

Sudbury Master Plan Community Conversation

Town Services



While the Town of Sudbury has a wide range of departments and programs, the Master Plan focuses on those that provide services directly to residents and the business community. Their capacity in conjunction with anticipated changes in community needs are discussed in the Master Plan to determine strategic infrastructure and program investments in the near and long-term.

Public Safety

Sudbury's Police and Fire Departments ensure the safety of town residents and businesses.

The **Sudbury Fire Department** provides emergency fire & medical services to residents. The department currently employs 39 staff members. Some of the Fire Department's responsibilities include:

- Enforcing local & state fire prevention and public safety laws
- Inspecting fire hazard activities, carbon monoxide detectors, & smoke alarms in all homes being resold
- Monitoring blasting operations
- Organizing & leading the Fire Prevention Education Program

The **Sudbury Police Department** employed 40 staff members. In addition to protecting & serving Sudbury residents, the department is also involved in community programs such as:

- Jail Diversion Program
- STAR program (Students Thinking and Acting Responsibly)
- School Resource Officer Program

Along with fire & police, volunteer groups such as Community Emergency Response Team & the Medical Reserve corps dedicate their time to ensure safety in the community, especially during emergencies.



Goodnow Library

The Goodnow Library is home to more than 300,000 circulating items and is visited by about 175,000 patrons a year, including 26,000 children.

It offers many programs & services to the residents of Sudbury & nearby communities, including book clubs, meeting rooms, museum passes, and technology. The library also hold various family events, & some are collaborated with town departments such as:

- Sudbury Doing Good Info Fair
- Touch a Truck Day
- Movie nights
- Holiday themed events
- Story times

The Goodnow Library Trustees establishes and oversees policy for the governing of the library, manage trust funds. The board consists of 6 elected members.



Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) oversees the maintenance and operations of the Town's public infrastructure and facilities. The DPW has 5 divisions with a total of 32 employees:

- 5 Engineering
- 21 Highway
- 2 Transfer Station/ Recycling Center
- 3 Cemetery
- 2 Parks and Grounds



School Facilities

The Sudbury Public School District (SPS) serves the pre-K to grade 8 student population in town. It includes 4 elementary schools (grades pre-K to grade 5), and 1 middle school (grades 6 to 8).

- Haynes Elementary School
- Nixon Elementary School
- Loring Elementary School
- Noyes Elementary School

High schoolers attend Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (LSRHS), which is in the Lincoln-Sudbury School District. Curtis Middle School.

Additional educational facilities attended by Sudbury residents are Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education and Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Health Department

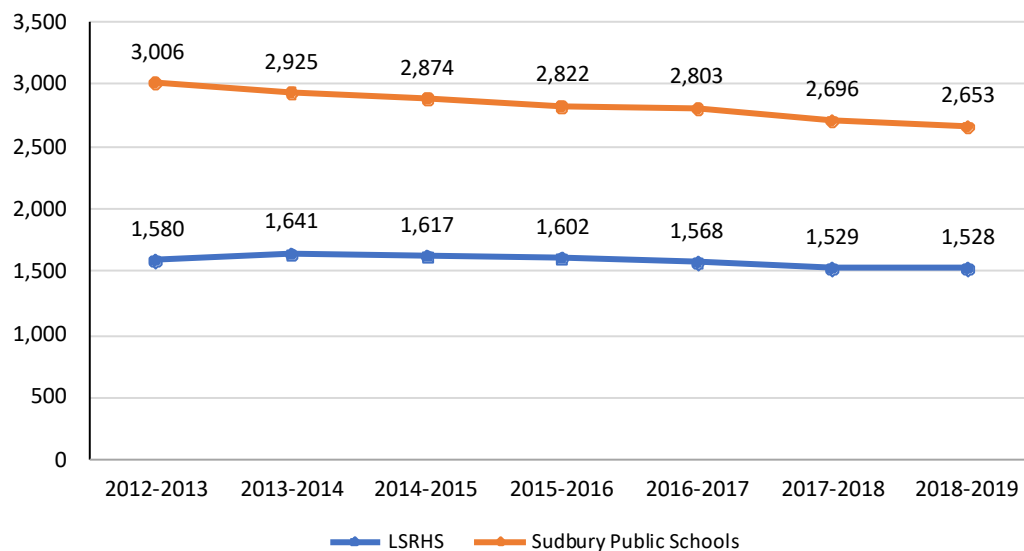
The Health Department has 8 staff members who are responsible for addressing the public health needs in Sudbury, including:

- Department Director,
- Public Health Nurse (Board of Health)
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Outreach Case Manager
- 2 Social work interns
- 2 Administrative staff

The department provides health services in many areas, including:

- Subsurface Disposal of Sewage
- Community Social Services
- Emergency Preparedness
- Hazardous Waste
- Restaurant and Food service

For the past six years, both school districts have been seeing a slow decline in enrollment.



Source: MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Demographics Study (2019)



Source: Town of Sudbury

Sudbury Water District

The Sudbury Water District is an independent public body that is responsible for the treatment and delivery of clean water within the Town of Sudbury. To maintain safe drinking water, the district is developing a *Water Master Plan* to assess the existing infrastructure, develop risk and consequences of failure, and set priorities for infrastructure improvements.

Older Residents

Sudbury Senior Center

The Sudbury Senior Center is a focal point for older residents, providing social, recreational, and educational activities, as well as support services such as shopping and medical transportation volunteers. In 2017, the Center reported serving an estimated 3,929 residents. The center is operated by 5 staff including:

- Director
- Program Coordinator
- Administrative Coordinator
- Outreach Information Specialist
- Volunteer Program Coordinator



Source: Horsley Witten Group

The Center provides residents of all ages opportunities for volunteering, including Friends in Service Helping (FISH) Drivers, home meal delivery, fix-it/handyman, and Learning Intergenerational Community, among many others. Applications for the Tax Work Off Program are also available for eligible seniors and veterans to work in a town department and “earn” a tax abatement for the following year.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is a 9 member volunteer board appointed by the Board of Selectmen to advocate for the needs of Sudbury’s older residents. As a recognition of the need to prepare for the aging population in Sudbury, the COA and the Senior Center spent time learning how to become a more “age and dementia-friendly” or “livable” town. In 2019, they released *Livable Sudbury: A Community Needs Assessment* to inform Sudbury’s effort to be “all-age” friendly and inclusive in pursuit of a more livable community for all residents.

Volunteerism

The Town of Sudbury relies on its volunteers. Hundreds of residents serve on more than 40 municipal boards, committees, and commissions. From emergency response to the Board of Selectmen, these individuals dedicate their time and skills to the betterment of the community.



Source: Town of Sudbury Senior Center



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