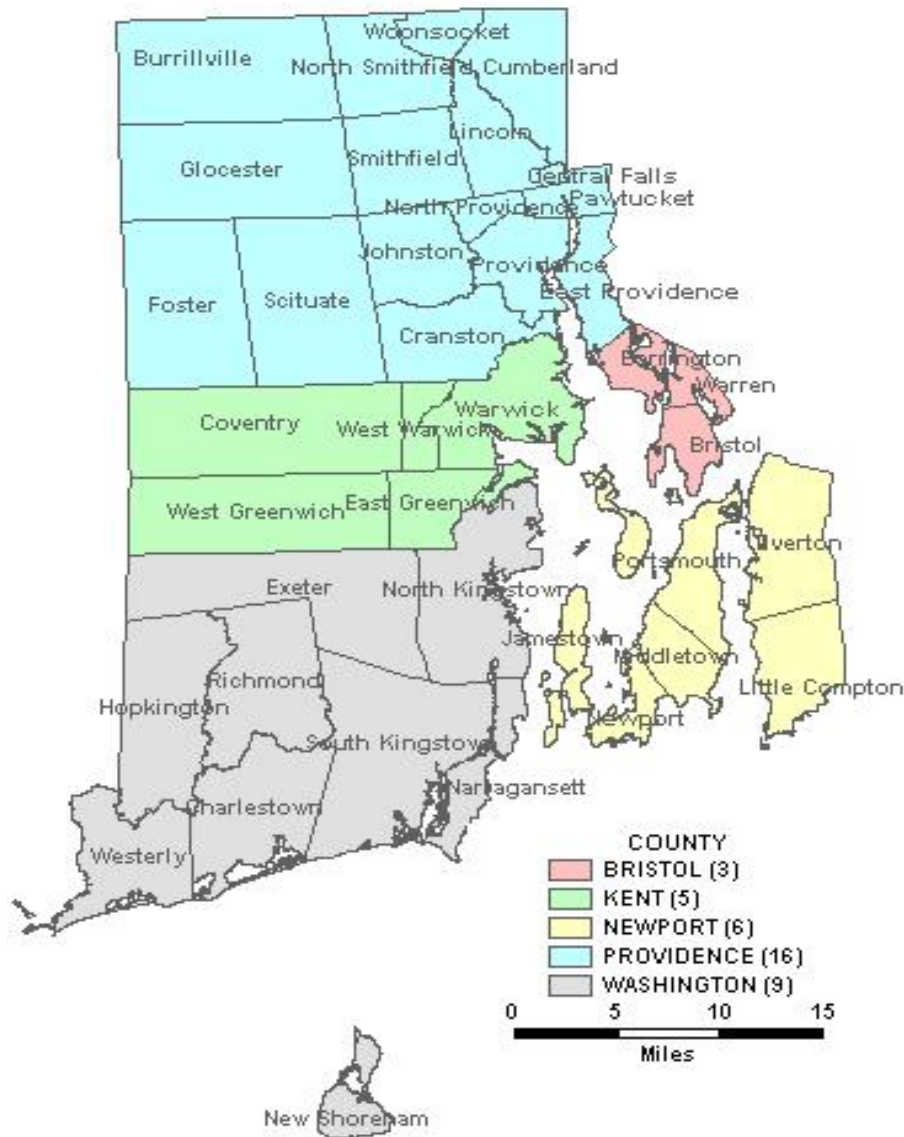


Town of Middletown



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Introduction

Middletown is located on historic Aquidneck Island, between the communities of Newport and Portsmouth, hence the name Middletown. Bounded by three bodies of water, Narragansett Bay on the west, the Sakonnet River on the east, and Rhode Island Sound on the south, Middletown is an ocean community with all the amenities of seaside living.

Middletown's excellent highways and bridges place the community in a favorable location: the town is easily accessible from both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Historic Newport is adjacent to Middletown, providing many recreational activities. Middletown is an attractive location for both industry and residence.

Middletown is semi-agricultural with a diverse landscape, delicate sand dunes broken up by a partially rocky coastline, and snow white beaches giving this community a seaside flair. Endless stone walls line the landscape contributing to the atmosphere of the town which is typically New England. Being practically surrounded by water the influence of the sea on the town is inescapable. There are marvelous fishing, boating, surfing and swimming facilities. The moderating effects of the ocean provide Middletown with mild winters, while the cooling sea breezes limit the number of extremely hot summer days to a few a year.

