

Demographics & Socio-Economic Characteristics

(2000 U.S. Census, except as noted)

Population

1990	16,786
2000	17,863
Male	8,523
Female	9,340
2004 (estimate)*	18,195
2010 (projected)**	17,155
2020 (projected)**	15,710

Race & Hispanic Origin, 2000

Race	
White	17,276
Black/African American	88
American Indian/Alaska Native	6
Asian	80
Pacific Islander	2
Other Race	231
Two or more races	180
Hispanic origin, total	148

Age & Nativity, 2000

Under 5 years	1,235
18 years and over	13,203
21 years and over	12,817
65 years and over	2,726
85 years and over	311
Median Age	40.7
Native born	17,179
Foreign born	684

Age, 2020**

Under 5 years	749
5 to 19 years	2,604
20 to 39 years	2,965
40 to 64 years	5,467
65 years and over	3,925

Educational Attainment, 2000

Population 25 years and over	12,486
High School graduates or higher	95.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	47.6%
Graduate degree	15.4%

Income & Poverty, 1999

Per capita income	\$33,940
Median household income	\$70,868
Median family income	\$86,058
Persons in poverty	451
H'holds receiving public assistance	71
H'holds receiving social security	2,019

Households, 2000

Total households	6,694
With persons under 18	2,437
With persons over 65	1,887
Family households	4,921
Single person households	1,488
Persons per household	2.6
Persons per family	3.1

Labor & Employment, 2000

Total civilian labor force	9,218
Unemployment rate	2.3%
Total civilian labor force, 2005†	9,401
Unemployment rate	3.6%

Employed persons 16 years and over by occupation:	
Managers & professionals	4,557
Service occupations	1,060
Sales & office occupations	2,177
Farming, fishing & forestry	80
Construction & maintenance	638
Production & transportation	492
Self-employed persons	837

*Massachusetts Municipal Data Bank/**MISER, Univ. of Mass./†Massachusetts Department of Revenue

General Information

Town of Scituate
600 Chief Just. Cushing Hwy
Scituate, MA 02066

Telephone	781-545-8743
Elevation	50 ft.
Land(sq. miles)	17.2
Water Area (sq. miles)	14.6
Pop density, 2004 (est)	1,059
Year incorporated	1633
Web site/email	www.town.scituate.ma.us

Voters & Government Information

Government type	Open Town Meeting
Number of Selectmen	5
US Congressional District(s)	10

Registered Voters, October 2004

Total	14,323
Democrats	4,036
Republicans	2,767
Unaffiliated	7,415

Local Officials 2006

Chr., Bd. of Sel.	James E. Pollard
Administrator	Richard Agnew
Clerk	Bernice R. Brown
Finance/Treas.	Paul Donlan
Tax Collector	NA
Tax Assessor	Alfred Avila
Attorney	NA
Public Works	Anthony Antonello
Building	Neil Duggan
Planning/Dev.	William Limbacher

Housing & Construction

New Privately Owned Housing Units

Authorized by Building Permit			
	Single Family	Tot Bldgs	Tot Units
2002	49	51	53
2003	43	43	43
2004	27	27	27

Parcel Count by Property Class, 2005

Total	8,676
Single family	6,530
Multiple units	157
Apartments	12
Condos	395
vacant land	1,253
Open space	0
Commercial	139
Industrial	12
Misc residential	88
Other use	90

Taxation (FY 2005; rate per \$1000 val.)

Property type	valuation	rate
Total	\$3,350,279,840	
Residential	3,226,317,405	9.48
Open space	0	-
Commercial	92,830,705	9.48
Industrial	5,449,700	9.48
Personal	25,682,030	9.48

Average Single Family Tax Bill, 2005

Avg. single fam. value	\$437,869
Avg. single fam. tax bill	\$4,151
Median state tax bill	\$3,067
Hi-Lo ranking	74/340

Municipal Finance (FY 2005)

Debt at year end 2004	\$24,622,114
Moody's rating 2005	Aa3
(See Appendix D for 2004 rev. & exp.)	

Revenues

Total	\$42,597,516
From all taxes	34,414,494
Federal aid	0
State aid	5,491,513
From other governments	5,351
Charges for services	932,107
Licenses, permits & fees	677,916
Fines & forfeits	91,114
Interfund oper. transf.	510,022
Misc/other/special assess.	474,999

Expenditures

Total	\$41,823,131
General government	1,893,374
Police	2,648,943
Fire	3,687,618
Health & welfare	392,497
Culture & recreation	839,727
Debt Service	781,188
Education	22,831,044
Public works	2,989,456
Intergovernmental	511,860

Public Safety

Police	
Police Chief	Brian Stewart
Number of officers, 2004	31
Violent crimes, 2004	19
Property crimes, 2004	180

Emergency/Fire

Director	Edward Hurley
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Public Library

Scituate Town Library	
85 Branch Street	
Scituate, 02066	
781-545-8727	
Librarian	Kathleen P. Meeker
Total holdings, 2004	84,275

Library Statistics per capita, FY 2004

Holdings	4.64
Operating income	\$34.64
Operating expenditures	\$34.28
Expenditures for materials	\$5.89
Other expenditures	\$4.16

Local School System

(school statistics 2003-2004, except as noted)

606 CJ Cushing Hwy	
Scituate, MA 02066	
781-545-8759	
Superintendent	Mark Mason
Grade plan	K-12
Total enrollment '04-'05	3,232
Drop-out rate	0.6%
Per pupil expd-regular	\$6,265
Per pupil expd-total	\$7,404
Avg teacher salary FY '04	\$51,990
Student/teacher ratio '04-'05	14.7
Students per computer	4.5

Distribution of Resident Students, 2005

in public schools	3,172
in private schools	341

Massachusetts Competency Assessment System (MCAS), 2004-2005 Results

	# taking test	% Proficient
Grade 4 English	263	75%
Grade 4 Math	263	64%
Grade 10 English	203	84%
Grade 10 Math	203	85%