HOMETOWN TRIVIA · READING, MA

How well do you know Reading?

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

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

A. 5,600
B. 14,000
C. 32,000

2. The Reading station dates back to about which year?

A. 1870
B. 1815
C. 1910

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

A. More in 2020
B. More in 1960

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

A. It grew
B. It shrank

How well do you know Reading?

5. Which county is Reading in?

A. Middlesex County
B. Plymouth County
C. Berkshire County

REMEMBER WHEN · READING

Let's talk about home

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

- In 1950 about 14,000 people lived in Reading. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- The Reading station dates back to 1870. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Reading go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Reading 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 · READING

Around Reading

W M A I N S T R E E T W M O O
B F S B H C H I A I K S I P M
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- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] READING
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] STATION
- [ ] TROLLEY

FOR THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Answers and sources

1. 14,000 The 1950 census counted 14,006 people in Reading.

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

2. 1870 The Reading station dates back to 1870.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q7300454 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reading_station_(MBTA)

3. More in 2020 Reading counted 19,259 people in 1960 and 25,518 in 2020.

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

4. It grew Reading counted 24,747 people in 2010 and 25,518 in 2020.

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

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

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2318684

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

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