Middletown has excellent land available for industrial development, some of which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. The community's diverse labor force and convenient transportation facilities makes it an excellent location for business development.

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Town of Middletown

Municipal Government & Officials

Address: Town Hall
350 Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

Established in 1639
Incorporated in 1743

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st
Fax: 845-0400

Website: www.middletownri.com/

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Newport County

Form of Government: Town Administrator and seven member Town Council.

Council Meetings: First and Third Mondays Monthly @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Administrator: Gerald Kempen 849-2898

Assessor: William A. Shorey 847-7300

Building Official/Minimum Housing: John F. Maloney 847-5769

Clerk, Town: Barbara L. Nash, CMC 847-0009

Finance Director/Tax Collector: Shawn J. Brown 846-4478

Library Director: Robert Balliot 846-1573

Planner, Town: Ronald Wolanski 849-4027

Police Chief: William J. Burns 849-3131

Probate Judge: Michael W. Miller, Esq. 849-4800

Public Works Director: Thomas O'Loughlin 846-2119

Purchasing Agent: Shawn J. Brown 846-4478

Recreation Director: Thomas O'Loughlin 846-2119

School Superintendent: Rosemarie K. Kraeger 849-2122

Solicitor, Town: Vernon L. Gorton, Jr., Esq. 683-4800

Zoning Official: John F. Maloney 847-5769

Fire Departments and Fire Districts

Middletown Fire Department, 239 Wyatt Road, Middletown, RI 02842 846-7888

Fire Chief: Stephen P. Martin

Municipal Court

Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842 847-0009

Judge: Peter B. Regan Clerk: Barbara L. Nash, CMC

School Committee

Liana Ferreira Fenton, Chairperson 53 Berkeley Avenue 02842

William R. Coogan 22 Evergreen Avenue 02842

Michael F. Crowley 108 Allston Avenue 02842

Claire M. Pimentel 60 Maplewood Road 02842

Theresa Silveira Spengler 1111 Wapping Road 02842

Town Council

William J. Flynn, President 6 Howland Avenue 02842

Bruce D. Allen 1353 Wapping Road 02842

Suzi C. Nance 194 Meadow Lane 02842

Karen Roarke 26 Renfrew Avenue 02842

Paul M. Rodrigues 294 Prospect Avenue 02842

M. Theresa Santos 214 Morrison Avenue 02842

Charles J. Vaillancourt 440 Abe Meyer Lane 02842

Town of Middletown

Population Characteristics

Population: The population count for The Town of Middletown as of April 1, 2000, was 17,334. This represented a -10.92% decrease (2,126 persons) from the 1990 population of 19,460.

Rank: In 2000 Middletown ranks 20th in population among Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns.

Median Age: In 2000 the median age of the population in Middletown was 37.7.

Age Distribution: In 2000, 75.0% or 13,006 persons residing in Middletown were 18 years of age or older. 12,577 were 21 and over, 2,965 were 62 and over, and 2,579 were 65 and over.

Population Density: The 2000 population density of Middletown is 1,335 persons per square mile of land area. Middletown contains 12.98 square miles of land area (33,620,090 Sq. meters) (8,307.77 acres) and 1.97 square miles of water area (5,095,054 square meters) (1,260.8 acres).

Housing Units: The total number of housing units in the The Town of Middletown as of April 1, 2000, was 7,603. This represented an increase of 499 units from the 7,104 housing units in 1990. Of the 7,603 housing units 610 were vacant. 193 of the vacant units were for seasonal or recreational use.

Households: In 2000, there are 6,993 households in Middletown with an average size of 2.43 persons. Of these, 4,646 were family households with an average family size of 3.01 persons.

Race:

Total Population of One Race: 16,912

White: 15,448

Black or African American: 819

American Indian and Alaska Native: 62

Asian: 378

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 19

Some Other Race: 186

Total Population of two or More Races: 422

Hispanic or Latino: In 2000, 508 persons of Hispanic origin resided in Middletown. This represented 2.9% of the population.

