

# Church Planting Profile:

## Lowell, Massachusetts

**Summary:** Lowell is located in Middlesex County, about 5 miles south of the New Hampshire border and 30 miles northwest of Boston. The population of Lowell is diverse and relatively young with a large branch campus of the University of Massachusetts in town. Evangelical Christians make up less than 2% of the population of Middlesex County. There is a Christian Reformed (CRC) church and a PCUSA church in Lowell and an Orthodox Presbyterian church in North Andover (12 miles northeast of Lowell).



*Downtown Lowell*

Source: [img.groundspeak.com](http://img.groundspeak.com)

### Demographics:

**Town Population, 2007: 103,512**

*Pop. change: - 1.9% since 2000*

**County Pop., 2007: 1,473,416**

#### Racial Breakdown:

<i>White</i>	62.5%
<i>Hispanic (any race)</i>	14.0%
<i>Asian</i>	11.8%
<i>Black</i>	4.2%
<i>Other</i>	6.5%

**Median Age: 31.4 (36.5 MA)**

#### Age Breakdown:

<i>Under 18</i>	26.9%
<i>Ages 18-24</i>	11.9%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	32.5%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	17.9%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	10.8%

**Avg. Household Size: 2.7 people**

**Avg. Family Size: 3.4 people**

### Economics:

**Median Household Income, 2007: \$47,421**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$275,200**

**Regional Unemployment Rate, 11/08: 8.4%**

**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 124.5**

#### Principal Industries:

<i>Trade/Trans./Utilities</i>	21.2% (US 23.1%)
<i>Manufacturing</i>	19.2% (US 12.5%)
<i>Prof. &amp; Bus. Services</i>	17.0% (US 15.5%)
<i>Educ. &amp; Health Services</i>	13.1% (US 15.0%)

#### Principal Employers

<i>Lowell General Hospital</i>	1000+
<i>Saints Memorial Medical Center</i>	1000+
<i>Eastern Building Service Corp.</i>	1000+
<i>Metropolitan Life</i>	1000+

### Other:

#### Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	71.2%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	18.1%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	6.7%

#### Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

<i>Univ. of Mass. - Lowell (Lowell - 8373 stu.)</i>
<i>Merrimack College (N. Andover - 2384 stu.)</i>

#### Principal Media Outlets:

<i>Newspaper: Lowell Sun</i>
<i>Radio: WLLH (1400 AM); WKLK (99.5 FM)</i>

**Average Low January Temperature: 14.1°**

**Average High July Temperature: 84.5°**

**Average Annual Rainfall: 43.1 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 47 inches**

### Lowell Churches:

Christ Church (UCC)

[www.wewelcomeall.org](http://www.wewelcomeall.org)

St. Francis Parish (Roman Catholic)

[www.saintfrancis.net](http://www.saintfrancis.net)

St. Michael Parish (Roman Catholic)

[www.saint-michael.com](http://www.saint-michael.com)

St. Anne's Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

[www.stanneslowell.org](http://www.stanneslowell.org)

Pawtucket Congregational Church (UCC)

[www.pawtucketcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.pawtucketcongregationalchurch.org)

First United Baptist Church (ABC)

[www.fubc.org](http://www.fubc.org)

First Christian Reformed Church (CRC)

[www.jesusistheanswer.com](http://www.jesusistheanswer.com)

Eliot Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

[www.eliotlowell.org](http://www.eliotlowell.org)

Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

[www.transchurch.org](http://www.transchurch.org)

First Church of the Nazarene

[www.lowellfirstchurch.org](http://www.lowellfirstchurch.org)