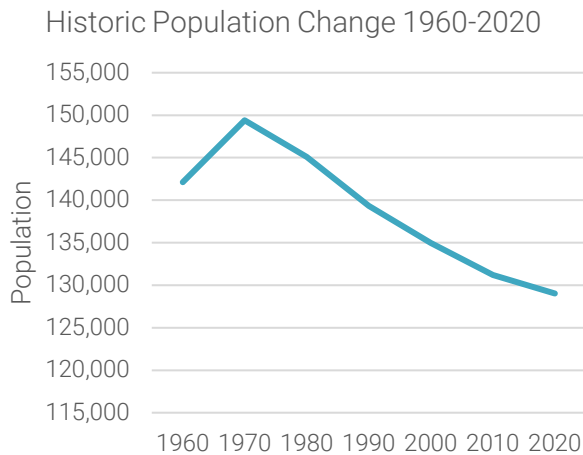


2020 CENSUS SUMMARY

Key Takeaways from the 2020 Decennial Census for Berkshire County

The U.S. Census Bureau released a complete set of results from the 2020 Decennial Census in May 2023. These results provide a clearer picture of the demographics of our region than the earlier release in January 2021 and are more accurate than the annual American Community Survey. The COVID-19 pandemic caused a disruption to the 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, which may have impacted some of these numbers.

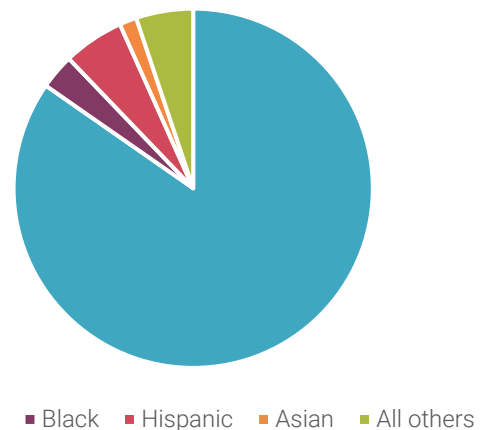
The overall population in 2020 was 129,026, which is down from 131,219. This represents a loss of 2,193 people or 1.7% of the population. Becket, Egremont, Monterey, and Tyringham gained over 100 people. In contrast, Hancock, New Ashford, and Sandisfield gained less than 100 people but more than 5% of their population. Meanwhile, Adams, Dalton, Hinsdale, Lee, North Adams, Pittsfield, and Williamstown lost over 100 people. Florida, Savoy, Washington, and Windsor lost less than 100 people but more than 5%.



In addition to having fewer people, the population is getting older. The median age in the Berkshires in 2020 is 47.8 years, a gain of 3.1 years since 2010. Alford is the oldest town, with a median age of 61.3, followed by Stockbridge at 59.6 and Richmond at 58.3. Williamstown is the youngest town at 36.1 years, followed by North Adams at 42.6 years and Pittsfield at 44.2 years.

The county has continued to get more diverse. In 2020, 19,763 people, or 15.3% of the population, were classified as BIPOC. This is up from 12,293, or 9.4% of the population. Pittsfield is the most diverse community, with 9,741 people, or 22.2%, BIPOC. This is followed by Williamstown with 1,626 people, or 21.6%, and Great Barrington with 1,355 people, or 18.9% of the population. Peru is the least diverse, with 36 people, or 4.4% of the population, followed by Otis, with 96, or 5.9%, and Clarksburg, with 90 people or 5.4%.

Race and Ethnicity 2020

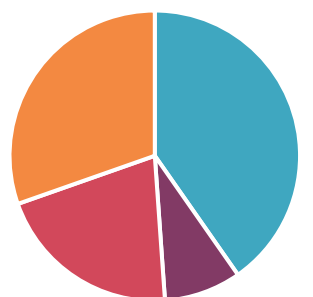


There are 57,015 households in the county, amounting to 2.26 people per household. The county has seen an increase in households from 2010 (56,091 households). Still, due to the decrease in population, the number of people per household decreased from 2.34 people per household in 2010. Municipalities range from 2.00 in Mount Washington and 2.1 in Lenox to 2.98 in Williamstown.

In 2020, 40.3% of households were married couples households. Another 8.6% were cohabitating couples. Single male households amounted to 20.7%, while single female households are 30.4%. Of households with children under 18, 56% were married couple households, 13% were cohabitating couples, 7% were male householders, and 24% were female householders.



Household Composition 2020



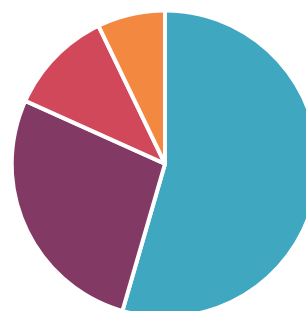
- Married-couple households
- Cohabiting couples
- Single-male households
- Single-female households

As the population ages, we see a high percentage of households (17%) comprised of people aged 65 years and older living alone.

