HOMETOWN TRIVIA · PAXTON, MA

How well do you know Paxton?

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

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

A. 1,100
B. 440
C. 2,500

2. Did Paxton have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

3. Between 2010 and 2020, did Paxton grow or shrink?

A. It grew
B. It shrank

4. Which county is Paxton in?

A. Worcester County
B. Essex County
C. Middlesex County

How well do you know Paxton?

5. About how many people lived in Paxton in 2020?

A. 13,000
B. 1,800
C. 5,000

REMEMBER WHEN · PAXTON

Let's talk about home

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

- In 1950 about 1,100 people lived in Paxton. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Paxton go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Paxton 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 · PAXTON

Around Paxton

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

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] CHURCHBELL
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PAXTON
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 1,100 The 1950 census counted 1,066 people in Paxton.

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

2. More in 2020 Paxton counted 2,399 people in 1960 and 5,004 in 2020.

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

3. It grew Paxton counted 4,806 people in 2010 and 5,004 in 2020.

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

4. Worcester County Paxton is in Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2539237

5. 5,000 The 2020 census counted 5,004 people in Paxton.

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

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

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

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