The geographic center of Massachusetts is the Town of Rutland, Worcester County. There are fourteen communities that have applied for, and been granted, city forms of government, though they wish to be known as "The Town of." They are: AGAWAM, BARNSTABLE, BRAintree, BRIDgewater, Franklin, GREENFIELD, METHuen, Palmer, Randolph, Southbridge, Watertown, West Springfield, Weymouth and Winthrop. There are two communities that have been granted the title of city though they do not have wards or precincts, they are: Amesbury and Easthampton.

The Oldest City: Boston - 1822
Oldest Town: Plymouth - 1620
Largest by population: Town of Framingham - 68,318, City of Boston - 617,594

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