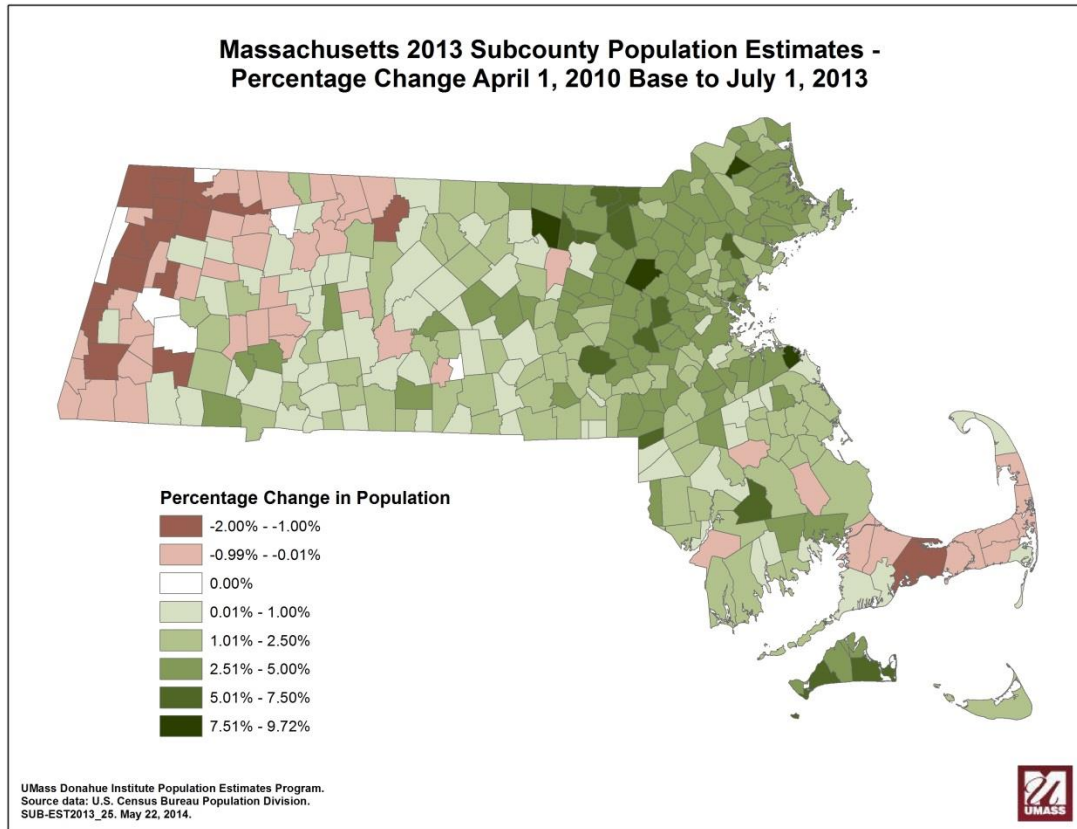




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Summary of U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 Population Estimates  
for Massachusetts Cities and Towns

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### U.S. Census Bureau Releases Sub-County-level Population Estimates for July 1, 2013

On May 22, 2014 the U.S. Census Bureau released updated population estimates for Massachusetts cities and towns (also called “minor civil divisions” or “MCDs”) for July 1, 2013. This new vintage of estimates allocates the Census Bureau’s 2013 county-level population estimates, released in March 2014, to individual municipalities. While the county-level estimates are produced by accounting for “components of change” including births, deaths, and migration, the sub-county estimates are produced by distributing the county-level household population to each city and town based on a housing unit formula and factoring in the group quarters population. The Bureau’s housing unit formula considers each town’s share of the current housing unit estimates along with its specific person-per-household and occupancy rates.

Highlights from the state and county-level estimates released earlier this year by the U.S. Census Bureau appear below. For more information on state and county estimates for Massachusetts, please see our detailed reports at: <http://www.massbenchmarks.org/statedata/news.htm>

- For state-level population estimates, see the release dated **12/30/2013**.
- For state-level components of change, see the release dated **1/31/2014**.

- For county-level population estimates, including components of change, see the release dated **03/27/2014**.

