

# Massachusetts

## Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

### Population (2015)

Total People	6,794,422
Children (Under Age 18)	1,387,194

### Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$70,628
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	7
Total People Living In Poverty	752,071
Poverty Rate	11.5%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	39
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	202,513
Child Poverty Rate	14.8%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	39
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,488,391

### Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	267,605
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	9.7%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	123,339
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	4.5%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	14.3%

## Federal Nutrition Programs

### School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	165,803
Free and Reduced-Price Students	145,451
Paid Students	20,352
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	15.0%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	45.9
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	43
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	76,156
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$20,559,852
Number of Schools Participating	1,752
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	80.0
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$50,094,413
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

### National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	508,586
Free and Reduced-Price Students	316,583
Paid Students	192,003
Number of Schools Participating	2,190
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$175,868,343

### Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	53,468
July Summer Food Service Participation	48,449
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	5,019
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	15.0%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	18.0
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	18
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	65,314
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$5,154,886
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	101
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	1,007
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$7,398,675

## Massachusetts, Continued

### SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	785,778
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	4.9%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$127.51
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	95.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	14
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	77.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	86.3
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$1,202,312,621

### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	113,262
Women	25,874
Infants	25,875
Children	61,513
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-1.3%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$81,161,723

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2015)

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	4,257
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	25,480
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	20.2%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	832
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	43,816
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	40.8%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$58,238,777

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2015)

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$5,903,667
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$4,987,499
Administrative Funding	\$880,390

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	46
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$126,817

## State Economic Security Policies

### Minimum Wage (2016)

State Minimum Wage	\$10.00
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### Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2016)

State EITC (Yes/No)	Yes
Refundable (Yes/No)	Yes

### Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	67,345
Adults	22,041
Children	45,304
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$618
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$266,155,892