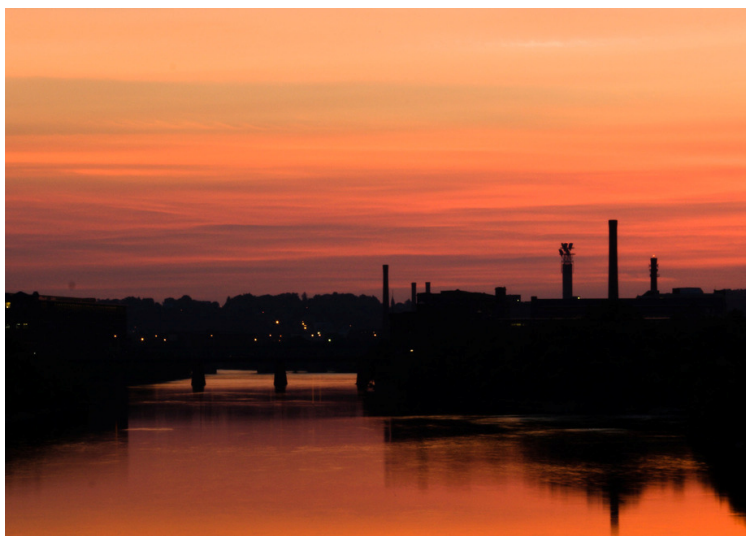


2010 Church Planting Profile:

Lawrence, Massachusetts

Summary: Lawrence is located on the Merrimack River in Essex County, about 5 miles south of the New Hampshire border and 30 miles north of Boston. Lawrence has a relatively young, largely Hispanic population. It is an economically depressed community with an average household income about half of the Massachusetts state average and unemployment rates significantly higher than the surrounding communities. Evangelical Christians make up about 2% of the population of Essex County. There is an [Orthodox Presbyterian](#) church in North Andover (2 miles east of Lawrence).



Lawrence on the Merrimack River

Source: city-data.com

Demographics:

Town Population, 2008: 70,014

Pop. change: - 2.8% since 2000

County Population, 2007: 736,457

Racial Breakdown:

Hispanic (any race)	59.7%
White	34.1%
Two or more races	6.2%
Black	4.9%
Other	36.7%

Median Age: 29.5 (36.5 MA)

Age Breakdown:

Under 18	32.0%
Ages 18-24	11.1%
Ages 25-44	30.3%
Ages 45-64	16.7%
Age 65 and over	9.8%

Avg. Household Size: 2.9 people

Avg. Family Size: 3.5 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2008: \$33,684

Median House/Condo Value, 2008: \$255,700

Regional Unemployment Rate, 4/10: 12.8%

Cost of Living, 12/09 (US average = 100): 132.9

Principal Industries:

Manufacturing	22.5% (US 12.5%)
Educ. & Health Services	18.8% (US 15.0%)
Prof. & Bus. Services	16.4% (US 15.5%)
Trade/Trans./Utilities	15.8% (US 23.1%)

Principal Employers

Bay State Gas Company	1000+
Home Health VNA	1000+
Lawrence General Hospital	1000+
Lawrence School District	1000+

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

High School or higher	58.2%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	10.0%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.1%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

[Merrimack College](#) (4 miles – 2384 students)
[Univ. of Mass. – Lowell](#) (15 miles - 8373 students)

Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: [Lawrence Eagle-Tribune](#)
 Radio: WNNW (800 AM); WQSX (93.7 FM)

Average Low January Temperature: 14.5°

Average High July Temperature: 82.9°

Average Annual Rainfall: 44.1 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 47 inches

Lawrence Places of Worship:

St. Anthony Parish (Roman Catholic)

www.stanthonylawrence.org

First United Methodist Church

www.fumclawrence.org

Iglesia Bautista Hispana (Spanish-speaking)

www.iglesiabautistadelawrence.org

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

www.stgeorgelawrence.org

Corpus Christi Parish (Roman Catholic)

www.corpuschristilawrence.org

St. Patrick Parish (Roman Catholic – Eng. & Sp.)

www.saintpatrickparish.com

Lawrence Church of Christ

www.lawrencechurchofchrist.com

Grace Episcopal Church (ELCA)

South Congregational Church

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Lighthouse Baptist Church