### Highlights from the 2013 State and County Level Estimates Releases

- State-level estimates for Massachusetts released by the U.S. Census Bureau on December 30, 2013 increased the state population by 47,521 from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013. With a new total of 6,692,824 persons, Massachusetts maintained its rank as the 14<sup>th</sup> most populous state in the U.S. This 0.7% annual increase was over twice that of the Northeast average of 0.3%, and ranks Massachusetts as the fastest growing state in the Northeast region for the third consecutive year since 2010. At the national level, Massachusetts ranked 24<sup>th</sup> for percentage growth, rising in rank from 28<sup>th</sup> in the 2011 to 2012 period and 33<sup>rd</sup> in the 2010 to 2011 period. In terms of numerical growth, Massachusetts ranks 12<sup>th</sup> this year, up from 13<sup>th</sup> in the previous year and 20<sup>th</sup> in the 2010 to 2011 year, its growth continuing to accelerate relative to other states in the nation. Cumulatively, since the last Census in April of 2010, the Massachusetts population has increased by 145,195 persons, or 2.2%.

Massachusetts' cumulative population increase of 2.2% is now approaching the national average of 2.4%, while its single year percentage change has now caught up to the U.S. average of 0.7%. Massachusetts trails slightly behind the cumulative percentage growth experienced in the Southern and Western regions of the U.S. since the last Census, which average 3.3% and 3.2% respectively. However, The Commonwealth outpaces both the Midwestern and Northeastern regions, which have grown by just 0.9% and 1.1% respectively since the 2010 Census.

- **The components of change** are data factors which account for estimated changes in population, including: natural increase (births minus deaths), net migration (internal within the U.S. plus international migration), and changes in the group quarters population counts. From July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013, the total number of births in Massachusetts was higher than the number of deaths, resulting in a "natural increase" of 19,380 persons. Net migration also contributed to the Commonwealth's increase in population -- despite negative domestic out-migration (an estimated 2,833 net persons leaving MA for other U.S. locations), a positive trend in international migration (a net of 31,349 persons moving into Massachusetts from outside of the U.S.) resulted in an overall positive net in-migration of 28,516.
- At the county level, the greatest numerical increases in Massachusetts from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 were seen in Middlesex County at 15,653 persons gained, Suffolk County at 9,464 and Essex County at 6,580. In terms of percentage change, the largest gains were in Dukes County at 2.5%, Nantucket County at 1.5%, and Suffolk County at 1.3%. Dukes, Nantucket, and Suffolk counties had the highest rates of total net migration in the state in 2013, which helped to boost their population growth over the past year. Suffolk, Nantucket, and Middlesex counties had the highest rates of *natural increase* from 2012 to 2013, meaning they had a high rate of births compared to deaths over the past year as compared to other parts of the state.
- The greatest numerical decreases over the 2012-2013 period were estimated in Berkshire County at -535, Franklin County at -314, and Hampshire County at -195. The most significant percentage point decreases from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 were in Franklin and Berkshire County, both at -0.4%, and Hampshire County at -0.1%, spurred by negative natural increase in Hampshire and Berkshire counties (more deaths than births), as well as negative net migration in all three counties (more people moving out than in).

### **Subcounty Population Estimates - Large Places:**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 Subcounty Population Estimates, all but one of Massachusetts' largest cities or towns of 50,000 persons or more have increased in population since the 2010 Census. Boston has increased by 4.6%, or 28,246 persons; Worcester increased by 0.8%, or 1,503 persons, and Springfield increased by 0.4%, or 643 persons. Throughout the U.S., 89.5% of the 714 incorporated places over 50,000 have increased in population since the 2010 Census, with an average increase of 3.2% percent. The most significant growth was seen in parts of the South and West. According to the U.S. Census Bureau:

"The South and West dominated the list of fastest-growing municipalities between 2012 and 2013, claiming all of the top 15, seven of which were in Texas. Frisco and McKinney (near Dallas), Odessa (in West Texas) and Pearland (near Houston) were the other Texas cities on the list.

"In terms of numeric growth, 13 of the 15 cities that added the most people between 2012 and 2013 were in the South or West, except for New York City, which ranked first in numeric population growth. The nation's largest city, New York, added 61,440 people in the year ending July 1, 2013. New York continued to be the nation's most populous city by a wide margin, with 8.4 million residents in 2013, followed by Los Angeles and Chicago. The list of the 15 most populous cities has remained unchanged since last year, aside from Indianapolis moving past Jacksonville to number 12."

