

WELLESLEY FACTS

TRANSPORTATION: GETTING AROUND

Journey to work (2000)

- 65.9% of workers drive alone (67.3% in 1990)
- 4% carpool (6.3% in 1990)
- 9.6% take public transportation (8.9% in 1990)
- 12.3% walked or biked (11.8% in 1990)
- 7.9% worked at home (5% in 1990)
- Average travel time to work is 24 minutes

Work destination (2000)

- 35% work in Wellesley
- 24% work in Boston
- 5% work in Newton
- 36% work elsewhere

Vehicle Ownership (2000)

- 3.7% of households do not have access to a vehicle (5.4% in 1990)
- 26.1% have one vehicle (27% in 1990)
- 54.5% have two vehicles (48.8% in 1990)
- 15.8% have three or more vehicles (18.7% in 1990)

Traffic Counts

- Route 9 west of Ottaway Circle in 1998: 53,000 vehicles per day total (both directions)
- Route 16 east of Forest Street in 1999: 24,300 vehicles per day
- Route 16 east of 135 in 2000: 17,000 vehicles per day
- Route 16 east of Walnut Street in 2000: 20,100 vehicles per day
- Route 16 east of Dover Road in 2003: 13,100 vehicles/day

Peak Hour Traffic

- 100,000 vehicles enter Wellesley on all routes during the evening peak hour (including Route 95/128)
- At least half of these vehicles are traveling through Wellesley to other destinations

Public Transportation

- 3 commuter rail stations: Wellesley Farms, Wellesley Hills, Wellesley Square

Off-Street Parking

- Most parking is in surface lots.
- Parking decks and garages for office buildings.
- Public off-street lots in Wellesley Square (622 spaces); Linden Street (236 spaces); Wellesley Hills (126 spaces); Lower Falls (73 spaces).

Sources: Town of Wellesley, Census 2000, MassHighway

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

More workers in Wellesley take public transportation, walk or bike to work than in the state as a whole - and more work at home.

- *Nearly ten percent of Wellesley workers take public transportation to work*
- *Over ten percent walk or bike to work*
- *Nearly eight percent work at home*

Wellesley's location on major east-west routes means *many vehicles travel through town to other destinations.*

- *Most of the regional travel is on Route 9 and Route 95/128, with some on Route 16.*