **Labor Force** | **Employment** | **Groton's Unemployment Rate** |
| 2005 | 5,326 | 5,147 | 3.4% |
| 2006 | 5,485 | 5,300 | 3.4% |
| 2007 | 5,642 | 5,456 | 3.3% |
| 2008 | 5,664 | 5,384 | 4.9% |
| 2009 | 5,692 | 5,343 | 6.1% |
| 2010 | 5,714 | 5,372 | 6.0% |
| 2011 | 5,728 | 5,363 | 6.4% |
| 2012 | 5,709 | 5,414 | 5.2% |
| 2013 | 5,791 | 5,493 | 5.1% |
| 2014 | 6,007 | 5,750 | 4.3% |
| 2015 | 5,959 | 5,764 | 3.3% |
| Source: MA Department of Revenue | | | |