

Workforce, Training, & Education

As one of the largest cities in Massachusetts, Fall River boasts a stable, diversified and skilled workforce, the majority of who are between 25 and 44 years old. The city's men and women are productive and highly motivated, and business training and educational programs are readily available.

Fall River Career Center

Fall River actively promotes state and federal job training programs to help meet the needs of the city's business community. The Bristol County Training Consortium (BCTC) and the state Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) operate the [Fall River Career Center](#), a clearing house for local employee recruitment and training activities. Under the auspices of the region's Work force Investment Board, the center coordinates job training services for employers and employees, assists businesses interested in Workforce Training Fund grant program, and offers recruitment opportunities such as onsite job fairs. The Career Center also serves as the employer's liaison with local schools and colleges including [Bristol Community College](#) and [UMass Dartmouth](#). Both schools have assumed leadership roles in developing innovative business training programs.

Intellectual Capital

In Fall River, businesses enjoy a close working relationship with area schools, ensuring that today's students are prepared to meet tomorrow's business challenges. There is a renewed commitment to invest in this

greatest of Fall River's resources - the community's intellectual capital - and the city has embarked on an unprecedented capital improvement program for its educational facilities. New schools are being built and the curriculum is being revised through comprehensive education reform.

Currently, area students have access to:

- 30 elementary schools
- 11 elementary parochial schools
- 4 middle schools
- 1 comprehensive high school
- 1 parochial high school
- 1 regional vocational high school

Fall River's superb network of public, private, and vocational schools is complemented by institutions of higher learning such as Bristol Community College, UMass Dartmouth, Bridgewater State College and Roger Williams University.

The city is also within 50 miles of Boston's world-class collection of colleges and universities, and only minutes away from top schools in nearby Providence, Rhode Island. Harvard, MIT, Brown and Boston College are among the area's many fine institutions of higher learning. Others include Providence College, Boston University, Northeastern, the University of Rhode Island and Johnson & Wales. In total, approximately 15,000 students are enrolled in colleges and universities just within a 30-mile radius of Fall River.