HOMETOWN TRIVIA · BELCHERTOWN, MA

How well do you know Belchertown?

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

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

A. 1,800
B. 4,500
C. 10,000

2. The Belchertown State School dates back to about which year?

A. 1922
B. 1962
C. 1882

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

A. More in 2020
B. More in 1960

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

A. It shrank
B. It grew

How well do you know Belchertown?

5. Which county is Belchertown in?

A. Franklin County
B. Essex County
C. Hampshire County

REMEMBER WHEN · BELCHERTOWN

Let's talk about home

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

- In 1950 about 4,500 people lived in Belchertown. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- The Belchertown State School dates back to 1922. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Belchertown go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Belchertown 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 · BELCHERTOWN

Around Belchertown

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

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] BELCHERTOWN
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] STATE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 4,500 The 1950 census counted 4,487 people in Belchertown.

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

2. 1922 The Belchertown State School dates back to 1922.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q4882064 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belchertown_State_School

3. More in 2020 Belchertown counted 5,186 people in 1960 and 15,350 in 2020.

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

4. It grew Belchertown counted 14,649 people in 2010 and 15,350 in 2020.

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

5. Hampshire County Belchertown is in Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2414308

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

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

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