

Cape Cod Facts at a Glance

Number of towns in Barnstable County	15
Total square miles of land in Barnstable County	412.76
Square miles of land (upland and wetland)	395.56
Square miles of open water in Barnstable County	17.20
Miles of seashore	560
Number of ponds and lakes on Cape Cod (Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Management)	350

Cape Cod Trends at a Glance

	Yesterday	Today
Year-round population (all ages)	186,605 (U.S. Census 1990)	222,230 (U.S. Census 2000)
Population growth rate	26.1% (U.S. Census 1980-1990)	19.1% (U.S. Census 1990-2000)
Year-round population (20-34 year olds)	28,595 (1990)	22,536 (2000)
Percent of population age 65+	22.8% (1996)	23.1% (U.S. Census 2000)
Median resident age	39.5 (U.S. Census 1990)	44.6 (U.S. Census 2000)
Number of residents age 65+	41,135 (U.S. Census 1990)	51,265 (U.S. Census 2000)
Labor force—Summer	121,361 (1997)	130,220 (July 2002: Massachusetts Div. of Employment & Training)
Labor force—Winter	94,238 (1997)	96,839 (Feb. 2002: Massachusetts Div. of Employment & Training)
Number of self-employed persons	9,766 (U.S. Census 1990)	12,573 (U.S. Census 2000)
Number of businesses on Cape Cod	7,914 (1996)	8,554 (2001: Massachusetts Div. of Employment & Training)
Number of residents commuting off-Cape for work	10,446 (U.S. Census 1990)	14,493 (U.S. Census 2000)
Median household income	\$33,243 (1993)	\$45,933 (1999: U.S. Census 2000)

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Cape Cod Trends at a Glance

	Yesterday	Today
Number of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cases	1,514 (1997)	
Number of Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TFDC) cases		728 (February 2003)
Persons receiving food stamps	1,964 (1997)	6,114 (February 2003)
Percent of population living below poverty level	9.8% (1993)	6.9% (1999: U.S. Census 2000)
Number of persons living below poverty level	19,329 (1993)	15,021 (1999: U.S. Census 2000)
Registered voters casting ballots	39.4% (1990)	22.2% (2002)
Residents not enrolled in a health-care plan	18% (1998)	10% (2001)
Alcohol and drug-related hospital admissions	550 (1992)	391 (1999)
Infant mortality rate	10.0 per 1000 (1990)	6.5 per 1000 (2000)
Number of visits to Cape Cod National Seashore	4.6 million (1997)	4.5 million (National Park Service, 2002)
Percent of land area developed	approx. 38% (1997)	approx. 44% (2002)
Percent of land area protected	approx. 27% (1997)	approx. 39% (2002)
Public water supply wells at or below 5 ppm nitrate	57% (1993)	41% (2002)
Gallons of public water pumped	9 billion (1996)	11 billion (2001)
Tonnage of solid waste landfilled	113,737 (1990)	55,452 (2001)
Tonnage of solid waste incinerated	66,680 (1990)	131,844 (2001)
Tonnage of solid waste recycled	6,962 (1990)	26,581 (2001)
Cape Cod Canal bridge crossings	81,369 (1993)	99,701 (2002 estimated)
Public transit ridership	246,453 (1994)	438,697 (2002)
Number of hybrid vehicles purchased from Cape Cod dealers	36 (2001)	87 (2002)