HOMETOWN TRIVIA · BEDFORD, MA

How well do you know Bedford?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. About how many people lived in Bedford in 1950?

A. 2,100
B. 12,000
C. 5,200

2. The Bedford Depot dates back to about which year?

A. 1914
B. 1844
C. 1874

3. Did Bedford have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 2020
B. More in 1960

4. Between 2010 and 2020, did Bedford grow or shrink?

A. It grew
B. It shrank

How well do you know Bedford?

5. Which county is Bedford in?

A. Bristol County
B. Essex County
C. Middlesex County

REMEMBER WHEN · BEDFORD

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- In 1950 about 5,200 people lived in Bedford. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- The Bedford Depot dates back to 1874. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Bedford go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Bedford like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · BEDFORD

Around Bedford

E L S S Y H W Y B B C P M P B
V O N T S O E A A I F C F A Y
W M Y E T L H S N O D H L R S
N S E Y M I E C D O M L E A F
I A K M A U I H S T H K U D A
W P P A G P T O T D A Y I E A
T O O I F N N O A B L V T T P
R S A N E U Y L N N I D U E B
D T W S V R W H D F T L P N B
R O T T A T R O L L E Y A T E
H F I R E H O U S E A T L E D
A F B E G E P S R U G I R K F
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L C A T L U F S S F L S R E R
K E O R C R D V D E P O T E D

- [ ] BAKERY
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- [ ] BEDFORD
- [ ] DEPOT
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 5,200 The 1950 census counted 5,234 people in Bedford.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedford,_Massachusetts

2. 1874 The Bedford Depot dates back to 1874.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q4879136 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedford_Depot

3. More in 2020 Bedford counted 10,969 people in 1960 and 14,383 in 2020.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedford,_Massachusetts

4. It grew Bedford counted 13,320 people in 2010 and 14,383 in 2020.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedford,_Massachusetts

5. Middlesex County Bedford is in Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q665011

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

E	L	S	S	Y	H	W	Y	B	B	C	P	M	P	B
V	O	N	T	S	O	E	A	A	I	F	C	F	A	Y
W	M	Y	E	T	L	H	S	N	O	D	H	L	R	S
N	S	E	Y	M	I	E	C	D	O	M	L	E	A	F
I	A	K	M	A	U	I	H	S	T	H	K	U	D	A
W	P	P	A	G	P	T	O	T	D	A	Y	I	E	A
T	O	O	I	F	N	N	O	A	B	L	V	T	T	P
R	S	A	N	E	U	Y	L	N	N	I	D	U	E	B
D	T	W	S	V	R	W	H	D	F	T	L	P	N	B
R	O	T	T	A	T	R	O	L	L	E	Y	A	T	E
H	F	I	R	E	H	O	U	S	E	A	T	L	E	D
A	F	B	E	G	E	P	S	R	U	G	I	R	K	F
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L	C	A	T	L	U	F	S	S	F	L	S	R	E	R
K	E	O	R	C	R	D	V	D	E	P	O	T	E	D

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