

## Marblehead Community Profile

Marblehead is a small New England coastal town located about 16 miles northeast of Boston, on the North Shore of Massachusetts. The town has a population of approximately 20,500 and is predominantly white (over 90%) with about 4% Hispanic or Latino. Marblehead is considered an affluent town and less than 3% of the population lives below the poverty line, compared with a national rate of 11.5%.

Marblehead has a long and rich history. The area originally was named Massebequash and home to the Naumkeag people, who were part of the Pawtucket confederation, long before British colonists arrived in 1629. Many of Marblehead's residents were involved in the early days of the American Revolution and some, led by General John Glover, famously transported General George Washington across the ice-covered Delaware River during the Christmas of 1776.

The town was once an important and thriving commercial fishing port and was considered the fishing capital of Massachusetts. Nowadays, Marblehead is known for its recreational sailing and boating, and for hosting annual yacht racing competitions. Other popular events include the Marblehead Festival of Arts, which culminates with the town's July 4th fireworks and harbor illumination, and the annual Marblehead Christmas Walk, where Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by lobster boat to join in the many festivities and a parade throughout the town.

Marblehead has several houses of worship, besides Grace Community Church, representing a variety of denominations, including Catholic, Christian Scientist, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Unitarian Universalist. Marblehead also has a strong Jewish community. There are two synagogues in town, and the most prominent Jewish holidays are observed in the Marblehead Public Schools.

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