



1980 Census of Population and Housing

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MASSACHUSETTS

Preliminary Population and Housing Unit Counts

This report is based on preliminary counts of population and housing units as compiled in the 1980 census district offices. The series consists of 56 reports—number 1 for the United States; numbers 2 through 52 for the States and the District of Columbia in alphabetical order rather than in order of publication; and numbers 53 through 56 for Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Preliminary counts for the Northern Mariana Islands and the remainder of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are not part of this series of reports. These counts will be made available in a separate press release issued for each area.

As of April 1, 1980, the population of the State was 5,728,288, according to a preliminary count of the returns of the 1980 census. This figure represents an increase of 39,118, or 0.7 percent, from the 5,689,170 inhabitants enumerated in the 1970 census.

The preliminary count of housing units in the State as of April 1, 1980, was 2,206,443. This figure, which includes both occupied and vacant housing units, represents an increase of 316,043, or 16.7 percent from the 1,890,400 units enumerated in the 1970 census.

This report presents preliminary 1980 census population and housing unit counts for the State, counties,

county subdivisions, incorporated places, standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's), and congressional districts.

For SMSA's which have component parts in another State(s), data shown in this report relate only to this State's portion. For the remainder of the SMSA data, see the appropriate State(s) report.

These preliminary figures will be superseded by the final counts to be shown in Advance Reports, series PHC80-V, which will be issued within the next few months. The final counts are subject to further processing and review and may differ from the preliminary figures.

An outline of the publication and computer tape program for the 1980 Census of Population and Housing can be obtained free of charge from the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Symbols used in tables. A dash "--" represents zero. Three dots "... " means not applicable, and "(NA)" means not available. The prefix "r" indicates that the count has been revised since publication of 1970 census reports.

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Table 1. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for the State by Counties and County Subdivisions: 1980 and 1970—Con.**

[Counts relate to areas as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this State. For meaning of symbols, see text]

**The State
Counties
County Subdivisions**

Worcester County—Con.

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (preliminary)	1970	1980 (preliminary)	1970
West Boylston town	6 192	6 369	2 103	1 811
West Brookfield town	3 016	2 653	1 127	1 009
Westminster town	5 125	4 273	1 980	1 564
Winchendon town	6 950	6 635	2 636	2 153
Worcester city	161 384	176 572	61 651	58 589

Table 2. Population and Housing Unit Counts for Incorporated Places: 1980 and 1970

(Counts relate to incorporated places as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this State. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Incorporated Places	Counties	Population		Housing units	
		1980 (preliminary)	1970	1980 (preliminary)	1970
Attleboro city	Bristol	34 221	32 907	12 506	10 424
Beverly city	Essex	37 084	38 348	13 960	12 091
Boston city	Suffolk	562 582	641 071	241 194	232 448
Brockton city	Plymouth	94 990	89 040	34 681	28 790
Cambridge city	Middlesex	95 362	100 361	41 247	37 668
Chelsea city	Suffolk	25 420	30 625	10 470	10 494
Chicopee city	Hampden	55 048	66 676	21 074	20 383
Everett city	Middlesex	37 121	42 485	14 640	14 171
Fall River city	Bristol	92 240	96 898	36 918	34 186
Fitchburg city	Worcester	39 332	43 343	15 368	14 821
Gordner city	Worcester	17 837	19 748	7 480	6 501
Gloucester city	Essex	27 712	27 941	12 034	10 505
Hoverhill city	Essex	46 815	46 120	18 531	16 116
Holyoke city	Hampden	44 819	50 112	18 045	18 458
Lawrence city	Essex	62 811	66 915	25 975	24 909
Leominster city	Worcester	34 318	32 939	12 980	10 375
Lowell city	Middlesex	92 160	94 239	34 822	31 487
Lynn city	Essex	78 299	90 294	32 609	32 603
Malden city	Middlesex	53 431	56 127	21 478	19 293
Marlborough city	Middlesex	30 709	27 936	11 491	8 878
Medford city	Middlesex	58 303	64 397	20 621	19 860
Melrose city	Middlesex	29 926	33 180	10 938	10 219
New Bedford city	Bristol	98 397	101 777	39 499	36 597
Newburyport city	Essex	15 910	15 807	6 488	5 731
Newton city	Middlesex	83 586	91 263	29 063	27 535
North Adams city	Berkshire	17 910	19 195	7 054	6 636
Northampton city	Hampshire	29 128	29 664	10 654	8 940
Peabody city	Essex	45 760	48 080	16 262	14 418
Pittsfield city	Berkshire	51 942	57 020	20 472	18 867
Quincy city	Norfolk	84 068	87 966	34 417	29 173
Revere city	Suffolk	42 342	43 159	17 194	14 635
Salem city	Essex	38 299	40 556	15 930	14 119
Samerville city	Middlesex	77 393	88 779	30 949	29 757
Springfield city	Hampden	152 212	163 905	58 622	56 341
Taunton city	Bristol	45 043	43 756	16 756	13 770
Waltham city	Middlesex	58 298	61 582	21 030	18 560
Westfield city	Hampden	36 356	31 433	12 989	9 809
Woburn city	Middlesex	36 533	37 406	12 682	10 794
Worcester city	Worcester	161 384	176 572	61 651	58 589