The following table shows the estimated numerical and percentage differences from the April 1, 2010 Census base to July 1, 2013 for cities in Massachusetts with populations over 50,000, as well as their national rankings by percentage change.

Cumulative Estimates of Resident Population Change for Massachusetts Incorporated Places of 50,000 or More, Ranked by Percent Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013					
National Rank out of 714 places >50,000	Geography	Population Estimate		Change, 2010 to 2013	
		April 1, 2010 Estimates Base	July 1, 2013	Number	Percent [1]
190	Boston	617,720	645,966	28,246	4.6
229	Somerville	75,674	78,804	3,130	4.1
258	Revere	51,741	53,756	2,015	3.9
314	Newton	85,146	87,971	2,825	3.3
334	Weymouth	53,743	55,419	1,676	3.1
382	Waltham	60,632	62,227	1,595	2.6
434	Lowell	106,519	108,861	2,342	2.2
453	Cambridge	105,162	107,289	2,127	2
456	Haverhill	60,879	62,088	1,209	2
484	Malden	59,464	60,509	1,045	1.8
490	Lawrence	76,377	77,657	1,280	1.7
496	Medford	56,253	57,170	917	1.6
511	Peabody	51,251	52,044	793	1.5
524	Lynn	90,329	91,589	1,260	1.4
536	Quincy	92,271	93,494	1,223	1.3
578	Worcester	181,041	182,544	1,503	0.8
581	Chicopee	55,298	55,717	419	0.8
610	Springfield	153,060	153,703	643	0.4
619	Taunton	55,874	56,069	195	0.3
622	Brockton	93,810	94,089	279	0.3
643	New Bedford	95,072	95,078	6	0
656	Fall River	88,857	88,697	-160	-0.2

[1] Some values are zero due to rounding.

Source: Cumulative Estimates of Resident Population Change for Incorporated Places of 50,000 or More, Ranked by Percent Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. May 22, 2014.

### All Cities and Towns:

Among the 351 individual cities and towns in Massachusetts, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013, two-hundred-eighty-one (281) municipalities increased in population, six (6) were unchanged, and sixty-four (64) decreased. Most population gains occurred within the already denser Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex counties, while most population loss was experienced in the western counties of Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire as well as the Cape Cod region. By percentage point, the largest gains from the 2010 Census to 2013 were estimated in the small towns of Cohasset (9.7%), Concord (9.2%), and Lunenburg (8.8%). Numerically, Boston (28,246), Somerville (3,130), and Newton (2,825) experienced the largest cumulative gains since the 2010 Census.

In terms of single year change from 2012 to 2013, the biggest numerical population gains were seen in Boston (8,121), Natick (1,455), and Cambridge (1,117.) Percentagewise, the largest increases over the single year occurred in Lynnfield (5%), Natick, and Plainville (both at 4.3%).

The municipalities showing the greatest estimated percentage loss from 2010 to 2013 included Williamstown (-2%), Hinsdale (-1.9%) and Adams (-1.8%), all three small towns in the Berkshires. The numeric decreases were most pronounced in Pittsfield (-680), Barnstable (-548), and North Adams (-175). See attachments to this report for a complete list of population change for all Massachusetts MCDs.

The table below lists the 20 fastest growing MCDs in Massachusetts since April 1, 2010 by percentage growth, followed by a table of the fastest growing MCDs by numeric growth.

