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RICH ZIPS | A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE ZIP CODES IN THE U.S.

Chilmark, MA, 02535 

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SEVEN MILES off the shore of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, Martha's Vineyard is a roughly triangular-shaped, 96-square-mile Atlantic Ocean island with six towns. One of these communities is Chilmark, whose 02535 ZIP Code has the priciest residential real estate in all of New England, according to Realtor.com. (News Corp, owner of The Wall Street Journal, also operates Realtor.com under license from the National Association of Realtors.) Rural and private, Chilmark has a pastoral landscape: rolling hills, stone walls and sheep grazing on hill-sides. It also encompasses the small working fishing village of Menemsha, which has a public beach where people congregate to watch spectacular sunsets across Vineyard Sound.

NOTABLE STOPS AND SHOPS
Chilmark General Store

Housed in a building from 1900, this one-stop shop sells household basics and local produce, with a special emphasis on meats, cheeses, and charcuterie—not to mention freshly baked baguettes. It also has a takeout counter (try the pizza). People like to meet on the porch for eats and conversation.



The Chilmark Tavern is a popular upscale dining spot even though the town is dry.

\$6.75
MILLIONMedian List Price
(up 1.89% year-over-year)**126**

Median days on market

\$1,773

Median price per square foot

16Active Listings,
Aug. 30All July except listings.
Source: Realtor.com**Chilmark Tavern**

One of Chilmark's only upscale restaurants is a tavern, an irony because Chilmark is the only dry town on Martha's Vineyard. That doesn't deter diners from coming to this popular bistro-style dinner spot. House classics include fish and chips, poulet frites, and steak.

Larsen's Fish Market

Located in Menemsha, this family-run seafood business has been in operation since 1969. Order lobster rolls, oysters, steamers, mussels and crab cakes

to eat outside, or take home fresh fish such as Vineyard sole, bluefish, and tuna.

Menemsha Blues

This family-run clothing store was founded in 1994. There are two shops on Martha's Vineyard, but the original is in Menemsha. The namesake label features casual seaside wear such as polos, sweat-shirts, and caps that sport the company's fish logo.

SOCIAL CENTER OF GRAVITY

The Chilmark Community Center is an informal family hub in the summer, with activities that include children's camps, fitness classes, tennis, sailing and movie nights. Offseason, it is home to pre-school classes, town meetings and social gatherings.

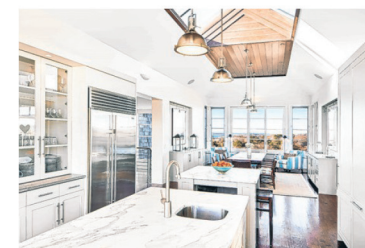
1,212

Chilmark's population, according to 2020 Census data. That is 6% of Martha's Vineyard's roughly 20,530 year-round residents.

**EVENT OF THE YEAR**

An ode to the island's rich literary heritage, the Martha's Vineyard Book Festival alternates years with the Martha's Vineyard Author Series, both of which take place during the summer at Chilmark Community Center, among other locations on the island.

LISTINGS

**\$15 MILLION****6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms**

With views of the ocean, Menemsha Pond and Vineyard Sound, this 4,706-square-foot property is on 4.5 acres. It has a guesthouse, a lap pool and deeded access to Menemsha Pond. Agents: Madelyn Silvia and Tom Wallace, Wallace & Co. Sotheby's International Realty.

**\$6.1 MILLION****5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms**

This 3.6-acre property has views over Nashaquitsa and Menemsha ponds, Vineyard Sound and the Elizabeth Islands. The 2,373-square-foot house has a pool and deeded water access with a dock. Agents: Elle Lash and Jill Hobby Napior, **Tea Lane Associates.**

**\$3.95 MILLION****4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms**

This open floor-plan house is 1,362 square feet on a 3.2-acre lot that looks out to Vineyard Sound, the Elizabeth Islands and the Gay Head lighthouse. The property is a short walk to a private beach. Agents: Robert Kenney and Jill Hobby Napior, **Tea Lane Associates.**