

The Best Places to Live [The Healthiest Towns]

RANK	CITY OR TOWN	POPULATION	PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE	PERCENT OPEN SPACE	MEDIAN HOME PRICE	INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2001	PROPERTY TAX RATE PER \$1,000	PER-PUPIL SPENDING	GRADE 10 MCAS ENGLISH/MATH	SAT VERBAL/MATH	VIOLENT CRIMES	PUBLIC SAFETY SPENDING PER CAPITA	AIR POLLUTION SOURCES	FLUORIDE IN WATER	FAST FOOD OUTLETS	HEALTH CLUBS/GYMS	SMOKING BANS	LIQUOR LICENSES	BREAST CANCER RATE*	PROSTATE CANCER RATE*	HIV/AIDS PER 100,000 PEOPLE	TRAFFIC DEATHS
121	ABINGTON	14,605	1,469	21.47%	\$245,000	15.43%	\$16.35	\$6,717	247/242	507/503	79	\$227.80	19		3	1		31	96	137	62	0
20	ACTON	20,331	1,018	23.98%	\$435,000	1.69%	\$13.55	\$7,330	254/257	587/603	5	\$220.91	18	♦	3	4		25	125	87	25	1
115	AMESBURY	16,450	1,326	9.27%	\$269,900	12.51%	\$17.20	\$6,928	243/236	505/498	94	\$300.28	26	♦	2	2		32	83	102	67	0
42	ANDOVER	31,247	1,008	21.44%	\$430,000	(1.49%)	\$11.63	\$8,252	253/253	544/575	20	\$356.39	52	♦	2	6		29	95	90	32	2
118	ARLINGTON	42,389	8,180	10.57%	\$393,000	4.12%	\$13.61	\$8,657	249/246	526/535	22	\$241.76	11	♦	0	3	♦	32	117	100	75	0
54	ASHLAND	14,674	1,179	38.51%	\$309,950	2.97%	\$13.32	\$7,079	255/249	531/542	26	\$233.63	12		3	3		30	96	79	89	1
113	ATTLEBORO	42,068	1,529	14.10%	\$220,000	18.92%	\$12.95	\$6,384	240/232	499/496	123	\$246.16	69	♦	5	3		63	92	80	74	5
117	AVON	4,443	1,015	13.61%	\$229,000	8.02%	\$12.42	\$8,696	241/232	481/439	9	\$496.64	20		0	0		13	82	88	<5	2
53	BEDFORD	12,595	917	28.72%	\$429,500	10.70%	\$10.77	\$10,146	251/247	585/584	1	\$308.23	23		1	0		11	156	103	40	2
63	BELMONT	24,194	5,190	27.67%	\$600,000	5.26%	\$10.78	\$7,731	255/251	569/594	19	\$350.74	5	♦	0	3	♦	6	103	123	58	1
107	BEVERLY	39,862	2,401	16.20%	\$309,500	9.75%	\$11.61	\$7,681	241/236	518/512	91	\$293.63	12		7	12	♦	67	98	110	75	2
83	BILLERICA	38,981	1,506	12.49%	\$284,500	13.80%	\$11.06	\$7,144	246/239	504/516	9	\$291.73	37	♦	8	2		46	118	104	72	1
2	BOLTON	4,148	208	37.97%	\$435,000	(14.58%)	\$12.72	\$8,607	255/251	539/540	6	\$188.31	5		0	1		6	72	69	<5	0
144	BOSTON	589,141	12,166	19.27%	\$289,000	13.78%	\$11.29	\$10,026	231/227	425/444	7,361	\$661.06	597	♦	65	71	♦	765	92	117	680	26
18	BOXBOROUGH	4,868	470	18.43%	\$515,000	3.51%	\$12.78	\$7,126	254/257	587/603	0	\$291.24	0		0	1		5	115	77	<5	1
9	BOXFORD	7,921	330	30.88%	\$545,000	12.49%	\$11.59	\$7,215	251/247	544/557	2	\$202.32	1		0	1		1	101	97	<5	0
37	BRAINTREE	33,828	2,434	21.32%	\$281,950	9.81%	\$10.21	\$7,572	250/245	518/512	81	\$356.96	36		3	4	♦	60	119	111	62	2
