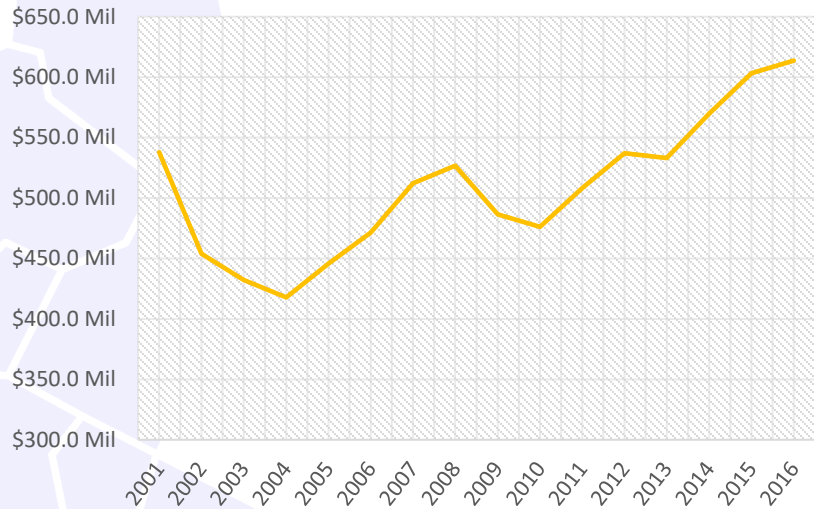
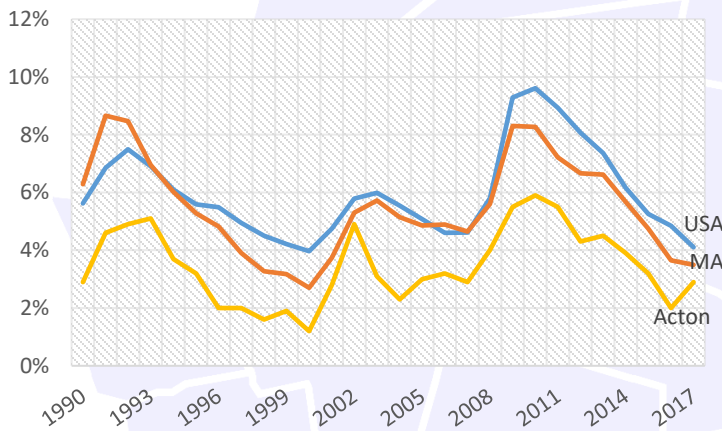


Increasing Payroll

From Q2 2016 to Q2 2017, the payroll for all places of employment in Acton was \$618,837,586.³ Since our last report the payroll has increased over \$9 million.