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Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

General Characteristics	Number	Percent
Total population	17,334	100.0
Male	8,434	48.7
Female	8,900	51.3
Median Age (years)	37.7	(X)
Under 5 years	1,210	7.0
18 years and over	13,006	75.0
65 years and over	2,579	14.9
One race - Total	16,912	97.6
White	15,448	89.1
Black or African American	819	4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	62	0.4
Asian	378	2.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	19	0.1
Some other race	186	1.1
Two or more races	422	2.4
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	508	2.9
Average household size	2.43	(X)
Average family size	3.01	(X)
Total housing units	7,603	100.0
Occupied housing units	6,993	92.0
Owner-occupied housing units	3,944	56.4
Renter-occupied housing units	3,049	43.6
Vacant housing units	610	8.0
Social Characteristics	Number	Percent

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Population 25 years and over	11,900	100.0
High school graduate or higher	10,769	90.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,691	38.2
Civilian veterans (civilian population 25 years and older)	2,299	18.9
Disability Status (population 21 to 64 years)	1,481	16.1
Foreign Born	1,049	6.1
Now Married (population 15 years and over)	8,159	59.7
Speak a language other than English at home (5 years and older)	1,447	9.0

Economic Characteristics	Number	Percent
In Labor Force (16 years and older)	9,147	67.9
Mean travel time to work in minutes (16 years and older)	17.6	(X)
Median household income (dollars)	51,075	(X)
Median family income (dollars)	57,322	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	25,857	(X)
Families below poverty level	174	3.7
Individuals below poverty level	844	5.0

Housing Characteristics	Number	Percent
Single-family owner-occupied homes	3,445	100.0
Median value (dollars)	160,800	(X)
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)
With a mortgage	1,375	(X)
Not mortgaged	463	(X)

Middletown Employment 2002

NAICS Sectors

Middletown

	Number of Units	Average Employment	Total Wages
Total, Private & Government:	652	9,959	\$ 340,005,238

Town of Middletown

Total, Private Only:	641	9,306	313,829,677
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	6	76	2,132,755
Mining	*	*	*
Utilities	*	*	*
Construction	61	300	11,782,077
Manufacturing	23	555	28,356,222
Wholesale Trade	41	252	9,442,369
Retail Trade	87	1,521	41,581,198
Transportation & Warehousing	9	62	650,579
Information	16	296	24,471,470
Finance & Insurance	26	486	24,083,889
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	23	100	2,575,752
Professional & Technical Services	76	1,450	82,076,255
Management of Companies & Enterprises	*	*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	26	248	6,828,896
Educational Services	10	369	12,799,712
Health Care & Social Assistance	68	1,404	31,723,283
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	16	179	2,893,777
Accommodation & Food Services	74	1,335	17,555,386
Other Services, except Public Administration	74	593	10,758,523
Unclassified Establishments	1	1	12,671
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Public Administration	11	653 \$	26,175,561

Source: Department of Labor and Training, 2002

Town of Middletown

2004/2005 Municipal Tax Rates
(Per \$1,000 of Assessment)

& These communities have homestead exemptions available. (Providence rate with homestead exemption \$23.96)

* These communities also have local Fire district taxes.

These communities may exempt wholesale inventories.

\$ These communities may exempt retail inventories.

