

# MASSACHUSETTS



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Boston	Worcester
Springfield	Lowell
Cambridge	Brockton
New Bedford	Quincy
Lynn	Newton
Fall River	Somerville

## MASSACHUSETTS – CLIMATE

**Massachusetts** has a mainly humid continental climate (Köppen climate classification Dfb) with warm, humid summers and cold, snowy winters. Southeastern coastal areas show shades of a humid subtropical climate (Köppen Cfa) with relatively mild winters. The Atlantic Ocean stretches from the northeast to the southeast, while Rhode Island and Connecticut in the south, New York in the west, Vermont and New Hampshire in the north form the borders of the state. Massachusetts lies in the New England region of the northeastern United States. The distance from the relatively mild ocean waters, elevation, and terrain influence the climate in the different parts of the state.

Massachusetts, the Bay State, lies at an average elevation of 150 meters, with Mount Greylock as the highest peak at 1064 meters. The topography consists of mountains in the west and rolling hills, flatlands with marshes, lakes, and ponds along the coastal plains and the central region. Three climatic divisions prominently split the state. The Western division consists of low mountains of the Berkshire Hills and the Taconic Range. The Coastal division consists of a 10 to 20 miles wide strip along the Atlantic Coast. The Central division consists of flatlands and mountains, such as the southern White Mountains of the Monadnock region. Including the southern and eastern shores of the Cape Cod Bay, the coastline is 200 miles long.

Massachusetts lies in the belt of prevailing westerlies, with various air masses interacting with each other regularly. Temperature ranges vary significantly, daily and annually, and even in the same season over the years. Summers have comfortable temperatures between 70°F (21.1°C) to 85°F (29.4°C) at the peak of **July**. Five to fifteen hot days, with temperatures more than 90°F (32.2°C), are typical, but the nights remain mild. Cape Cod and offshore islands are generally cooler than the interior. Winter temperatures vary significantly across regions, with five to fifteen days of subzero temperatures in the western mountains. Spring is wet and transitions from cold to warm with the advance of the season. Autumn is temperate, but the latter part of the season often encounters frost and ice.

The average annual rainfall in Massachusetts ranges from 40" (1016mm) along the coast to 50" (1270mm) in the western division. The distribution of rainfall is even throughout the year, and there are no dry or wet periods. Thunderstorms bring local precipitation in the summer, while winter storms bring icy rain and snow. Snowfall is heavy in the winter and ranges from 25" (635mm) over Cape Cod to 80" (2032mm) in the west. At least one snowstorm in the winter registers greater than 5" (127mm) of snowfall. Two hundred days in the year are sunny to partly sunny, with a cloud cover of less than 80%. Frost is a regular occurrence in the winter and lasts from the latter part of the fall to early spring in many places. Dense fog is common over the Cape Cod Bay and offshore islands.

New Bedford and Chester recorded Massachusetts's highest temperature of 107°F (41.7°C) on **August 2, 1975**, while Chester also holds the record of the lowest temperature of -35°F (-37.2°C) on **January 12, 1981**.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas:

<https://www.visit-massachusetts.com/state/90-great-things-to-do-in-massachusetts/>



- **Worcester Art Museum**

55 Salisbury Street  
Worcester, MA 01609  
Phone: 508-799-4406

### **Discover a great museum in central Massachusetts**

This central Massachusetts museum is considered one of the finest mid-sized museums in the country. Follow history's path through 50 centuries of the world's antiquities, paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures, decorative arts, arms and armor. December 2018 brings an interactive

art installation that will infuse the winter season with brilliant light and color during the Museum's Holidays at WAM programming.