The number of housing units has increased from 68,508 in 2010 to 69,759 in 2020, an increase of 1.8%. Of these, there are 12,744 vacant units, up from 12,417 in 2010. The most significant portion of these vacant units is classified by the Census Bureau as seasonal housing. There were 7,756 seasonal homes (second homes) in 2020, or 11.1% of all housing units. This is down from 7,894 seasonal units, or 11.5%. The three towns with the highest percentage of second homes are Hancock (63.6%), Otis (47.6%), and Becket (43.7%). The communities with the lowest percentage of second homes are Adams (90.9%), Clarksburg (1.7%), and North Adams (1.7%).

The non-second home vacant units are mainly comprised of units for rent, sale, and other vacant. There has been a decrease in the number of units for rent or sale but an increase in the number of units that have sold or are rented but not occupied. Lenox has the highest percentage of units available for rent, at 3.2%, followed by North Adams (3.0%) and Pittsfield (2.9%). Pittsfield (628) and North Adams (208) have the most significant number of units for rent. Washington has the highest percentage of units for sale at 3.3%, followed by Tyringham (2.4%) and other south county municipalities. North County communities, in general, had the lowest percentages of units for sale.

Housing Occupancy 2020



- Owners
- Renters
- Second Home
- Vacant (non second home)

In 2020, owners comprised 66.7% (38,006) of housing units, while renters comprised the remaining 33.3% (19,009). The percentage of owners has gone down 0.6% from 2010. The municipalities with the highest percentage of owner-occupied homes were Peru (96.5%), Mount Washington (95.0%), and Windsor (94.2%). The highest percentage of renters can be found in North Adams (48.5%), Pittsfield (41.1%), and Adams (39.6%).

The self-response rate for the 2020 U.S. Census was 63.2%, slightly lower than the 2010 self-response rate of 63.7%. The housing units that do not respond are visited by census takers. If no one is home after several visits, the housing unit is subject to administrative records review, which involves the Census Bureau researching who lives there through governmental databases.

The accuracy of the 2020 Census is comparable to the previous decennial census, with undercounts in most BIPOC communities and children and overcounts in non-Hispanic white and Asian populations.



	Population	Median Age	Population < 18	Population 65+
Adams	8,166	44.6	1,526	1,800
Alford	486	61.3	75	200
Becket	1,931	52.9	307	465
Cheshire	3,258	50.1	573	799
Clarksburg	1,657	48.4	311	372
Dalton	6,330	47.2	1,228	1,511
Egremont	1,372	56.4	182	482
Florida	694	50.5	115	145
Great Barrington	7,172	49.6	1,296	1,981
Hancock	757	53.1	119	202
Hinsdale	1,919	53.4	294	483
Lanesborough	3,038	49.3	559	660
Lee	5,788	51.2	885	1,686
Lenox	5,095	56.9	741	1,846
Monterey	1,095	54.8	140	371
Mount Washington	160	57.5	14	58
New Ashford	250	53.5	36	66
New Marlborough	1,528	54.7	239	462
North Adams	12,961	42.6	2,227	2,646
Otis	1,634	56.8	194	477
Peru	814	49.7	131	163
Pittsfield	43,927	44.2	8,477	9,297
Richmond	1,407	58.3	174	477
Sandisfield	989	54.6	159	296
Savoy	645	52.1	67	158
Sheffield	3,327	52.1	531	907
Stockbridge	2,018	59.6	216	780
Tyringham	427	57.9	57	174
Washington	494	58.0	76	166
West Stockbridge	1,343	54.0	206	408
Williamstown	7,513	36.1	1,000	1,734
Windsor	831	54.0	103	220
Berkshire County	129,026	47.8	22,258	31,492

