

Table 6. **Population for the Counties and 15 Largest Cities and Towns in Massachusetts: 1990 and 2000**

NOTE: Data not adjusted based on the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expplu.html>.

Population rank		Geographic area	Population		Population change, 1990 to 2000	
2000	1990		2000	1990 ¹	Number	Percent
		Massachusetts	6 349 097	6 016 425	332 672	5.5
		COUNTY				
1	1	Middlesex County	1 465 396	1 398 468	66 928	4.8
2	2	Worcester County	750 963	709 705	41 258	5.8
3	3	Essex County	723 419	670 080	53 339	8.0
4	4	Suffolk County	689 807	663 906	25 901	3.9
5	5	Norfolk County	650 308	616 087	34 221	5.6
6	6	Bristol County	534 678	506 325	28 353	5.6
7	8	Plymouth County	472 822	435 276	37 546	8.6
8	7	Hampden County	456 228	456 310	- 82	-
9	9	Barnstable County	222 230	186 605	35 625	19.1
10	10	Hampshire County	152 251	146 568	5 683	3.9
11	11	Berkshire County	134 953	139 352	- 4 399	-3.2
12	12	Franklin County	71 535	70 092	1 443	2.1
13	13	Dukes County	14 987	11 639	3 348	28.8
14	14	Nantucket County	9 520	6 012	3 508	58.3
		CITY OR TOWN				
1	1	Boston city	589 141	574 283	14 858	2.6
2	2	Worcester city	172 648	169 759	2 889	1.7
3	3	Springfield city	152 082	156 983	- 4 901	-3.1
4	4	Lowell city	105 167	103 439	1 728	1.7
5	6	Cambridge city	101 355	95 802	5 553	5.8
6	7	Brockton city	94 304	92 788	1 516	1.6
7	5	New Bedford city	93 768	99 922	- 6 154	-6.2
8	8	Fall River city	91 938	92 703	- 765	-0.8
9	11	Lynn city	89 050	81 245	7 805	9.6
10	9	Quincy city	88 025	84 985	3 040	3.6
11	10	Newton city	83 829	82 585	1 244	1.5
12	12	Somerville city	77 478	76 210	1 268	1.7
13	13	Lawrence city	72 043	70 207	1 836	2.6
14	14	Framingham town	66 910	64 989	1 921	3.0
15	15	Waltham city	59 226	57 878	1 348	2.3

- Represents zero or rounds to 0.0.

¹ 1990 census counts are as published in 1990 census reports and thus do not include any changes published subsequently due to boundary changes or to the Count Question Resolution program.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1, and 1990 census.