Modified: October 5, 2004

Municipality	Residential Property Tax Rates Per \$1,000 Percent of Full Value Base Year Assessment Effective			Commercial Real Estate Rate Per \$1,000	Motor Vehicle Rate Per \$1,000	Retail & Wholesale Inventory Rate Per \$1,000	Business Personal Property Rate Per \$1,000
Barrington	18.99	100%	2003	18.99	42.00	8.88	18.99
Bristol	16.85	100%	2001	16.85	17.35	6.97	16.85
Burrillville * # \$	12.55	100%	2003	12.55	40.00	Not Taxed	12.55
Central Falls &	13.04	100%	2003	34.85	48.65	19.47	51.33
Charlestown *	12.59	100%	2001	12.59	13.08	5.38	12.59
Coventry * \$	25.63	100%	2001	25.63	18.75	7.75	25.63
Cranston &	23.23	95%	2003	30.80	42.44	12.70	34.84
Cumberland * #	16.73	100%	2002	16.73	19.87	10.03	16.73
East Greenwich * # &	17.91	100%	2002	17.91	22.88	9.48	17.91
East Providence &	15.20	100%	2003	19.35	37.10	15.44	44.59
Exeter #	14.70	100%	2002	14.70	32.59	14.00	14.70
Foster	14.11	100%	/2002	14.11	36.95	7.39	14.11
Glocester * #	20.91	100%	2001	20.91	24.37	10.06	28.46
Hopkinton *	17.71	100%	2003	17.71	21.18	8.30	17.71
Jamestown	11.58	100%	2004	11.58	14.42	6.05	11.58
Johnston &	16.40	100%	2003	16.40	41.46	13.86	44.11
Lincoln * # &	18.64	100%	2003	22.74	30.66	9.82	26.84
Little Compton	4.53	100%	2003	4.53	13.90	Not Taxed	4.53
Middletown #	15.85	100%	2002	17.90	16.05	6.64	15.85
Narragansett	10.57	100%	2002	15.86	16.46	6.74	15.86
Newport &	13.72	100%	2001	16.30	23.45	9.48	16.30
New Shoreham # \$	3.77	80%	2000	3.77	9.75	Not taxed	3.77
North Kingstown # \$	14.38	100%	2003	14.38	22.04	Not taxed	14.38
North Providence &	28.71	100%	2004	31.02	41.95	17.54	57.50
North Smithfield #	14.26	100%	2003	14.26	37.62	12.43	37.24
Pawtucket	17.25	100%	2003	25.88	53.30	20.83	52.09
Portsmouth #	16.20	100%	2003	16.20	22.50	9.19	16.20
Providence &	29.65	50%	2004	37.00	76.78	30.70	49.50
Richmond *	18.83	100%	2003	18.83	22.64	9.10	18.83
Scituate	22.08	50%	2003	27.75	30.20	Not taxed	33.05
Smithfield	13.95	100%	2003	13.95	39.00	15.60	41.00
South Kingstown *	12.58	100%	2003	12.58	18.71	7.75	12.58
Tiverton *	14.36	100%	2002	14.36	19.14	7.71	14.36
Warren	14.82	100%	2003	14.82	26.00	14.82	7.87
Warwick	14.81	100%	2003	22.22	34.60	17.73	29.62
Westerly *	9.64	100%	2004	9.64	29.67	5.05	9.64
West Greenwich	18.50	100%	2001	18.50	19.02	7.79	18.50
West Warwick	17.31	100%	2003	24.80	28.47	11.77	28.17
Woonsocket # &	23.85	55%	2002	38.25	46.58	18.63	46.58

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Points of Interest

GREEN END FORT. (1777) North side of Vernon Avenue exit. Built by British in 1777 as the eastern terminus of their Newport defense lines.

NORMAN BIRD SANCTUARY, MUSEUM & BARN OWL SHOP. 583 Third Beach Road. Seven miles of walking trails. Several wildlife habitats represented on 450-acre refuge. Also an educational facility with a trailside museum. OPEN: Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9-5 p.m. Closed Mon remainder of year. Spring & Fall free Sunday morning bird walks, 8 a.m. 846-2577.

PRESCOTT FARM. 2009 West Main Road. The Newport Restoration Foundation has assembled and restored these Colonial farm buildings, featuring operating windmill (c. 1812), British General Prescott's Guard House, and a country store. OPEN: Apr-Nov, Mon-Fri, 10-4 p.m. 847-6230, 849-7300, 849-7301.

PURGATORY CHASM. Purgatory Road. A narrow cleft in the rock ledges on the east side of Easton Point, formed by the eroding action of the sea over eons. Scenic overlook. OPEN: Dawn to dusk. 847-7565.

SACHUEST POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

SACHUEST (SECOND) AND THIRD BEACHES

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL CHAPEL. 372 Purgatory Road. In the English Gothic-style. OPEN: During school term, Mon-Fri, 9-5 p.m. Phone in advance. 847-7565.

UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. (Present Church, 1975) (H, H-4) Valley Road and Green End Avenue. Church of the Patriots. Congregation gathered 1695. Tue- Fri; 8:30-3 p.m. 849-5444.

VINLAND WINE CELLARS. 909 East Main Road, Eastgate Center. Operating modern winery. Wine tastings and tours. Retail shop. OPEN: Mon-Sat, 10-5 p.m.; Sun, 12 noon-5 p.m. 848-5161, 800-345-1559.

WHITEHALL MUSEUM HOUSE. (1729) 311 Berkeley Avenue. Built by Dean George Berkeley, philosopher, educator, and Anglican Bishop. Authentically furnished. Maintained by the National Society of the Colonial Dames in Rhode Island. OPEN: Jul & Aug, daily, 10-5 p.m., and by appt. the rest of the year. 847-7951, 846-3116 .