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2022 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# MASSACHUSETTS



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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|  | UNITED STATES  |                |             | MASSACHUSETTS  |                |             |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Children in poverty</b><br>US 12,599,000   MA 164,000   | 21%<br>2008-12 | 17%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER | 14%<br>2008-12 | 12%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b><br>US 19,745,000   MA 354,000                 | 31%<br>2008-12 | 27%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER | 29%<br>2008-12 | 26%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b><br>US 22,137,000   MA 419,000 | 39%<br>2008-12 | 30%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER | 40%<br>2008-12 | 31%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Teens not in school and not working</b><br>US 1,153,000   MA 17,000                             | 8%<br>2008-12  | 7%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER | 5%<br>2008-12  | 5%<br>2016-20  | =<br>SAME   |

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## EDUCATION

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|  | UNITED STATES  |                |             | MASSACHUSETTS  |                |             |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b><br>US 4,295,000   MA 62,000 | 52%<br>2008-12 | 53%<br>2016-20 | ↑<br>WORSE  | 40%<br>2008-12 | 42%<br>2016-20 | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b><br>US N.A.   MA N.A.           | 68%<br>2009    | 66%<br>2019    | ↓<br>BETTER | 53%<br>2009    | 55%<br>2019    | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b><br>US N.A.   MA N.A.              | 67%<br>2009    | 67%<br>2019    | =<br>SAME   | 48%<br>2009    | 53%<br>2019    | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>High school students not graduating on time</b><br>US N.A.   MA N.A.        | 21%<br>2010-11 | 14%<br>2018-19 | ↓<br>BETTER | 17%<br>2010-11 | 12%<br>2018-19 | ↓<br>BETTER |

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## HEALTH

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|  | UNITED STATES  |                |             | MASSACHUSETTS  |                |             |
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| <b>Low birth-weight babies</b><br>US 297,604   MA 4,883                                    | 8.1%<br>2010   | 8.2%<br>2020   | ↑<br>WORSE  | 7.7%<br>2010   | 7.4%<br>2020   | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children without health insurance</b><br>US 4,017,000   MA 21,000                       | 8%<br>2008-12  | 5%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER | 2%<br>2008-12  | 1%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b><br>US 21,430   MA 202                             | 26<br>2010     | 28<br>2020     | ↑<br>WORSE  | 17<br>2010     | 14<br>2020     | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b><br>US N.A.   MA N.A. | 31%<br>2016-17 | 32%<br>2019-20 | ↑<br>WORSE  | 26%<br>2016-17 | 24%<br>2019-20 | ↓<br>BETTER |

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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|   | UNITED STATES  |                |             | MASSACHUSETTS  |                |             |
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| <b>Children in single-parent families</b><br>US 23,629,000   MA 413,000                                       | 34%<br>2008-12 | 34%<br>2016-20 | =<br>SAME   | 31%<br>2008-12 | 32%<br>2016-20 | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b><br>US 8,949,000   MA 109,000 | 15%<br>2008-12 | 12%<br>2016-20 | ↓<br>BETTER | 9%<br>2008-12  | 8%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b><br>US 6,350,000   MA 60,000                                      | 13%<br>2008-12 | 9%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER | 8%<br>2008-12  | 4%<br>2016-20  | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Teen births per 1,000</b><br>US 158,043   MA 1,354   | 34<br>2010     | 15<br>2020     | ↓<br>BETTER | 17<br>2010     | 6<br>2020      | ↓<br>BETTER |

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