



Educational attainment 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. Educational attainment is an important social determinant of health. Educational attainment refers to the highest degree of education an individual has completed. An individual's education level affects their employment opportunities, access to resources, and tendency towards unhealthy or risky behaviors. Although educational attainment in Massachusetts is relatively high when looking at the state as a whole, there are significant disparities across individual communities. This document provides data on **the percentage of individuals who do not have a high school diploma** for all cities and towns in Massachusetts.



How do we assess educational attainment?

Information on individuals' educational attainment is collected through the American Community Survey (ACS), run by the US Census Bureau. The data tables in this document show the percentages of individuals between 18 and 24 years old, and over 25 years old who have less than a high school diploma. The data in this document is based on the most recently available ACS data (2013-2017 estimates).

Data source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates: Table S1501 - Educational Attainment—population 18 to 65 years old and over.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY COMMUNITY

Table shows the percentage of individuals who do not have a high school diploma by age

Percentage of individuals without a high school diploma		
Community	Individuals 18 to 24 years old	Individuals 25 years old and over
Abington	9%	5%
Acton	18%	2%
Acushnet	8%	18%
Adams	11%	12%
Agawam	8%	8%
Alford	0%	1%
Amesbury	13%	6%
Amherst	1%	5%
Andover	11%	3%
Aquinnah	0%	10%
Arlington	9%	3%
Ashburnham	15%	3%
Ashby	21%	8%
Ashfield	13%	2%
Ashland	18%	4%
Athol	12%	13%
Attleboro	16%	11%
Auburn	14%	7%
Avon	13%	13%
Ayer	6%	4%
Barnstable	19%	5%
Barre	9%	4%
Becket	30%	7%
Bedford	20%	2%
Belchertown	11%	6%
Bellingham	5%	6%
Belmont	14%	3%
Berkley	9%	6%
Berlin	30%	6%
Bernardston	19%	5%

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Beverly	7%	6%
Billerica	17%	7%
Blackstone	6%	6%
Blandford	30%	11%
Bolton	29%	1%
Boston	7%	14%
Bourne	7%	4%
Boxborough	13%	3%
Boxford	16%	2%
Boylston	13%	3%
Braintree	10%	6%
Brewster	13%	3%
Bridgewater	5%	7%
Brimfield	7%	6%
Brockton	14%	19%
Brookfield	15%	13%
Brookline	5%	3%
Buckland	11%	10%
Burlington	14%	5%
Cambridge	2%	5%
Canton	20%	3%
Carlisle	4%	2%
Carver	6%	10%
Charlemont	12%	11%
Charlton	13%	4%
Chatham	10%	3%
Chelmsford	11%	4%
Chelsea	24%	30%
Cheshire	45%	7%
Chester	19%	9%

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Chesterfield	15%	9%
Chicopee	18%	15%
Chilmark	17%	0%
Clarksburg	23%	7%
Clinton	8%	8%
Cohasset	5%	2%
Colrain	9%	9%
Concord	22%	5%
Conway	5%	1%
Cummington	0%	2%
Dalton	21%	5%
Danvers	6%	6%
Dartmouth	6%	16%
Dedham	16%	6%
Deerfield	19%	3%
Dennis	15%	4%
Dighton	7%	6%
Douglas	6%	3%
Dover	19%	2%
Dracut	14%	9%
Dudley	4%	8%
Dunstable	7%	4%
Duxbury	9%	1%
East Bridgewater	14%	4%
East Brookfield	9%	10%
East Longmeadow	9%	6%
Eastham	18%	4%
Easthampton	4%	5%
Easton	6%	4%
Edgartown	0%	3%

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Egremont	12%	6%
Erving	10%	5%
Essex	8%	2%
Everett	14%	20%
Fairhaven	10%	11%
Fall River	18%	27%
Falmouth	9%	6%
Fitchburg	8%	18%
Florida	5%	9%
Foxborough	19%	5%
Framingham	11%	10%
Franklin	7%	4%
Freetown	13%	11%
Gardner	10%	12%
Georgetown	29%	2%
Gill	5%	2%
Gloucester	11%	9%
Goshen	29%	4%
Gosnold	0%	0%
Grafton	8%	4%
Granby	10%	7%
Granville	14%	4%
Great Barrington	13%	11%
Greenfield	4%	7%
Groton	20%	2%
Groveland	14%	3%
Hadley	0%	4%
Halifax	9%	5%
Hamilton	12%	2%
Hampden	11%	6%

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Hancock	31%	3%
Hanover	13%	4%
Hanson	4%	6%
Hardwick	22%	7%
Harvard	23%	2%
Harwich	14%	4%
Hatfield	1%	3%
Haverhill	14%	11%
Hawley	23%	8%
Heath	14%	6%
Hingham	12%	1%
Hinsdale	14%	5%
Holbrook	5%	5%
Holden	5%	3%
Holland	8%	6%
Holliston	15%	3%
Holyoke	25%	21%
Hopedale	13%	7%
Hopkinton	24%	3%
Hubbardston	8%	4%
Hudson	22%	10%
Hull	15%	4%
Huntington	17%	6%
Ipswich	13%	3%
Kingston	13%	5%
Lakeville	9%	6%
Lancaster	19%	13%
Lanesborough	4%	3%
Lawrence	24%	32%
Lee	15%	11%

