



AVON

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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Avon has both the smallest land area and population of any community in the region. It has a compact population density of over 1,000 persons per square mile, typical of many suburban communities.

Avon is considered to be a prestigious community located along Route 24, approximately twenty miles south of Boston. The combination of good highway access and a positive attitude toward economic growth and development in the community has enabled the town to develop as a major employment center in the South Shore area. The Avon Industrial Park, which has developed over the past 10 years, contains 127 firms who employ over 3,600 persons in a variety of occupations. A recent expansion of the Industrial Park has made more sites available for development. The Industrial Park location is proximate to Route 24 and separate from nearby residential areas.

The town is served by the Brockton Area Transit Authority and the MBTA, which provides convenient public transit service to Boston and Brockton. Public transit has been an important asset to residents of the town and to the people who work in the community.

There are limited opportunities for new housing development in the community due to the town policy of preserving the suburban character of the community. However, housing is available in many sound residential neighborhoods of the town. Excellent community facilities and services are available, and the town has a favorable tax base.

Avon has a strategic location. While the town has preserved its quiet, tranquil, suburban character, it is part of a metropolitan community with great advantages in terms of accessibility of health care, cultural, educational and recreational resources.

The Avon Industrial Commission is available to assist prospective firms in finding a suitable location and with questions of financing. Avon welcomes inquiries from all interested parties.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Brockton on the south, Stoughton on the west, Randolph on the northeast, and Holbrook on the east. Avon is 17 miles south of Boston; 27 miles northeast of Providence, Rhode Island; and 211 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 4.57 sq. miles

Land Area: 4.38 sq. miles

Population: 4,558

Density: 1,041 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Blue Hills, Brockton

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Brockton



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 588-0414

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1888

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 2,852

Democrats 1,015 35.6 % Republicans 315 11.0 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,522 53.4 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Avon town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,443	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	4,443	100.0
Male.....	2,126	47.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	64	1.4
Female.....	2,317	52.1	Mexican.....	5	0.1
Under 5 years.....	243	5.5	Puerto Rican.....	20	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	292	6.6	Cuban.....	4	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	289	6.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	35	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	266	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,379	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	222	5.0	White alone.....	4,121	92.8
25 to 34 years.....	546	12.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	732	16.5	Total population.....	4,443	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	634	14.3	In households.....	4,443	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	218	4.9	Householder.....	1,705	38.4
60 to 64 years.....	221	5.0	Spouse.....	947	21.3
65 to 74 years.....	453	10.2	Child.....	1,371	30.9
75 to 84 years.....	254	5.7	Own child under 18 years.....	870	19.6
85 years and over.....	73	1.6	Other relatives.....	275	6.2
Median age (years).....	40.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	113	2.5
18 years and over.....	3,442	77.5	Nonrelatives.....	145	3.3
Male.....	1,611	36.3	Unmarried partner.....	70	1.6
Female.....	1,831	41.2	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	3,302	74.3	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	903	20.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	780	17.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	317	7.1	Total households.....	1,705	100.0
Female.....	463	10.4	Family households (families).....	1,220	71.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	456	26.7
One race.....	4,405	99.1	Married-couple family.....	947	55.5
White.....	4,152	93.5	With own children under 18 years.....	361	21.2
Black or African American.....	166	3.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	204	12.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	73	4.3
Asian.....	41	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	485	28.4
Asian Indian.....	5	0.1	Householder living alone.....	401	23.5
Chinese.....	19	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	210	12.3
Filipino.....	8	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	521	30.6
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	568	33.3
Korean.....	2	-	Average household size.....	2.61	(X)
Vietnamese.....	2	-	Average family size.....	3.13	(X)
Other Asian ¹	4	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	1,740	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,705	98.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	35	2.0
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	3	0.2
Some other race.....	34	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	38	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.2	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	1,705	100.0
White.....	4,177	94.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,305	76.5
Black or African American.....	186	4.2	Renter-occupied housing units.....	400	23.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	53	1.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.04	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	49	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 70

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 100



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Avon is situated in the Greater Brockton Area, which is strategically located between State Route 128 and Interstate 495, the inner and outer loops around Boston. State Routes 3, 24, and 28 provide easy access to the air, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 28 and the Fall River Expressway, Route 24.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Middleborough Line. Conrail services a freight rail line through Avon. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

Avon is a member of the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), which provides fixed route service between Brockton and the Ashmont MBTA station. The Avon Council on Aging offers paratransit services for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is accessible from Avon. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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