<https://www.worcesterart.org/>



- **Island Queen**

75 Falmouth Heights Road  
Falmouth, MA 02540  
Phone: 508-548-4800

**Lots to do at both ends when you take this ferry to fabulous Martha's Vineyard**

The first great thing to do when you're planning a getaway to Martha's Vineyard? Buy a ticket on the Island Queen, the passenger-only ferry from Falmouth to Oak Bluffs. With its outside decks, enclosed lounge and full-service snacks and drinks bar, your 35 minutes across Nantucket Sound will fly by. Bring your bike, kayak, surfboard or paddle board because the island beaches are incomparable. Take a sightseeing tour of the island or head out on your own. Stroll through Oak Bluffs' Victorian gingerbread colony; shop and dine in bustling Edgartown; marvel at the red clay Gay Head Cliffs in Aquinnah; go swimming, sailing, golfing or fishing. In Falmouth, check out the Cape Cod Baseball League, historic Main Street, the aquarium and unique shops.

<https://islandqueen.com/>



- **Berkshire East Mountain Resort**

66 Thunder Mountain Road  
Charlemont, MA 01339  
Phone: 413-339-6617

**Featured by USA Today as one of the Top Ten Zip Lines of the United States!**

Berkshire East is New England's largest zip destination with three tours to choose from. The Base Tour is our introductory course... give zipping a try! Then move on to fabulous views of the valley on the Mountain Top Tour. Mountain Top zipping is a great family experience and summer memory.

Ready for tour number three? The Valley Jump is fun to the extreme. You will love it. Two 1/2 long mile zips, approaching 200' off the ground. This tour has been featured in the Washington Post.

Come, fly above the tree tops!

<https://berkshireeast.com/>



- **Franklin Park Zoo**

One Franklin Park Road  
Boston, MA 02121  
Phone: 617-541-5466

**Learning, having fun co-equal partners at this engaging park zoo**

There is nothing passive about a day spent at the Franklin Park Zoo! Fun and engaging experiences include feeding budgies from seed sticks in the Aussie Aviary to making butterfly masks at Butterfly Hollow to looking at African lions up close through the glass at a ranger station. Play next to red pandas at the Children's Zoo, feed the goats at the Franklin Farm petting zoo or slip down the giraffe-like tube slide at the 10,000-square-foot playground. Go on a behind-the-scenes tour, or stroll through the organic garden and hear about the role bees play in the ecosystem. Adults can chat with a zookeeper, kids can stretch their legs and imaginations at nature play stations with discovery tables.

<https://www.zoonewengland.org/franklin-park-zoo/>

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Big Y Foods	Price Chopper
BJ's Wholesale Club	Roche Bros
Costco	Shaw's Osco
Donelans Supermarket	Shaws
Foodmaster Supermarket	Star Market
Hannaford	Stop & Go
Lil Peach	Tedeschi Food Shops
Market Basket	White Hen Pantry

**Click on this site for more grocery stores in Massachusetts:**

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/MA/>

## SHOPPING

<b>Malls in Massachusetts</b>			
①	<b>Auburn Mall</b>	Auburn, MA (Central MA)	68 stores
②	<b>Bellingham Shopping</b>	Bellingham, MA (Boston)	31 stores
③	<b>Burlington Mall</b>	Burlington, MA (Boston)	179 stores
④	<b>CambridgeSide Galleria</b>	Cambridge, MA (Boston)	94 stores
⑤	<b>Cape Cod Mall</b>	Hyannis, MA (Cape Cod)	82 stores
⑥	<b>Colony Place at Plymouth</b>	Plymouth, MA (Cape Cod)	51 stores
⑦	<b>Copley Place</b>	Boston, MA (Boston)	83 stores
⑧	<b>Dartmouth Mall</b>	Dartmouth, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	65 stores
⑨	<b>Derby Street Shoppes</b>	Hingham, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	59 stores
⑩	<b>Eastfield Mall</b>	Springfield, MA (Western Mass)	69 stores
⑪	<b>Emerald Square</b>	North Attleboro, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	118 stores
⑫	<b>Faneuil Hall Marketplace</b>	Boston, MA (Boston)	
⑬	<b>Greendale Mall</b>	Worcester, MA (Central MA)	16 stores
⑭	<b>Holyoke Mall</b>	Holyoke, MA (Western Mass)	144 stores
⑮	<b>Kingston Collection</b>	Kingston, MA (Cape Cod)	56 stores
⑯	<b>Lee Premium Outlets</b>	Lee, MA (Western Mass)	62 stores
⑰	<b>Legacy Place</b>	Dedham, MA (Boston)	79 stores
⑱	<b>Liberty Tree Mall</b>	Danvers, MA (Boston)	63 stores
⑲	<b>Mansfield Crossing</b>	Mansfield, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	39 stores
⑳	<b>Meadow Glen Mall</b>	Medford, MA (Boston)	5 stores

