

# Massachusetts County Demographics

## CJPC County Corrections Project, April 20, 2005

### Median Income (2003)

|          |           |          |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| Highest: | Norfolk   | \$65,200 |
|          | Middlesex | \$62,874 |
|          | Nantucket | \$54,974 |
|          | Plymouth  | \$54,391 |

|         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Lowest: | Hampden   | \$39,158 |
|         | Berkshire | \$39,737 |
|         | Suffolk   | \$39,993 |

All other counties between \$40-50,000

### Percent Unemployed (2003)

|          |         |      |
|----------|---------|------|
| Highest: | Bristol | 7.0% |
|          | Essex   | 6.8% |
|          | Hampden | 6.7% |
|          | Suffolk | 6.2% |

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|---------|-----------|------|
| Lowest: | Nantucket | 2.4% |
|         | Hampshire | 4.0% |
|         | Franklin  | 4.5% |
|         | Dukes     | 4.6% |
|         | Norfolk   | 4.8% |

All other counties between 5-6%

### Percent with College Degree

|         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Highest | Middlesex | 43.6% |
|         | Norfolk   | 42.9  |

|        |         |       |
|--------|---------|-------|
| Lowest | Bristol | 19.9% |
|        | Hampden | 20.5% |

All other counties between 25-40%

### Percent Foreign Born

|          |           |       |
|----------|-----------|-------|
| Highest: | Suffolk   | 25.5% |
|          | Middlesex | 15.2% |

|        |            |      |
|--------|------------|------|
| Lowest | Franklin   | 3.6% |
|        | Berkshire  | 3.7% |
|        | Barnstable | 4.9% |

All other counties between 5-15%

### Percent Speaking Other Language

|          |           |       |
|----------|-----------|-------|
| Highest: | Suffolk   | 33.8% |
|          | Hampden   | 22.3% |
|          | Bristol   | 21.1% |
|          | Middlesex | 20.4% |

|         |            |      |
|---------|------------|------|
| Lowest: | Franklin   | 6.2% |
|         | Berkshire  | 6.4% |
|         | Barnstable | 6.8% |
|         | Dukes      | 8.2% |

All other counties between 10-20%

### Percent Living Below Poverty

|          |         |       |
|----------|---------|-------|
| Highest: | Suffolk | 19.0% |
|          | Hampden | 14.7% |
|          | Bristol | 10.0% |

|         |           |      |
|---------|-----------|------|
| Lowest: | Norfolk   | 4.6% |
|         | Middlesex | 6.5% |
|         | Plymouth  | 6.6% |

Barnstable 6.9%

All other counties between 7-10%

### Percent White/Non-Hispanic

|          |            |       |
|----------|------------|-------|
| Highest: | Franklin   | 94.4% |
|          | Berkshire  | 94.1% |
|          | Barnstable | 93.4  |
|          | Dukes      | 90.0% |

|         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Lowest: | Suffolk   | 52.1% |
|         | Hampden   | 74.4% |
|         | Essex     | 83.1% |
|         | Middlesex | 83.6% |

All other counties between 85-90%

### Percent Black

|         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Highest | Suffolk   | 22.2% |
|         | Nantucket | 8.3%  |
|         | Hampden   | 8.1%  |

|        |            |      |
|--------|------------|------|
| Lowest | Franklin   | 0.9% |
|        | Barnstable | 1.8% |
|        | Bristol    | 2.0% |
|        | Hampshire  | 2.0% |

All other counties between 2-5%

### Percent with High School Diploma

|         |            |       |
|---------|------------|-------|
| Highest | Barnstable | 91.8% |
|         | Nantucket  | 91.6% |
|         | Norfolk    | 91.3% |
|         | Dukes      | 90.4% |

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|---------|---------|-------|
| Lowest: | Bristol | 73.2% |
|         | Suffolk | 78.1% |
|         | Hampden | 79.2% |

