



AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY 2017 RESULTS

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

2,647,000
Housing Units in the
State of Massachusetts



Neighborhood Assets

63%
of households agree **“This neighborhood has good bus, subway or commuter bus service.”**

5%
of households agree **“This neighborhood has a lot of serious crime.”**

93%
of households agree **“This neighborhood has good schools.”**

3%
of households agree **“This neighborhood is at high risk for floods or other disasters.”**

93%
of households report **“There is no trash, litter, or junk on streets or any properties within 1/2 block” of their home.**



Housing Quality

6% of households live in **inadequate housing**

2% of households report having **mold in the last 12 months**

8% of households report **heating problems that resulted in being uncomfortably cold for 24 hours or more**

896,900 households have made **some home improvement(s)** in the past 2 years

38% of these households cite **energy efficiency** as a reason for improvements

5% of households cite **accessibility for elderly or disabled persons** as a reason for improvements

Housing Costs



\$1,306 was the **median monthly mortgage total amount excluding insurance and taxes**

\$1,000 was the **median monthly cost for rent**

\$1,444 was the **median monthly cost of housing**

19% of households pay at least **half their monthly income for housing**

\$2,000 was the **median expenditure on home improvement projects** in the past 2 years

\$255 was the **median monthly cost paid for utilities**