	<b>Mountain Farms</b>	Hadley, MA (Western Mass)	20 stores
	<b>Natick Mall</b>	Natick, MA (Boston)	200 stores
	<b>Northshore Mall</b>	Peabody, MA (Boston)	157 stores
	<b>Silver City Galleria</b>	Taunton, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	61 stores
	<b>Solomon Pond Mall</b>	Marlborough, MA (Boston)	108 stores
	<b>South Shore Plaza</b>	Braintree, MA (Boston)	197 stores
	<b>Square One Mall</b>	Saugus, MA (Boston)	117 stores
	<b>The Loop</b>	Methuen, MA (Boston)	34 stores
	<b>The Mall at Chestnut Hill</b>	Chestnut Hill, MA (Boston)	56 stores
	<b>The Mall at Whitney Field</b>	Leominster, MA (Central MA)	70 stores
	<b>The Shoppes at Blackstone Valley</b>	Millbury, MA (Central MA)	54 stores
	<b>The Shops at Prudential Center</b>	Boston, MA (Boston)	
	<b>The Street Chestnut Hill</b>	Chestnut Hill, MA (Boston)	43 stores
	<b>Wareham Crossing</b>	Wareham, MA (Cape Cod)	43 stores
	<b>Westgate Mall Brockton</b>	Brockton, MA (Boston)	70 stores
	<b>Wrentham Village Premium Outlets</b>	Wrentham, MA (Boston SW suburbs)	158 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<https://mallseeker.com/massachusettsmalls.aspx>

## PHARMACIES

CVS Pharmacy  
Walgreens  
Target  
The Medicine Shoppe  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy  
Costco  
Shaws/Osco Pharmacy  
Sam's Club

