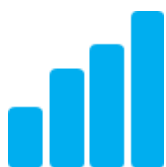




Poverty is a social determinant of health

Social determinants of health are social and economic factors that influence health; they represent the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age. Poverty is an important social determinant of health. Living in poverty drastically affects health outcomes and has a disproportionately negative impact on vulnerable populations. This document provides data on **the percentage of individuals and families living below the federal poverty level** for all cities and towns in Massachusetts.



How do we assess poverty rates?

Information on individuals and families living below the federal poverty level is collected through the American Community Survey (ACS), run by the US Census Bureau. The data tables in this document show the percentages of individual and families living below the poverty level in each Massachusetts cities and towns. In 2017, the federal poverty level for an individual was \$12,060; for a family of 4, the poverty level was \$24,600. The data in this document is based on the most recently available ACS data (2013-2017 estimates).

Data sources: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates: Table B17026 - Ratio of Income to Poverty Level of Families in the Past 12 Months; Table C17002 - Ratio of Income to Poverty Level of Individuals in the Past 12 Months; Table S1702 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families; S1701 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: 2017 Poverty Guidelines.

POVERTY RATE BY COMMUNITY

Table shows the percentage of individuals and families that are living below the federal poverty level

Percentage of individuals and families living in poverty		
Community	Individuals	Families
Abington	4%	2%
Acton	4%	2%
Acushnet	4%	3%
Adams	11%	8%
Agawam	9%	7%
Alford	5%	4%
Amesbury	5%	3%
Amherst	33%	10%
Andover	4%	3%
Aquinnah	22%	13%
Arlington	5%	3%
Ashburnham	5%	1%
Ashby	8%	6%
Ashfield	8%	5%
Ashland	3%	2%
Athol	15%	8%
Attleboro	9%	7%
Auburn	5%	2%
Avon	9%	5%
Ayer	13%	12%
Barnstable	9%	5%
Barre	6%	2%
Becket	7%	6%
Bedford	3%	2%
Belchertown	6%	3%
Bellingham	4%	3%
Belmont	6%	4%
Berkley	4%	2%
Berlin	3%	2%
Bernardston	10%	7%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Beverly	8%	4%
Billerica	4%	3%
Blackstone	4%	2%
Blandford	7%	7%
Bolton	1%	1%
Boston	21%	16%
Bourne	7%	5%
Boxborough	5%	5%
Boxford	3%	3%
Boylston	4%	2%
Braintree	5%	4%
Brewster	5%	3%
Bridgewater	10%	6%
Brimfield	4%	6%
Brockton	17%	14%
Brookfield	9%	5%
Brookline	11%	6%
Buckland	11%	9%
Burlington	4%	3%
Cambridge	14%	8%
Canton	6%	5%
Carlisle	2%	1%
Carver	5%	2%
Charlemont	16%	10%
Charlton	5%	3%
Chatham	10%	5%
Chelmsford	4%	2%
Chelsea	20%	17%
Cheshire	4%	2%
Chester	6%	4%

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Percentage of individuals and families living in poverty		
Community	Individuals	Families
Chesterfield	6%	3%
Chicopee	14%	12%
Chilmark	13%	7%
Clarksburg	10%	6%
Clinton	6%	3%
Cohasset	4%	3%
Colrain	14%	7%
Concord	6%	4%
Conway	2%	1%
Cumington	5%	0%
Dalton	10%	6%
Danvers	6%	4%
Dartmouth	8%	5%
Dedham	5%	2%
Deerfield	8%	4%
Dennis	11%	7%
Dighton	4%	2%
Douglas	4%	4%
Dover	1%	0%
Dracut	7%	4%
Dudley	8%	6%
Dunstable	2%	1%
Duxbury	4%	4%
East Bridgewater	7%	4%
East Brookfield	5%	1%
East Longmeadow	5%	3%
Eastham	7%	5%
Easthampton	11%	5%
Easton	5%	4%
Edgartown	5%	2%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Egremont	4%	1%
Erving	9%	5%
Essex	6%	4%
Everett	14%	13%
Fairhaven	9%	7%
Fall River	20%	18%
Falmouth	6%	5%
Fitchburg	18%	14%
Florida	13%	7%
Foxborough	5%	3%
Framingham	12%	8%
Franklin	4%	3%
Freetown	6%	4%
Gardner	17%	14%
Georgetown	3%	2%
Gill	6%	3%
Gloucester	9%	6%
Goshen	2%	0%
Gosnold	6%	9%
Grafton	6%	4%
Granby	6%	3%
Granville	8%	5%
Great Barrington	5%	4%
Greenfield	13%	9%
Groton	4%	3%
Groveland	2%	2%
Hadley	5%	2%
Halifax	5%	5%
Hamilton	10%	8%
Hampden	4%	2%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Hancock	3%	1%
Hanover	4%	2%
Hanson	3%	2%
Hardwick	12%	3%
Harvard	5%	2%
Harwich	7%	3%
Hatfield	4%	2%
Haverhill	13%	10%
Hawley	8%	5%
Heath	15%	8%
Hingham	6%	3%
Hinsdale	8%	7%
Holbrook	7%	5%
Holden	5%	3%
Holland	4%	2%
Holliston	1%	0%
Holyoke	29%	25%
Hopedale	4%	3%
Hopkinton	2%	1%
Hubbardston	2%	2%
Hudson	6%	5%
Hull	5%	3%
Huntington	8%	5%
Ipswich	7%	5%
Kingston	7%	5%
Lakeville	3%	3%
Lancaster	5%	5%
Lanesborough	5%	1%
Lawrence	24%	22%
Lee	8%	3%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Leicester	6%	3%
Lenox	4%	1%
Leominster	13%	11%
Leverett	6%	3%
Lexington	4%	3%
Leyden	5%	6%
Lincoln	3%	2%
Littleton	4%	2%
Longmeadow	4%	3%
Lowell	22%	18%
Ludlow	6%	4%
Lunenburg	8%	6%
Lynn	18%	15%
Lynnfield	2%	1%
Malden	16%	13%
Manchester-by-the-Sea	4%	1%
Mansfield	3%	1%
Marblehead	5%	3%
Marion	6%	2%
Marlborough	7%	5%
Marshfield	6%	4%
Mashpee	6%	4%
Mattapoisett	5%	3%
Maynard	8%	7%
Medfield	2%	2%
Medford	10%	6%
Medway	5%	3%
Melrose	4%	3%
Mendon	1%	0%
Merrimac	5%	3%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Methuen	9%	7%
Middleborough	8%	7%
Middlefield	7%	7%
Middleton	4%	3%
Milford	8%	5%
Millbury	6%	4%
Millis	4%	1%
Millville	4%	4%
Milton	4%	3%
Monroe	8%	0%
Monson	6%	3%
Montague	15%	12%
Monterey	10%	7%
Montgomery	4%	2%
Mount Washington	16%	19%
Nahant	5%	3%
Nantucket	11%	5%
Natick	4%	1%
Needham	3%	3%
New Ashford	8%	4%
New Bedford	23%	19%
New Braintree	8%	4%
New Marlborough	5%	1%
New Salem	6%	2%
Newbury	4%	3%
Newburyport	7%	5%
Newton	4%	3%
Norfolk	3%	2%
North Adams	18%	13%
North Andover	5%	3%

