HOMETOWN TRIVIA · SHREWSBURY, MA

How well do you know Shrewsbury?

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

1. Which famous writer was born in Shrewsbury in 1937?

A. Merton Miller
B. Gregory Mcdonald
C. Jared Diamond

2. About how many people lived in Shrewsbury in 1950?

A. 4,400
B. 11,000
C. 25,000

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

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

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

A. It shrank
B. It grew

How well do you know Shrewsbury?

5. Which county is Shrewsbury in?

A. Hampden County
B. Bristol County
C. Worcester County

REMEMBER WHEN · SHREWSBURY

Let's talk about home

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

- Gregory Mcdonald was born right here in Shrewsbury in 1937. Has anyone here read something by Gregory Mcdonald?
- In 1950 about 11,000 people lived in Shrewsbury. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Shrewsbury go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Shrewsbury 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 · SHREWSBURY

Around Shrewsbury

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

- [ ] BAKERY
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- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] MCDONALD
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] SHREWSBURY
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. Gregory Mcdonald Gregory Mcdonald was born in Shrewsbury in 1937.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1545386 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregory_Mcdonald

2. 11,000 The 1950 census counted 10,594 people in Shrewsbury.

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

3. More in 2020 Shrewsbury counted 16,622 people in 1960 and 38,325 in 2020.

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

4. It grew Shrewsbury counted 35,608 people in 2010 and 38,325 in 2020.

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

5. Worcester County Shrewsbury is in Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2559909

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

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