

2026 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

MASSACHUSETTS

OVERALL SCORE 775 WORSE	OVERALL RANK 2
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	730 BETTER	13

	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 MA 149,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 MA 317,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	25% 2019	23% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 MA 433,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	31% 2019	32% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 MA 13,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	4% 2019	3% 2024	↓ BETTER

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	722 WORSE	2

	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 MA 65,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	40% 2015-19	45% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. MA N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	55% 2019	60% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. MA N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	53% 2019	63% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. MA N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	12% 2018-19	12% 2023-24	STABLE

N.A.: Not available

Note: Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		SCORE	RANK
						877 WORSE	2
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 MA 5,161	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	7.6% 2019	7.6% 2024		STABLE
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 MA 31,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	2% 2019	2% 2024		STABLE
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 MA 229	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	15 2019	15 2024		STABLE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. MA N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	24% 2018-19	25% 2023-24		↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		SCORE	RANK
						771 STABLE	11
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 MA 434,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	32% 2019	33% 2024		↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 MA 101,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	8% 2019	7% 2024		↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 MA 69,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	5% 2015-19	5% 2020-24		STABLE
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 MA 1,247	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	7 2019	5 2024		↓ BETTER

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