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**Incorporated: 1781**

**Hampshire County**

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The Town of Goshen is a rural community located in Western Massachusetts in the Berkshire foothills. Now over 200 years old, the town has been successful in maintaining its rural integrity despite being within commuting distance of several colleges and cultural areas and the development pressure that this implies. Goshen has been a vacation area for 100 years and enjoys the presence of scenic lakes that are the central attraction for a state forest and for private cottage areas. Goshen is now considered a bedroom community, a real “summer community” for professors and retired professionals who have purchased many of the old farms...but without changing the community much because they come here for privacy. (narrative supplied by community)

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**Population:** 932 approximately

**Total Area:** 17.7 square miles +/-

**Government:** Open annual town meeting;  
Board of Selectmen; Administrative Assistant

**Tax Rate:** \$14.32 (2010)

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**School Superintendent:** 527-7200

**Colleges and Universities:** None

**Public Schools:** K-8 Center School in Goshen  
Hampshire Regional High School

**Private Schools:**

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**Shopping:** Local convenience store; within a 25 minute proximity to Northampton and 40 minutes to larger shopping malls etc.

**Libraries:** Goshen Public Library 268-7856

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**Recreational Facilities:** DAR State Forest with Highland Lake & campground; numerous small lakes

**Utilities:**

Electric: Massachusetts Electric 413-582-7200

Gas: No natural gas available

Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Cable not available

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**Child Care Providers:** 413-582-4218

**For More Information:**

Child Care Focus

**Town hall:** 268-8236

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