Table 3. Population and Housing Unit Counts for Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's): 1980 and 1970—Con.

(Counts relate to SMSA's designated as of January 1, 1980. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

SMSA's	Population		Housing units		SMSA's	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (preliminary)	1970	1980 (preliminary)	1970		1980 (preliminary)	1970	1980 (preliminary)	1970
NEW BEDFORD, MASS.—Con.					WORCESTER, MASS.—Con.				
Bristol County (pt.)	153 940	148 946	59 781	52 143	Worcester County (pt.)—Con.				
Acushnet town	8 705	7 767	3 062	2 378	Grafton town	11 221	11 659	4 010	3 192
Dartmouth town	23 978	18 800	8 371	6 428	Holden town	13 272	12 564	4 675	3 847
Fairhaven town	15 793	16 332	6 493	5 313	Leicester town	9 396	9 140	3 087	2 560
Freetown town	7 067	4 270	2 356	1 427	Millbury town	11 781	11 987	4 100	3 659
New Bedford city	98 397	101 777	39 499	36 597	Northborough town	10 540	9 218	3 349	2 512
Plymouth County (pt.)	15 482	12 342	6 865	4 818	Northbridge town	12 206	11 795	4 370	3 745
Lakeville town	5 933	4 376	2 495	1 515	North Brookfield town	4 124	3 967	1 562	1 292
Marion town	3 950	3 466	1 755	1 544	Oxford town	11 648	10 345	3 944	2 905
Mattapoisett town	5 599	4 500	2 615	1 759	Paxton town	3 766	3 731	1 159	981
PITTSFIELD, MASS.					Shrewsbury town				
The area	90 509	96 817	35 477	31 911	Spencer town	22 577	19 196	8 495	5 803
Pittsfield city	51 942	57 020	20 472	18 867	Sterling town	10 689	8 779	4 050	3 082
Outside central city	38 567	39 797	15 005	13 044	Sutton town	5 398	4 247	1 794	1 311
Berkshire County (pt.)	90 509	96 817	35 477	31 911	Upton town	5 851	4 590	2 055	1 421
Adams town	10 385	11 772	4 325	4 107	Webster town	3 884	3 484	1 448	1 152
Cheshire town	3 133	3 006	1 205	954	Uxbridge town	8 347	8 253	3 055	2 638
Dalton town	6 798	7 505	2 337	2 228	Westborough town	14 371	14 917	6 362	5 439
Lanesborough town	3 110	2 972	1 217	946	West Boylston town	13 610	12 594	5 018	3 332
Lee town	6 274	6 426	2 315	1 968	Worcester city	6 192	6 369	2 103	1 811
Lenox town	6 517	5 804	2 223	1 875		161 384	176 572	61 651	58 589
Pittsfield city	51 942	57 020	20 472	18 867					
Stockbridge town	2 350	2 312	1 383	966					
PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET, R.I.—MASS.									
That part of the area in Massachusetts	101 897	91 970	35 639	28 296					
Bristol County (pt.)	87 887	78 687	30 616	24 313					
Attleboro city	34 221	32 907	12 506	10 424					
North Attleborough town	21 071	18 665	7 580	6 013					
Norton town	12 736	9 487	3 927	2 679					
Rehoboth town	7 600	6 512	2 471	1 883					
Seekonk town	12 259	11 116	4 132	3 314					
Norfolk County (pt.)	5 783	4 953	2 133	1 444					
Plainville town	5 783	4 953	2 133	1 444					
Worcester County (pt.)	8 227	8 330	2 890	2 539					
Blackstone town	6 544	6 566	2 294	2 006					
Milville town	1 683	1 764	596	533					
SPRINGFIELD-CHICOPEE-HOLYOKE, MASS.—CONN.									
That part of the area in Massachusetts	521 867	534 859	194 289	173 345					
Inside central cities	252 079	280 693	97 741	95 182					
Chicopee city	55 048	66 676	21 074	20 383					