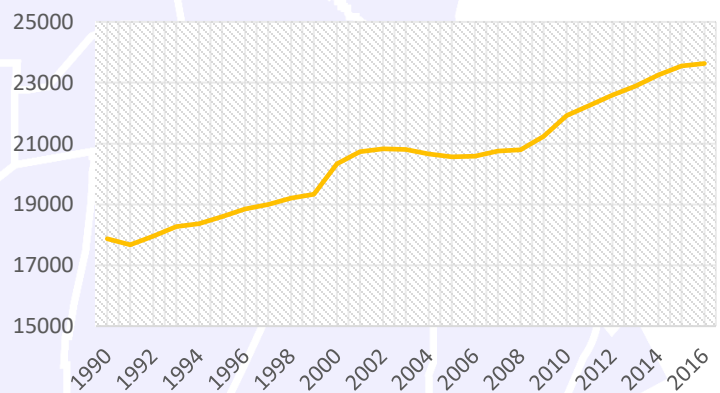
Low Unemployment



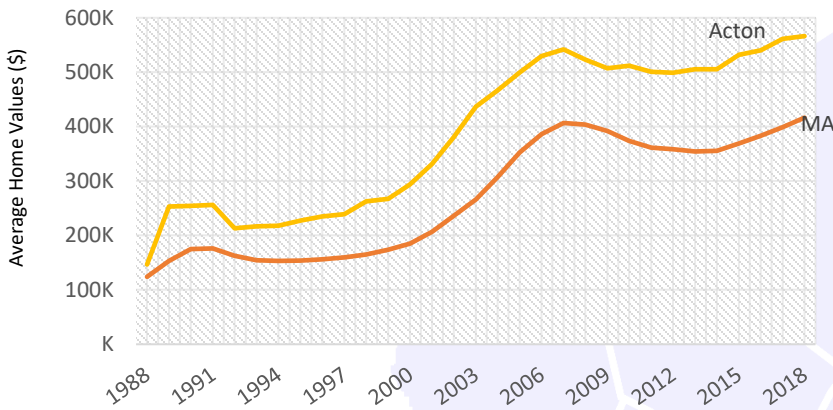
Beyond the year to year averages, in February 2018, the unemployment rate in Acton was 2.9%. This is lower than the 495/MetroWest unemployment rate of 3.3%, and much lower than both the state unemployment rate of 4.0% and the national unemployment rate of 4.1%³

Growing Population

The population of Acton has been increasing steadily. In 2000, the population of Acton was 20,331 this increased to 21,924 by 2010, and in 2016, the population of Acton was estimated to be 23,633.⁵



Rising Home Values



Westford's Average Single Family Home value is 566,279 vs. M.A average 416,426

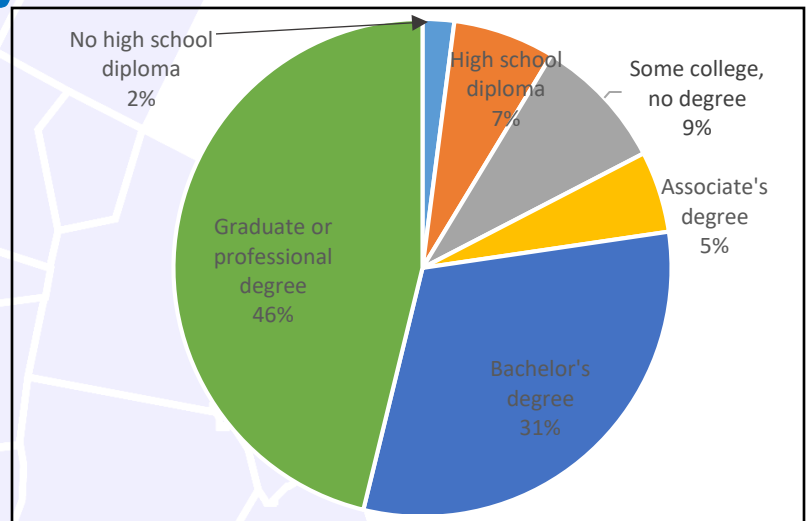
Median Sale Price

Snapshot

In March 2018, the median single family sales price in Acton was \$629,494¹. This is higher than the state median sale price for the same month which was \$354,000¹ and the national median for March which was \$251,500².

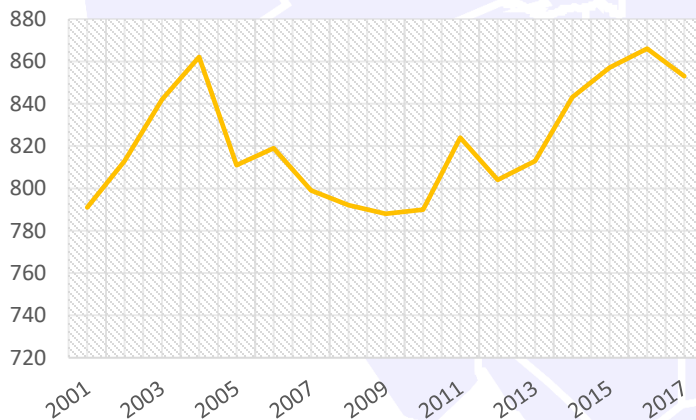
Highly Educated

Acton has an extremely educated population compared to the state and to the nation with 77% of residents having a bachelor's degree or higher. During the same time 41.2% in Massachusetts had a bachelor's degree or higher, while only 30.3% in the U.S. had one.⁴



2012-2016 ACS (U.S. Census Bureau)

Employers



The number of employers in Acton has slightly decreased since last year. In 2001, there were 791 employers in the town, and by Q2 2017 this number had increased to 853³. While decreasing since last year's report, the overall trend is positive.

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