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Community	Individuals	Families
North Attleborough	7%	6%
North Brookfield	6%	5%
North Reading	3%	2%
Northampton	15%	8%
Northborough	4%	3%
Northbridge	8%	7%
Northfield	4%	1%
Norton	6%	3%
Norwell	4%	2%
Norwood	8%	7%
Oak Bluffs	12%	9%
Oakham	4%	2%
Orange	10%	6%
Orleans	7%	5%
Otis	9%	6%
Oxford	11%	9%
Palmer	14%	12%
Paxton	5%	4%
Peabody	10%	8%
Pelham	4%	1%
Pembroke	4%	3%
Pepperell	6%	5%
Peru	7%	5%
Petersham	5%	4%
Phillipston	6%	3%
Pittsfield	15%	13%
Plainfield	8%	6%
Plainville	6%	3%
Plymouth	6%	5%
Plympton	4%	4%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Princeton	7%	4%
Provincetown	11%	5%
Quincy	11%	7%
Randolph	11%	9%
Raynham	6%	5%
Reading	3%	2%
Rehoboth	2%	2%
Revere	13%	9%
Richmond	5%	2%
Rochester	5%	3%
Rockland	6%	5%
Rockport	6%	3%
Rowe	4%	0%
Rowley	6%	3%
Royalston	11%	5%
Russell	7%	4%
Rutland	2%	1%
Salem	15%	12%
Salisbury	10%	6%
Sandisfield	4%	2%
Sandwich	6%	4%
Saugus	8%	6%
Savoy	8%	6%
Scituate	4%	4%
Seekonk	6%	5%
Sharon	2%	1%
Sheffield	9%	5%
Shelburne	9%	6%
Sherborn	4%	4%
Shirley	10%	9%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Shrewsbury	5%	3%
Shutesbury	11%	7%
Somerset	7%	4%
Somerville	12%	9%
South Hadley	10%	5%
Southampton	5%	4%
Southborough	5%	3%
Southbridge	19%	15%
Southwick	7%	7%
Spencer	12%	8%
Springfield	29%	25%
Sterling	6%	4%
Stockbridge	9%	2%
Stoneham	4%	3%
Stoughton	8%	7%
Stow	4%	2%
Sturbridge	4%	3%
Sudbury	3%	2%
Sunderland	16%	4%
Sutton	2%	2%
Swampscott	6%	4%
Swansea	6%	3%
Taunton	14%	10%
Templeton	4%	1%
Tewksbury	5%	4%
Tisbury	7%	1%
Tolland	7%	2%
Topsfield	1%	0%
Townsend	4%	2%
Truro	11%	10%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Tyngsborough	7%	6%
Tyringham	13%	0%
Upton	5%	3%
Uxbridge	8%	6%
Wakefield	4%	2%
Wales	6%	5%
Walpole	3%	2%
Waltham	10%	6%
Ware	14%	12%
Wareham	12%	8%
Warren	11%	6%
Warwick	6%	3%
Washington	3%	0%
Watertown	8%	6%
Wayland	3%	1%
Webster	12%	8%
Wellesley	4%	3%
Wellfleet	11%	2%
Wendell	18%	17%
Wenham	2%	0%
West Boylston	8%	4%
West Bridgewater	4%	2%
West Brookfield	7%	0%
West Newbury	6%	4%
West Springfield	12%	8%
West Stockbridge	7%	7%
West Tisbury	4%	0%
Westborough	5%	3%
Westfield	9%	6%
Westford	2%	2%

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Community	Individuals	Families
Westhampton	4%	2%
Westminster	2%	0%
Weston	5%	4%
Westport	5%	3%
Westwood	2%	1%
Weymouth	7%	5%
Whately	8%	5%
Whitman	7%	4%
Wilbraham	4%	2%
Williamsburg	11%	7%
Williamstown	12%	7%
Wilmington	3%	2%
Winchendon	11%	10%
Winchester	2%	2%
Windsor	6%	5%
Winthrop	8%	5%
Woburn	6%	5%
Worcester	22%	16%
Worthington	7%	3%
Wrentham	5%	2%
Yarmouth	7%	4%