

Massachusetts Statewide Demographics

Compiled by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, 2008

State and community population data

State population: 6,349,097 (2000 U.S. Census)

Population rank: 13th of the 50 states

Population growth since 1990 Census: 332,672 (5.5 percent)

Rank of population growth rate among 50 states (1990 to 2000): 41

Five largest communities (2006 estimate)

- Boston: 590,763
- Worcester: 175,454
- Springfield: 151,176
- Lowell: 103,229
- Cambridge: 101,365

Five smallest communities (2006 estimate)

- Gosnold: 85
- Monroe: 102
- Mount Washington: 138
- New Ashford: 248
- Hawley: 342

Number of communities with populations of more than 40,000: 35

Number of communities with populations of less than 1,000: 27

Median community population: 10,180 (Maynard)

Sources: Department of Revenue and U.S. Census Bureau

Fiscal data

Massachusetts per capita income: \$25,952 (2000)

Median residential property tax rate: \$10.45 (2007)

Sources: Department of Revenue and U.S. Census Bureau

Education data

Statewide public school enrollment: 949,580 (2007-08)

Median community school enrollment: 1,715 (Sutton)

Five largest school districts:

- Boston: 61,330
- Springfield: 28,699
- Worcester: 25,544
- Brockton: 16,705
- Lowell: 16,319

Note: Public school enrollment figures, provided by the Massachusetts Department of Education, represent the number of "school-attending children," which includes residents attending any public school, including academic regional schools, vocational/technical regional schools, collaboratives, and out-of-district public schools.

Source: Department of Education

Geographic data

State land area: 8,257 square miles (ranking 45th of the 50 states)

Largest body of water: Quabbin Reservoir, 39 square miles

Longest river: Charles River, 80 miles

Highest elevation: Mount Greylock, 3,491 feet

Lowest elevation: Atlantic Ocean (sea level)

Shoreline: 192 miles (not including islands)

Five largest communities (in square miles):

- Plymouth: 97.57
- Middleborough: 69.98
- Dartmouth: 60.91
- Barnstable: 60.17
- Petersham: 54.27

Five smallest communities (in square miles)

- Nahant: 1.04
- Winthrop: 1.56
- Chelsea: 1.86
- Hull: 2.43
- Swampscott: 3.08

Average community land area: 22.33 square miles

Counties: 14