

Narragansett is a coastal community in Southern Rhode Island. The picturesque views and scenery make Narragansett a unique New England destination. The Town of Narragansett is named after the Narragansett Indian tribe, which has a rich history in the region. At the beginning of the English colonization, the area was part of a much larger territory called "Narragansett Country." Since the early days of its founding, Narragansett was a prosperous farming community. During the late 19th century, Narragansett became established as a summer playground of the rich and powerful who visited the town's scenic beaches from New York, Philadelphia, and other regions. Numerous hotels, casinos, ferries, and a railroad were developed to support tourism.

Today Narragansett is a year-round community and its beaches remain a popular summer destination. Tourism continues to play a major role in the local economy of the town. With its close proximity to Providence, University of Rhode Island, and excellent transportation systems such as rail, highways, shipping, and an airport, Narragansett is well positioned for access to major markets in Boston, New York, New England, and beyond.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1888
Incorporated:	1901
Elevation:	20 ft
County:	Washington
Area:	37.8 sq. miles (Total) 14.2 sq. miles (Land)
Distance to major cities:	Providence: 27 miles Boston: 65 miles New York City: 138 miles

POPULATION

	2000	2010
Narragansett	16,361	15,868
Washington County	123,546	126,979
Rhode Island	1,048,319	1,052,567

Source: US Census Bureau

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Preschool	Y	Y
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Community College	N	N
Four-Year University	N	N
Post Graduate	N	N

Medical

South County Hospital and two walk-in clinics are within three miles of Narragansett.

Government

3 Fire Stations
1 Police Department

Public Transportation

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority operates buses that link the town to the T.F. Greene Airport, downtown Providence, and the MBTA rail with connections to Boston. The closest Park n' Ride is five miles away.

Train Station

The Kingston Station is eight miles away with Amtrak making several daily trips to Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Highways

State highways to the town provide easy access to the I-95 and other major transportation systems.

Financial Institutions

Bank of America ATM
Bank Newport
Citizens Bank
Washington Trust Company

Lodging

Hotels: 3
Motels: 2
B & B: 12

Beaches

Number of beaches: 4

Land Use

	Acreage	Town wide
Federal	540.2	16.3%
State	571.5	17.2%
Town	715.5	21.6%
Private	858.9	25.9%
FFO	628.2	18.9%
Leased	3.3	.10%
Total	3317.6	100%

Note: FFO: land undeveloped or subdivided by a landowner for a minimum of 15 years and can be withdrawn at any time.

ATTRACTIONS

Narragansett consists of three economic centers. The North End includes the West Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island. Galilee is one of the largest commercial fishing ports on the East Coast and is also the departure point for the ferry service to Block Island. The Pier is the geographic center of town and consists of restaurants, shops, a hotel, the town beach, and historic neighborhoods.

Narragansett recreation facilities include on community center, one library, three public squares, one tot lot, seven playing fields, six playgrounds, nine park buildings, one pool, five ball fields, 19 tennis courts, seven basketball courts and soccer fields. Narragansett hosts several road races in the spring, summer and fall that attract competitors from across the country.

WEATHER

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
Jan.	19	38	4.72
Feb.	21	40	3.83
Mar.	28	47	4.92
Apr.	36	57	4.71
May	45	68	4.14
June	55	76	3.98
July	60	81	3.31
Aug	59	80	4.40
Sept.	52	74	4.16
Oct.	40	63	3.92
Nov.	33	53	5.11
Dec.	24	43	4.62

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Average Household		
Narragansett	2.38	2.46
Washington County	2.52	2.45
Rhode Island	2.47	2.44
Housing Units	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Owner-occupied	6,846	6,704
Renter-occupied	2,609	2,496
Vacant	2,313	2,766

Source: US Census Bureau

Note: Household: the total number of people living in a housing unit

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
New Building Permits	101	-
Net Assessed Value	\$129,100	-
Median Home Price	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
	\$170,000	\$350,000

Source: RI Economic Development Corporation

Note: Permits for single-family new house construction

For further information contact



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EMPLOYMENT

Principal Employers

<u>Government and Education</u>	<u>Private</u>
Environmental Protection Agency	DeWal Industries
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	George's of Galilee
Town of Narragansett	Stop & Shop
University of Rhode Island	The Dunes Club
	VNS Home Health Service

Industry	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	69	18
Construction	91	94
Finance	102	48
Manufacturing	145	87
Professional Services	1,070	-
Retail Trade	1,496	629
Transportation	107	97
Wholesale Trade	132	79

Source: RI Economic Development Corporation

Labor Force	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Employed	9,349	9,136
Unemployed	273	805
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	8.1%

Source: RI Department of Labor & Training

Note: Numbers not seasonally adjusted

Income	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Median household	\$50,363	-
Median family income	\$67,571	-
Per capita	\$28,194	-

Source: US Census Bureau

TAXES

Type	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Residential	\$17.67	\$8.86
Commercial	\$17.67	\$13.29

Note: Values per \$1000 of Assessed Value

UTILITIES

Electricity & Natural Gas	National Grid	401-784-7000
Telephone	Comcast	800-266-2278
	Cox	401-383-6100
	Verizon	800-837-4966
Water	Municipal	401-782-0639
	United Water	401-789-0271
Sewer	Municipal	401-782-0639