80	BRIDGEWATER	25,185	916	27.96%	\$272,450	11.20%	\$10.99	\$6,562	241/237	514/517	21	\$218.27	20	♦	10	5		37	97	103	75	1
138	BROCKTON	94,304	4,393	14.87%	\$189,900	18.76%	\$12.64	\$8,112	242/229	446/441	1,055	\$306.00	91		15	16		123	84	107	304	11
91	BROOKLINE	57,107	8,410	20.98%	\$769,000	10.05%	\$11.21	\$10,550	249/248	572/595	151	\$371.34	23	♦	1	6	♦	96	103	110	168	0
50	BURLINGTON	22,876	1,936	17.33%	\$337,900	10.07%	\$8.20	\$8,572	247/241	490/512	23	\$397.63	23		3	5		21	84	111	57	2
146	CAMBRIDGE	101,355	15,766	16.09%	\$585,000	10.12%	\$7.26	\$14,139	234/230	474/480	470	\$463.20	170	♦	13	13		254	99	110	304	2
70	CANTON	20,775	1,097	29.42%	\$345,000	8.75%	\$12.56	\$7,824	247/246	534/552	5	\$300.16	44	♦	2	4		39	113	143	43	2
5	CARLISLE	4,717	307	26.49%	\$730,000	5.04%	\$15.05	\$9,654	257/255	575/599	1	\$261.88	1		0	0		89	64	<5	1	
65	CARVER	11,663	297	14.72%	\$225,000	13.07%	\$14.64	\$6,821	243/238	506/514	15	\$184.13	5		1	0		13	70	100	54	2
105	CHELMSFORD	33,858	1,495	9.65%	\$298,250	12.34%	\$14.05	\$7,142	248/246	524/522	33	\$241.51	21		2	4		46	105	99	35	3
147	CHELSEA	35,080	16,037	6.69%	\$230,000	17.98%	\$10.04	\$9,114	232/224	391/436	357	\$355.59	39	♦	4	1		53	82	80	430	2
11	COHASSET	7,261	734	37.25%	\$600,000	(3.07%)	\$11.99	\$7,898	257/250	558/562	8	\$418.23	5	♦	0	3		17	126	141	<5	0
19	CONCORD	16,993	682	36.18%	\$610,000	5.17%	\$9.64	\$10,275	257/255	575/599	12	\$298.84	11		0	4		27	122	81	24	1
112	DANVERS	25,212	1,899	23.53%	\$305,000	10.51%	\$12.51	\$7,166	249/243	490/496	68	\$285.56	26	♦	6	7		42	90	96	52	2
77	DEDHAM	23,464	2,245	24.31%	\$320,000	23.08%	\$14.03	\$8,783	241/237	485/499	19	\$343.69	20	♦	0	5		38	92	112	102	1
1	DOVER	5,558	363	33.47%	\$736,000	5.90%	\$9.18	\$9,942	259/253	571/579	n/a	\$267.47	1		0	0	♦	2	109	106	<5	0
101	DRACUT	28,562	1,367	18.75%	\$234,950	12.69%	\$11.74	\$6,687	244/236	506/482	21	\$176.17	7	♦	2	5		51	85	62	63	2
13	DUXBURY	14,248	600	38.94%	\$449,500	3.57%	\$12.06	\$7,208	250/245	556/564	2	\$315.47	6	♦	0	1	♦	15	100	110	49	1
71	E. BRIDGEWATER	12,974	753	10.16%	\$252,000	13.51%	\$15.48	\$6,653	245/239	540/480	9	\$245.97	14		0	2		28	91	122	46	1
39	EASTON	22,299	784	38.26%	\$320,000	15.11%	\$12.99	\$6,217	244/241	530/519	11	\$237.62	19		3	7	♦	30	119	101	54	2
46	ESSEX	3,267	231	29.60%	\$345,000	17.30%	\$12.10	\$9,134	248/242	546/559	6	\$245.76	4	♦	0	1		16	184	82	<5	0
142	EVERETT	38,037	11,241	14.54%	\$250,000	13.64%	\$7.63	\$6,448	237/232	444/457	240	\$351.98	54	♦	5	3		52	99	92	239	1
132	FALL RIVER	91,938	2,964	27.81%	\$154,900	15%	\$10.71	\$7,468	234/226	462/456	636	\$325.74	142	♦	14	10		151	87	104	191	4