Holyoke city	44 819	50 112	18 045	18 458					
Springfield city	152 212	163 905	58 622	56 341					
Outside central cities	269 788	254 166	96 548	78 163					
Hampden County (pt.)	431 997	450 464	161 919	147 663					
Agawam town	26 281	21 717	9 644	7 083					
Chicopee city	55 048	66 676	21 074	20 383					
East Longmeadow town	12 898	13 029	4 331	3 735					
Hampden town	4 749	4 572	1 503	1 264					
Holyoke city	44 819	50 112	18 045	18 458					
Longmeadow town	16 309	15 630	5 188	4 478					
Ludlow town	18 182	17 580	6 159	5 220					
Monson town	7 324	7 355	2 376	1 948					
Palmer town	11 410	11 680	4 521	3 952					
Southwick town	7 387	6 330	2 605	1 935					
Springfield city	152 212	163 905	58 622	56 341					
Westfield city	36 356	31 433	12 989	9 809					
West Springfield town	26 960	28 461	10 878	9 645					
Wilbraham town	12 062	11 984	3 984	3 412					
Hampshire County (pt.)	86 127	80 762	30 861	24 481					
Belchertown town	8 333	5 936	3 005	1 583					
Easthampton town	15 548	13 012	5 931	4 433					
Gronby town	5 354	5 473	1 743	1 487					
Hadley town	4 114	3 750	1 543	1 236					
Hatfield town	3 050	2 825	1 139	893					
Northampton city	29 128	29 664	10 654	8 940					
Southampton town	4 137	3 069	1 378	912					
South Hadley town	16 463	17 033	5 468	4 997					
Worcester County (pt.)	3 743	3 633	1 509	1 201					
Warren town	3 743	3 633	1 509	1 201					
WORCESTER, MASS.									
The area	371 784	372 144	137 660	118 302					
Worcester city	161 384	176 572	61 651	58 589					
Outside central city	210 400	195 572	76 009	59 713					
Worcester County (pt.)	371 784	372 144	137 660	118 302					
Auburn town	14 832	15 347	5 251	4 586					
Berlin town	2 197	2 099	700	592					
Boylston town	3 468	2 774	1 225	856					
Brookfield town	2 386	2 063	992	699					
Charlton town	6 707	4 654	2 458	1 670					
East Brookfield town	1 937	1 800	747	628					

Table 4. Population and Housing Unit Counts for Congressional Districts: 1980 and 1970

(Counts relate to congressional districts as delineated for the 96th Congress. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

**The State
Congressional Districts**

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (preliminary)	¹ 1970	1980 (preliminary)	¹ 1970
The State	5 728 288	'5689170	2 206 443	'1890400
First	488 686	469 438	186 362	155 313
Second	465 165	472 270	175 839	155 306
Third	471 949	469 443	170 016	144 779
Fourth	459 148	479 130	169 473	149 041
Fifth	494 735	473 154	170 755	143 574
Sixth	470 119	475 885	184 321	162 298
Seventh	451 482	476 565	165 420	149 501
Eighth	436 089	474 090	187 671	173 939
Ninth	421 452	473 680	168 064	160 803
Tenth	522 376	477 054	183 440	147 099
Eleventh	463 158	475 789	167 508	147 263
Twelfth	583 929	475 672	277 574	201 436

¹ Population counts for congressional districts are based on 1970 census complete-count data; housing unit counts are based on 1970 census sample data. These counts may not add to State totals because of post-1970 census corrections which were not assigned by congressional district and also because of sampling variability for housing unit counts.

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