

STATE FACTS FOR STUDENTS

POPULATION

	2010	2014
Population	6,547,629	6,745,408
Rank	14	14
Median Age	39.1	39.4
Total 8 year-olds	77,210	75,766
Boys	39,049	38,607
Girls	38,161	37,159
Total 9 year-olds	78,934	77,006
Boys	40,337	39,351
Girls	38,597	37,655
Total 10 year-olds	79,887	78,351
Boys	41,000	40,149
Girls	38,887	38,202
Total 11 year-olds	80,285	78,865
Boys	40,844	40,253
Girls	39,441	38,612
Total 12 year-olds	80,545	78,514
Boys	41,011	39,880
Girls	39,534	38,634

HOW PEOPLE GET TO WORK:

Drive Alone	72.8%	71.2%
Car Pool	7.8%	7.4%
Public Transportation	9.1%	9.8%
Work at Home	4.2%	4.8%

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE:

	2014
Homes with a Computer	87.2%

WHO TOLD YOU THIS STUFF?

The U.S. Census Bureau takes a census of the population every 10 years, and censuses of economic activity and governments every five years. And every year, the Census Bureau conducts more than 100 other surveys. Data on this page comes from the 2010 Census, the American Community Survey, and County Business Patterns.

GEOGRAPHY

Capital	Boston
Largest City	Boston
Second Largest City	Worcester
Persons Per Square Mile (State, 2010)	839.4

BUSINESS

	2010	2013
Dentist Offices	3,160	3,186
Amusement Parks	5	8
Fast-Food Restaurants	4,591	5,057
Toy Stores	230	211
Video/Disc Rental Stores	156	24
Zoos & Botanical Gardens	18	18
Candy & Nut Stores	95	102
Pet & Pet Supply Stores	194	211
Ice Cream & Frozen Dessert Makers	22	20

Note: As is the case with all surveys, statistics from sample surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling error.

A value of NA indicates that data are not available for the indicated time period. A value of X indicates that data are not applicable for the current region.

HISTORY

Date of Statehood: February 6, 1788

Population 1800: 422,845

Population 1850: 994,514

Population 1900: 2,805,346

Population 1950: 4,690,514

Population 2000: 6,349,097

Population 2010: 6,547,629

HOW ARE THESE DATA COLLECTED?

The U.S. Census Bureau sends questionnaires in the mail or contacts businesses and households to participate in its surveys.

* State symbol information was obtained from various non-Census Bureau resources including state web sites, educational web sites, and commercial entities.