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Leicester	7%	10%
Lenox	12%	4%
Leominster	16%	14%
Leverett	18%	3%
Lexington	16%	2%
Leyden	32%	3%
Lincoln	12%	1%
Littleton	15%	3%
Longmeadow	5%	4%
Lowell	12%	20%
Ludlow	9%	16%
Lunenburg	13%	6%
Lynn	21%	21%
Lynnfield	11%	4%
Malden	8%	13%
Manchester-by-the-Sea	7%	3%
Mansfield	12%	3%
Marblehead	19%	2%
Marion	18%	5%
Marlborough	11%	8%
Marshfield	23%	4%
Mashpee	10%	4%
Mattapoisett	6%	3%
Maynard	22%	4%
Medfield	13%	1%
Medford	6%	8%
Medway	10%	5%
Melrose	9%	6%
Mendon	5%	3%
Merrimac	13%	5%

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Methuen	12%	12%
Middleborough	13%	5%
Middlefield	0%	2%
Middleton	24%	8%
Milford	15%	8%
Millbury	6%	8%
Millis	24%	3%
Millville	4%	10%
Milton	8%	4%
Monroe	0%	1%
Monson	6%	8%
Montague	30%	10%
Monterey	8%	5%
Montgomery	6%	3%
Mount Washington	0%	1%
Nahant	7%	2%
Nantucket	15%	6%
Natick	10%	3%
Needham	19%	2%
New Ashford	7%	7%
New Bedford	17%	26%
New Braintree	19%	8%
New Marlborough	6%	7%
New Salem	17%	5%
Newbury	6%	4%
Newburyport	7%	3%
Newton	7%	3%
Norfolk	16%	9%
North Adams	12%	16%
North Andover	11%	3%

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North Attleborough	13%	6%
North Brookfield	5%	8%
North Reading	25%	2%
Northampton	6%	5%
Northborough	9%	4%
Northbridge	15%	7%
Northfield	6%	5%
Norton	5%	5%
Norwell	19%	3%
Norwood	9%	5%
Oak Bluffs	54%	3%
Oakham	6%	6%
Orange	13%	12%
Orleans	16%	2%
Otis	21%	7%
Oxford	13%	7%
Palmer	14%	8%
Paxton	2%	3%
Peabody	15%	10%
Pelham	6%	2%
Pembroke	13%	4%
Pepperell	12%	6%
Peru	2%	8%
Petersham	6%	3%
Phillipston	8%	9%
Pittsfield	16%	10%
Plainfield	20%	4%
Plainville	9%	3%
Plymouth	11%	5%
Plympton	6%	5%

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Princeton	9%	1%
Provincetown	14%	5%
Quincy	7%	11%
Randolph	11%	14%
Raynham	11%	6%
Reading	15%	3%
Rehoboth	13%	6%
Revere	14%	18%
Richmond	42%	6%
Rochester	19%	7%
Rockland	11%	4%
Rockport	16%	2%
Rowe	12%	7%
Rowley	12%	2%
Royalston	14%	9%
Russell	18%	5%
Rutland	0%	2%
Salem	14%	9%
Salisbury	19%	7%
Sandisfield	22%	9%
Sandwich	16%	3%
Saugus	17%	9%
Savoy	9%	16%
Scituate	20%	3%
Seekonk	2%	7%
Sharon	6%	2%
Sheffield	8%	9%
Shelburne	5%	9%
Sherborn	44%	1%
Shirley	9%	13%

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Shrewsbury	13%	6%
Shutesbury	20%	2%
Somerset	9%	13%
Somerville	4%	10%
South Hadley	2%	6%
Southampton	6%	6%
Southborough	21%	3%
Southbridge	13%	18%
Southwick	18%	10%
Spencer	11%	11%
Springfield	21%	23%
Sterling	9%	5%
Stockbridge	11%	8%
Stoneham	9%	6%
Stoughton	13%	9%
Stow	12%	0%
Sturbridge	13%	5%
Sudbury	16%	1%
Sunderland	8%	7%
Sutton	15%	3%
Swampscott	15%	5%
Swansea	24%	13%
Taunton	15%	16%
Templeton	24%	10%
Tewksbury	13%	6%
Tisbury	20%	5%
Tolland	15%	7%
Topsfield	14%	3%
Townsend	10%	5%
Truro	70%	8%

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Tyngsborough	21%	4%
Tyringham	0%	2%
Upton	17%	3%
Uxbridge	12%	5%
Wakefield	14%	7%
Wales	5%	7%
Walpole	21%	6%
Waltham	4%	9%
Ware	10%	8%
Wareham	13%	9%
Warren	0%	6%
Warwick	11%	10%
Washington	0%	4%
Watertown	8%	6%
Wayland	12%	1%
Webster	15%	15%
Wellesley	5%	2%
Wellfleet	1%	5%
Wendell	10%	7%
Wenham	2%	1%
West Boylston	37%	13%
West Bridgewater	15%	6%
West Brookfield	8%	7%
West Newbury	6%	2%
West Springfield	13%	11%
West Stockbridge	2%	4%
West Tisbury	13%	1%
Westborough	10%	4%
Westfield	5%	8%
Westford	20%	3%

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Westhampton	12%	2%
Westminster	8%	6%
Weston	5%	1%
Westport	9%	13%
Westwood	17%	2%
Weymouth	12%	7%
Whately	22%	6%
Whitman	13%	6%
Wilbraham	9%	6%
Williamsburg	30%	3%
Williamstown	4%	8%
Wilmington	18%	5%
Winchendon	21%	12%
Winchester	14%	2%
Windsor	13%	1%
Winthrop	8%	6%
Woburn	20%	6%
Worcester	7%	15%
Worthington	6%	5%
Wrentham	17%	3%
Yarmouth	6%	5%