72	FOXBOROUGH	16,246	809	26.53%	\$320,950	24.76%	\$13.74	\$7,533	249/246	509/521	1	\$255.82	12		5	3		29	123	104	43	3
109	FRAMINGHAM	66,910	2,664	29.87%	\$305,000	7.81%	\$12.68	\$8,986	244/243	511/533	167	\$273.21	56	♦	8	14	♦	90	120	104	181	5
25	FRANKLIN	29,560	1,105	22.58%	\$320,000	6.66%	\$11.07	\$7,104	251/245	534/525	20	\$242.97	28	♦	8	5		41	90	97	<5	1
61	GEORGETOWN	7,377	570	25.39%	\$325,000	(2.99%)	\$12.60	\$6,602	249/247	525/531	4	\$176.86	10		0	0		8	85	76	<5	2
67	GLOUCESTER	30,273	1,166	37.81%	\$295,000	22.92%	\$10.95	\$7,607	241/232	479/486	64	\$316.52	14	♦	1	7		55	119	72	228	0
15	GROVELAND	6,038	675	32.69%	\$330,000	17.86%	\$11.48	\$6,649	254/248	532/530	8	\$142.33	3	♦	0	0		10	101	74	<5	0
73	HALIFAX	7,500	465	7.26%	\$218,400	3.02%	\$13.75	\$7,210	244/237	518/519	25	\$232.62	3		1	1		10	104	113	<5	1
69	HAMILTON	8,315	570	46.04%	\$372,250	11.11%	\$13.24	\$8,231	255/250	554/534	n/a	\$202.41	5	♦	0	1		8	81	95	<5	0
60	HANOVER	13,164	843	20.71%	\$339,900	19.26%	\$14.49	\$7,496	252/247	525/513	7	\$299.37	18		3	6		23	106	116	<5	1
23	HANSON	9,495	633	23.45%	\$250,000	27.30%	\$13.97	\$6,814	242/237	504/502	36	\$284.90	11		1	1		17	106	96	<5	0
43	HARVARD	5,981	227	19.04%	\$450,000	(14.29%)	\$11.45	\$7,604	256/251	571/569	0	\$158.97	1		0	0		n/a	85	73	<5	0
134	HAVERHILL	58,969	1,769	13.00%	\$242,000	14.7%	\$13.27	\$6,839	241/233	494/475	297	\$249.35	51	♦	9	4		100	94	88	120	4
16	HINGHAM	19,882	885	32.78%	\$451,250	13.10%	\$11.47	\$7,282	257/251	556/565	n/a	\$341.28	12	♦	0	2		31	108	104	35	1
78	HOLBROOK	10,785	1,467	15.72%	\$227,250	23.54%	\$15.19	\$7,499	239/233	505/471	16	\$293.97	12		1	3		16	86	92	65	0
55	HOLLISTON	13,801	738	28.75%	\$321,000	1.5%	\$16.19	\$7,081	248/248	542/560	5	\$165.31	15	♦	0	1	♦	11	110	99	43	0
41	HOPKINTON	13,346	503	26.38%	\$490,000	32.08%	\$13.82	\$6,724	252/248	531/531	1	\$198.69	8		0	0		10	102	82	52	1
82	HUDSON	18,113	1,574	18.22%	\$280,000	12.49%	\$10.72	\$8,400	247/240	523/524	10	\$233.89	23	♦	4	3		38	97	121	50	2
27	HULL	11,050	3,649	24.01%	\$260,000	10.64%	\$10.88	\$7,878	241/233	458/454	56	\$393.65	3	♦	1	2		33	104	105	109	0
21	IPSWICH	12,987	399	48.12%	\$330,000	(1.49%)	\$11.44	\$7,061	251/248	513/520	5	\$253.13	6	♦	1	2		34	123	126	<5	0
91	KINGSTON	11,780	636	10.05%	\$264,900	6.71%	\$14.30	\$6,810	244/237	518/519	5	\$283.58	10		6	3		28	123	118	51	1
145	LAWRENCE	72,043	10,351	6.72%	\$173,450	23.94%	\$12.07	\$8,156	229/223	381/387	592	\$270.09	85	♦	7	2		97	64	94	398	4
37	LEXINGTON	30,355	1,851	27.07%	\$540,000	7.57%	\$10.95	\$9,568	251/251	591/599	24											