HOMETOWN TRIVIA · CHELMSFORD, MA

# How well do you know Chelmsford?

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

**1.** Which famous singer or musician was born in Chelmsford in 1896?

**A.** Ray Conniff
**B.** Harry M. Woods
**C.** Leroy Anderson

**2.** Which famous writer was born in Chelmsford in 1944?

**A.** Joy Williams
**B.** Jared Diamond
**C.** Anne McCaffrey

**3.** About how many people lived in Chelmsford in 1950?

**A.** 3,800
**B.** 9,400
**C.** 22,000

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**4.** Chelmsford's Fiske House dates back to about which year?

**A.** 1838
**B.** 1798
**C.** 1743

**5.** Did Chelmsford have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

**A.** More in 2020
**B.** More in 1960

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# Let's talk about home

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

- Harry M. Woods was born right here in Chelmsford in 1896. Can anyone hum a song by Harry M. Woods?
- Joy Williams was born right here in Chelmsford in 1944. Has anyone here read something by Joy Williams?
- In 1950 about 9,400 people lived in Chelmsford. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Chelmsford's Fiske House dates back to 1798. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Chelmsford go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Chelmsford like on a Saturday when you were young?

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# Around Chelmsford

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B S E O A L W O O D S C E L S

- ☐ BAKERY
- ☐ BANDSTAND
- ☐ CHELMSFORD
- ☐ DINER
- ☐ FIREHOUSE
- ☐ FISKE
- ☐ ICECREAM
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ MAINSTREET
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ POSTOFFICE
- ☐ TROLLEY
- ☐ WILLIAMS
- ☐ WOODS

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# Answers and sources

**1. Harry M. Woods** Harry M. Woods was born in Chelmsford in 1896.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1566366 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_M._Woods

**2. Joy Williams** Joy Williams was born in Chelmsford in 1944.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q6297286 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joy_Williams_(American_writer)

**3. 9,400** The 1950 census counted 9,407 people in Chelmsford.

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

**4. 1798** Chelmsford's Fiske House dates back to 1798.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q5455185 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiske_House

**5. More in 2020** Chelmsford counted 15,130 people in 1960 and 36,392 in 2020.

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

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

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