

Community Health Indicators and Data

The [Department of Public Health](#) makes health indicators and data available for the entire Community Health Networks as well as for each of the 351 towns and cities.

These health indicators are organized under seven topics:

- Socio-demographic indicators
- Perinatal and child health indicators
- Infectious disease indicators
- Injury indicators
- Chronic disease indicators
- Substance abuse indicators
- Preventable hospital discharge indicators

The health indicators provide one basis for identifying local health issues. In addition, a Community Health Network might conduct its own surveys, needs assessments or focus groups to assist in investigating and prioritizing local health concerns. The reports compare local rates and percentages with those for the State.

These reports are available through the Massachusetts Community Health Information Profile (MassCHIP). MassCHIP is the Department's user friendly, internet-accessible data dissemination system. MassCHIP was specially designed for providing quick access to community level health statistics. For more information on MassCHIP, please visit the [MassCHIP homepage](#), or call 888-MAS-CHIP (toll free in Massachusetts), or (617) 624-5541 during normal business hours.

Other Data Sources:

Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

<http://censtats.census.gov/pub/Profiles.shtml>

- Population data by age and race
- Housing data
- Educational data
- Employment status
- Income and poverty status

Census 2000 American Factfinder:

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html? lang=en>

- Population
- Housing
- Economics

- Employment

Healthy People 2010:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/>

- **Leading Health Indicators:**
 - Physical activity
 - Overweight and obesity
 - Tobacco use
 - Substance abuse
 - Responsible sexual behavior
 - Mental health
 - Injury and violence
 - Environmental quality
 - Immunization
 - Access to health care

KIDSCOUNT

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

- Age and Sex
- Race and Hispanic Origin
- Income and Poverty
- Employment and Education
- Language

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

<http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.htm>

- Health-Related Behaviors from Asthma to Substance Abuse

Profile of Drug Indicators in Massachusetts

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/statelocal/ma/ma.pdf>

- Types of drug offenses
- Admissions to treatment

Federal sentencing statistics

Massachusetts Department of Education School and District Profiles

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/>

- Enrollment
- Expenditure
- Test results
- Attendance and dropout rate
- Plans after graduation

Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

<http://massstats.detma.org/websaras/index.asp>

- Employment and Unemployment
- Industry information
- Property value and tax rate

- Building permits

Massachusetts State Youth Risk Behavior Survey data

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/program/youthrisk.html>

- Tobacco Use
- Alcohol and Other Drug Use
- Suicidal Thinking and Behavior
- Violence-Related Behaviors
- Sexual Behaviors

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey data

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>

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MA Profile of Drug Indicators

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/statelocal/ma/ma.pdf>

- Who's funded by whom to do drug prevention and treatment
- Arrest data
- Use and dependence prevalence
- Court and Corrections data

Commonwealth Communities

http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp?pageID=mg2terminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=State%20Government&L2=Local%20Government&sid=massgov2&b=terminalcontent&f=cc_landing&csid=massgov2

- Public school information
- Community profiles
- Summaries of municipal finances
- State legislators
- Links to Community sites