# **Quick Facts** Athol, Massachusetts

### **POPULATION**

2015 Population 11,584

Growth rate 2000-2010 2.5%

Projected Growth Rate 2015-2030 6%

# **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Median Household Income \$46,954 Average Household Income \$56,417 People living below poverty 15.8%

**Unemployment Rate** 6.7%

(down from 11% in '11)

% High School or Higher 83.8% % Bachelors or Higher 13.5%

#### **Top Employers**

LS Starrett Co. Whipps Inc
Athol Hospital Adams Farm
Hannaford Athol Credit Union
Market Basket Athol Savings Bank
Quabbin Val. Healthcare
N. Quabbin Physicians KEO Milling Cutters

# Government Open Town Meeting; Board of Selectmen; Town Manager. History Settled in 1735 as Pequoig; Incorporated as Athol in 1762. Area Total 33.07 sq miles County Worcester

**Schools** Athol RoyalstonRegional School District

Major Routes Route 2; Route 32

Top Employment Sectors

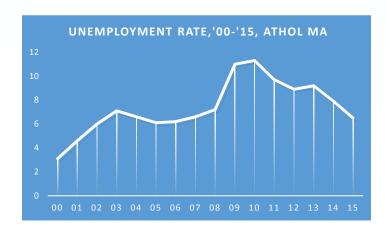
Education & Health Care 27.5%

Manufacturing 19.7%

Retail Trade 12.5%

Professional, Sci, Mgmt 5.6%

Finance, Insur, Real Estate 5.5%



## HOUSING

Owner-occupied 71% Renter-occupied 29%

Vacany Rate (2010) 11% (but declining)

Avg Sale Price 2013 \$118,400 (20% increase from '11)

Property Tax Rate 19.0%

#### **AMENITIES**

- State-of-the-art LEED Certified Public Library
- Smaller neighborhood parks to thousand+ acre conservation lands
- YMCA, New England Equestrian Center of Athol, Millers River Environmental Center
- Media: Athol Daily News, Athol-Orange Community Television, WJDF Radio
- Transportation: FRTA and MART Bus Transit; CTS (Community Transit Services); Orange Airport