Massachusetts Fastest Growers by Percent of Population, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013								
City or Town	County	April 1, 2010 Estimates Base	July 1 Estimate				Percent Change 2010 base to July 1, 2013	Rank Percent Change
			2010	2011	2012	2013		
Cohasset	Norfolk	7,540	7,548	8,141	8,200	8,273	9.7%	1
Concord	Middlesex	17,668	17,739	18,736	18,889	19,285	9.2%	2
Lunenburg	Worcester	10,086	10,087	10,811	10,834	10,969	8.8%	3
Groveland	Essex	6,459	6,492	6,632	6,796	7,019	8.7%	4
Chelsea	Suffolk	35,177	35,313	36,154	36,926	37,670	7.1%	5
Lynnfield	Essex	11,596	11,620	11,721	11,809	12,395	6.9%	6
Plainville	Norfolk	8,264	8,292	8,394	8,464	8,825	6.8%	7
Tyngsborough	Middlesex	11,292	11,386	11,768	11,941	12,054	6.7%	8
Natick	Middlesex	33,006	33,068	33,345	33,759	35,214	6.7%	9
Hopkinton	Middlesex	14,925	14,980	15,247	15,488	15,918	6.7%	10
Westford	Middlesex	21,951	22,026	22,425	22,835	23,265	6.0%	11
Shirley	Middlesex	7,211	7,299	7,464	7,566	7,613	5.6%	12
Chilmark	Middlesex	866	868	879	889	913	5.4%	13
Ayer	Middlesex	7,427	7,457	7,576	7,694	7,821	5.3%	14
Weston	Middlesex	11,261	11,361	11,510	11,712	11,853	5.3%	15
Dunstable	Middlesex	3,179	3,192	3,249	3,302	3,346	5.3%	16
Edgartown	Dukes	4,067	4,074	4,118	4,167	4,278	5.2%	17
Lakeville	Plymouth	10,602	10,716	10,774	10,859	11,144	5.1%	18
Topsfield	Essex	6,085	6,098	6,178	6,281	6,388	5.0%	19
Stow	Middlesex	6,590	6,630	6,744	6,849	6,916	4.9%	20

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Massachusetts Fastest Growers by Population, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013								
City or Town	County	April 1, 2010 Estimates Base	July 1 Estimate				Numeric Change 2010 base to July 1, 2013	Rank Numeric Change
			2010	2011	2012	2013		
Boston	Suffolk	617,720	620,451	629,064	637,845	645,966	28,246	1
Somerville	Middlesex	75,674	75,823	76,686	77,724	78,804	3,130	2
Newton	Middlesex	85,146	85,405	85,869	87,180	87,971	2,825	3
Chelsea	Suffolk	35,177	35,313	36,154	36,926	37,670	2,493	4
Lowell	Middlesex	106,519	106,679	107,433	108,335	108,861	2,342	5
Natick	Middlesex	33,006	33,068	33,345	33,759	35,214	2,208	6
Cambridge	Middlesex	105,162	104,920	105,631	106,172	107,289	2,127	7
Framingham	Middlesex	68,318	68,604	69,503	69,882	70,441	2,123	8
Revere	Suffolk	51,741	51,850	52,624	53,292	53,756	2,015	9
Weymouth	Norfolk	53,743	53,790	54,141	54,944	55,419	1,676	10
Billerica	Middlesex	40,243	40,392	41,014	41,412	41,888	1,645	11
Concord	Middlesex	17,668	17,739	18,736	18,889	19,285	1,617	12
Waltham	Middlesex	60,632	60,850	61,318	61,894	62,227	1,595	13
Worcester	Worcester	181,041	181,824	182,331	182,312	182,544	1,503	14
Plymouth	Plymouth	56,468	56,650	57,132	57,253	57,826	1,358	15
Randolph	Norfolk	32,112	32,437	32,771	33,248	33,456	1,344	16
Westford	Middlesex	21,951	22,026	22,425	22,835	23,265	1,314	17
Lawrence	Essex	76,377	76,519	76,928	77,262	77,657	1,280	18
Andover	Essex	33,209	33,286	33,862	34,166	34,477	1,268	19
Everett	Middlesex	41,667	41,725	42,080	42,486	42,935	1,268	19

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For detailed Excel tables and maps related to this summary report, refer to the appendices of our May 22, 2014 release at: <http://www.massbenchmarks.org/statedata/news.htm>

- Appendix A: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population of Massachusetts Minor Civil Divisions, Percent Change, and Percent Change Rank: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013
- Appendix B: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population of Massachusetts Counties and Minor Civil Divisions, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013, by County
- Appendix C Map: Estimated Population of Massachusetts Municipalities: July 1, 2013
- Appendix D Map: Estimated Cumulative Percent Change in Population for Massachusetts Municipalities; April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013
- Appendix E Map: Estimated Single-Year Percent Change in Population for Massachusetts Municipalities; July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013

**For more information on the U.S. Census Bureau's Vintage 2013 Population Estimates Release, and to see data for the rest of the U.S., go to the U.S. Census Bureau's estimates page at:**  
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