**Click here for locating other pharmacies in Massachusetts:**

<https://www.goodrx.com/pharmacy-near-me/all/ma>

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



**Click here for more information:**

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/MA.html>



**Click here for more information:**

<http://local.fedex.com/ma/>



**Click here for more information:**

[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

## TIME ZONES

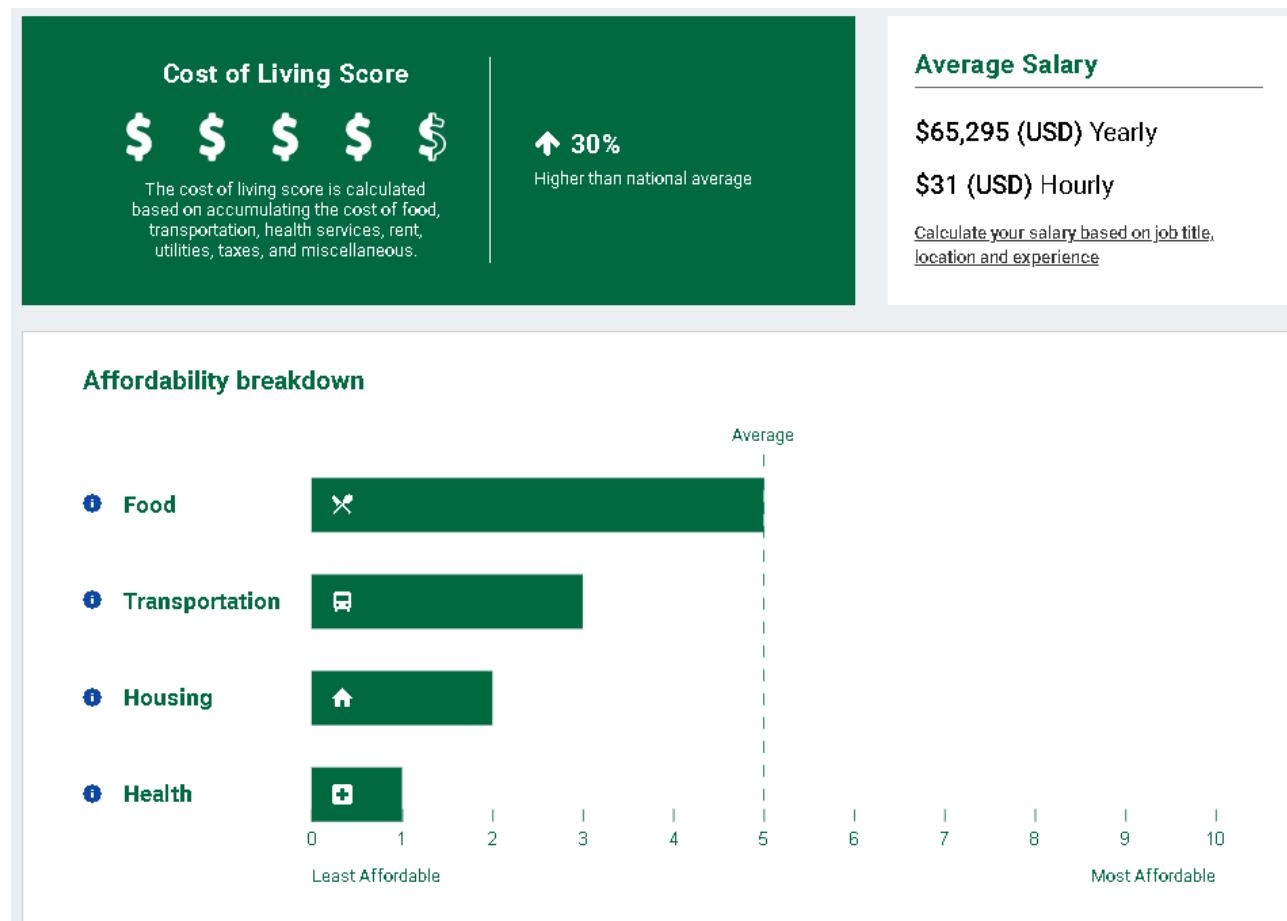
### Massachusetts Time Zone - Massachusetts Current Local Time – Eastern Daylight Saving Time

Massachusetts is in the Eastern Time Zone

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/massachusetts>

## COST OF LIVING IN MASSACHUSETTS



**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.erieri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/massachusetts>

## MINIMUM WAGE

State	2021 Minimum Wage	2021 Tipped Wage
MA	\$13.50	\$5.55

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#ma> or

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Massachusetts>

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/workers-compensation>

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MBTA Commuter Rail

<https://www.mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail>

617-222-3200

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

<https://berkshirerta.com/>

413-499-2872

Brockton Area Transit

[www.ridebat.com](http://www.ridebat.com)

508-588-1000

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority

[www.capecodrta.org](http://www.capecodrta.org)

800-352-1755

Franklin Regional Transit Authority

[www.frtfa.org](http://www.frtfa.org)

413-773-8090

Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority

[www.gatra.org](http://www.gatra.org)

800-483-2500

Lowell Regional Transit Authority

[www.lrta.com](http://www.lrta.com)

978-42-6161

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority

[www.mvrta.com](http://www.mvrta.com)

978-6878

MetroWest Regional Transit Authority

<https://www.mwrrta.com/>

978-345-7711

Montachusett Regional Transit Authority

[www.mrta.us](http://www.mrta.us)

978-345-7711

Nantucket Regional Transit Authority

[www.nrtawave.com](http://www.nrtawave.com)

508-228-2025

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

<http://www.pvta.com/>

413-781-7882

Southeastern Regional Transit Authority

[www.srtabus.com](http://www.srtabus.com)

508-999-5211

Vineyard Transit Authority

[www.vineyardtransit.com](http://www.vineyardtransit.com)

508-693-9440

Worchester Regional Transit Authority

[www.therta.com](http://www.therta.com)

508-791-WRTA

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.mass.gov/im-looking-for-transportation>

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