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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# MASSACHUSETTS



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
<b>Children in poverty</b> <small>US 11,583,000   MA 152,000</small>	17% 2019	16% 2022	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	12% 2022	= SAME
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> <small>US 18,635,000   MA 317,000</small>	26% 2019	26% 2022	= SAME	25% 2019	24% 2022	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> <small>US 21,807,000   MA 427,000</small>	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME	31% 2019	32% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> <small>US 1,149,000   MA 15,000</small>	6% 2019	7% 2022	↑ WORSE	4% 2019	4% 2022	= SAME

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## EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> <small>US 4,328,000   MA 62,000</small>	52% 2013-17	54% 2018-22	↑ WORSE	41% 2013-17	43% 2018-22	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> <small>US N.A.   MA N.A.</small>	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	55% 2019	57% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> <small>US N.A.   MA N.A.</small>	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	53% 2019	65% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> <small>US N.A.   MA N.A.</small>	14% 2018-19	14% 2020-21	= SAME	12% 2018-19	10% 2020-21	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available \*Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 315,288   MA 5,346	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2022	↑ WORSE	7.6% 2019	7.8% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 3,932,000   MA 22,000	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER	2% 2019	2% 2022	= SAME
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,140   MA 261	25 2019	30 2022	↑ WORSE	15 2019	18 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese**</b> US N.A.   MA N.A.	N.A. N.A.	33% 2021-22	N.A.	N.A. N.A.	27% 2021-22	N.A.

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			MASSACHUSETTS		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,331,000   MA 408,000	34% 2019	34% 2022	= SAME	32% 2019	32% 2022	= SAME
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,015,000   MA 109,000	12% 2019	11% 2022	↓ BETTER	8% 2019	8% 2022	= SAME
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,682,000   MA 71,000	12% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER	6% 2013-17	5% 2018-22	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 143,789   MA 1,302	17 2019	14 2022	↓ BETTER	7 2019	6 2022	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available \*\*Overweight or obese data are not comparable across time due to methodology changes.

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