Source: U.S. Decennial Census 2020



	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Some Other Race alone	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino
Adams	7,353	103	7	41	0	17	419	226
Alford	447	2	0	4	0	2	10	21
Becket	1,779	10	0	9	0	3	67	63
Cheshire	2,995	22	2	31	5	0	124	79
Clarksburg	1,567	6	0	11	0	0	54	19
Dalton	5,812	56	2	60	0	16	223	161
Egremont	1,235	7	0	11	0	18	32	69
Florida	635	4	0	2	0	1	41	11
Great Barrington	5,817	163	8	208	2	20	311	643
Hancock	690	1	1	10	0	1	36	18
Hinsdale	1,799	9	2	10	0	9	61	29
Lanesborough	2,747	30	6	39	0	11	122	83
Lee	5,083	54	6	138	2	24	177	304
Lenox	4,570	50	4	102	2	16	128	223
Monterey	999	16	4	13	0	1	30	32
Mount Washington	145	0	0	6	0	1	7	1
New Ashford	228	7	0	1	0	1	11	2
New Marlborough	1,425	9	8	6	0	6	43	31
North Adams	11,111	314	22	98	1	80	744	591
Otis	1,538	3	6	9	0	2	47	29
Peru	778	1	0	0	0	1	24	10
Pittsfield	34,186	2,850	67	620	6	300	2,359	3,539
Richmond	1,285	11	0	23	0	10	39	39
Sandisfield	917	6	2	2	0	5	38	19
Savoy	592	14	0	1	0	3	27	8
Sheffield	2,963	26	6	13	0	10	139	170
Stockbridge	1,846	21	0	14	0	13	34	90
Tyringham	392	7	1	4	0	0	11	12
Washington	458	0	1	0	0	2	18	15
West Stockbridge	1,221	9	1	12	0	5	49	46
Williamstown	5,887	249	9	500	0	51	355	462
Windsor	763	4	0	1	0	3	41	19
Berkshire County	109,263	4,064	165	1,999	18	632	5,821	7,064

Source: U.S. Decennial Census 2020

	Households	People per household	Married-couple households	Cohabiting couples	Single-male households	Single-female households	Population 65+ living alone
Adams	3,821	2.14	1,388	354	865	1,214	673
Alford	227	2.14	125	14	48	40	36
Becket	891	2.17	443	83	203	162	107
Cheshire	1,408	2.31	723	123	260	302	208
Clarksburg	691	2.40	365	70	110	146	84
Dalton	2,719	2.33	1,225	225	490	779	457
Egremont	634	2.16	299	66	96	173	106
Florida	329	2.11	156	28	80	65	42
Great Barrington	3,025	2.37	1,192	191	580	1,062	598
Hancock	333	2.27	174	34	62	63	45
Hinsdale	871	2.20	429	90	168	184	111
Lanesborough	1,301	2.34	650	123	239	289	130
Lee	2,592	2.23	1,157	187	468	780	502
Lenox	2,430	2.10	959	135	446	890	667
Monterey	499	2.19	231	49	81	138	91
Mount Washington	80	2.00	41	12	12	15	7
New Ashford	110	2.27	59	10	24	17	5
New Marlborough	679	2.25	352	49	116	162	97
North Adams	5,888	2.20	1,818	624	1,449	1,997	1036
Otis	773	2.11	417	40	164	152	99
Peru	344	2.37	205	33	59	47	29
Pittsfield	19,716	2.23	6,739	1,849	4,481	6,647	3181
Richmond	635	2.22	373	44	75	143	83
Sandisfield	392	2.52	196	21	81	94	64
Savoy	294	2.19	152	33	59	50	36
Sheffield	1,483	2.24	699	145	274	365	248
Stockbridge	960	2.10	417	57	195	291	228
Tyringham	175	2.44	109	10	24	32	18
Washington	214	2.31	133	10	38	33	26
West Stockbridge	618	2.17	318	44	101	155	95
Williamstown	2,518	2.98	1,213	110	414	781	492
Windsor	365	2.28	216	33	63	53	46
Berkshire County	57,015	2.26	22,973	4,896	11,825	17,321	9647

Source: U.S. Decennial Census 2020

	Housing Units	Owners	Renters	Non-Seasonal Vacant Units	Second Homes
Adams	4336	2,308	1,513	478	37
Alford	337	205	22	10	100
Becket	1687	813	78	59	737
Cheshire	1539	1,207	201	76	55
Clarksburg	749	598	93	45	13
Dalton	2928	2,006	713	126	83
Egremont	941	532	102	63	244
Florida	362	292	37	18	15
Great Barrington	3686	1,877	1,148	278	383
Hancock	998	277	56	30	635
Hinsdale	1126	721	150	56	199
Lanesborough	1489	1,108	193	70	118
Lee	3398	1,697	895	204	602
Lenox	3184	1,586	844	212	542
Monterey	883	409	90	40	344
Mount Washington	173	76	4	42	51
New Ashford	126	87	23	6	10
New Marlborough	997	585	94	52	266
North Adams	6871	3,038	2,850	866	117
Otis	1609	685	88	70	766
Peru	416	332	12	19	53
Pittsfield	21738	11,604	8,112	1512	510
Richmond	885	569	66	30	220
Sandisfield	659	360	32	46	221
Savoy	350	274	20	23	33
Sheffield	1766	1,132	351	98	185
Stockbridge	1633	664	296	119	554
Tyringham	289	157	18	23	91
Washington	270	197	17	19	37
West Stockbridge	852	525	93	47	187
Williamstown	3009	1,741	777	234	257
Windsor	473	344	21	17	91
Berkshire County	69759	38,006	19,009	4988	7,756

Source: U.S. Decennial Census 2020