All other counties between 80-90%

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|                      | Income/Employment                       |              |               | Education           |                | Race         |            |                 |       |                  |       |             |            |
|----------------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------|------------|
|                      | Median Household Income 02 <sup>1</sup> | Unempl       | Below Poverty | High School Diploma | College Degree | Foreign Born | Other Lang | White/ Non-Hisp | Black | Hispanic/ Latino | Asian | Amer Indian | Other Race |
| <b>BARNSTABLE</b>    | \$47,218                                | <b>5.2%</b>  | 6.9%          | <b>91.8%</b>        | 33.6%          | <b>4.9%</b>  | 6.8%       | <b>93.4%</b>    | 1.8%  | <b>1.3%</b>      | 0.6%  | <b>0.6%</b> | 1.1%       |
| <b>BERKSHIRE</b>     | \$39,737                                | <b>5.1%</b>  | 9.5%          | <b>85.1%</b>        | 26.0%          | <b>3.7%</b>  | 6.4%       | <b>94.1%</b>    | 2.0%  | <b>1.7%</b>      | 1.0%  | <b>0.1%</b> | 0.6%       |
| <b>BRISTOL</b>       | \$44,101                                | <b>7.0%</b>  | 10.0%         | <b>73.2%</b>        | 19.9%          | <b>11.7%</b> | 21.1%      | <b>89.4%</b>    | 2.0%  | <b>3.6%</b>      | 1.3%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 3.1%       |
| <b>DUKES</b>         | \$48,690                                | <b>4.6%</b>  | 7.3%          | <b>90.4%</b>        | 38.4%          | <b>6.3%</b>  | 8.2%       | <b>90.0%</b>    | 2.4%  | <b>1.0%</b>      | 0.5%  | <b>1.7%</b> | 1.5%       |
| <b>ESSEX</b>         | \$49,746                                | <b>6.8%</b>  | 8.9%          | <b>84.6%</b>        | 31.3%          | <b>11.3%</b> | 19.4%      | <b>83.1%</b>    | 2.6%  | <b>11.0%</b>     | 2.3%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 6.2%       |
| <b>FRANKLIN</b>      | \$41,556                                | <b>4.5%</b>  | 9.4%          | <b>88.0%</b>        | 29.1%          | <b>3.6%</b>  | 6.2%       | <b>94.4%</b>    | 0.9%  | <b>2.0%</b>      | 1.0%  | <b>0.3%</b> | 0.7%       |
| <b>HAMPDEN</b>       | \$39,158                                | <b>6.7%</b>  | 14.7%         | <b>79.2%</b>        | 20.5%          | <b>7.2%</b>  | 22.3%      | <b>74.4%</b>    | 8.1%  | <b>15.2%</b>     | 1.3%  | <b>0.3%</b> | 8.8%       |
| <b>HAMPSHIRE</b>     | \$46,422                                | <b>4.0%</b>  | 9.4%          | <b>89.4%</b>        | 37.9%          | <b>6.6%</b>  | 11.7%      | <b>89.5%</b>    | 2.0%  | <b>3.4%</b>      | 3.4%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 1.5%       |
| <b>MIDDLESEX</b>     | \$62,874                                | <b>5.1%</b>  | 6.5%          | <b>88.5%</b>        | 43.6%          | <b>15.2%</b> | 20.4%      | <b>83.6%</b>    | 3.4%  | <b>4.6%</b>      | 6.3%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 2.1%       |
| <b>NANTUCKET</b>     | \$54,974                                | <b>2.4%</b>  | 7.5%          | <b>91.6%</b>        | 38.4%          | <b>8.0%</b>  | 10.5%      | <b>86.9%</b>    | 8.3%  | <b>2.2%</b>      | 0.6%  | <b>0.0%</b> | 1.6%       |
| <b>NORFOLK</b>       | \$65,200                                | <b>4.8%</b>  | 4.6%          | <b>91.3%</b>        | 42.9%          | <b>11.8%</b> | 14.5%      | <b>87.9%</b>    | 3.2%  | <b>1.8%</b>      | 5.5%  | <b>0.1%</b> | 0.8%       |
| <b>PLYMOUTH</b>      | \$54,391                                | <b>5.6%</b>  | 6.6%          | <b>87.6%</b>        | 27.8%          | <b>6.3%</b>  | 10.1%      | <b>87.6%</b>    | 4.6%  | <b>2.4%</b>      | 0.9%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 3.1%       |
| <b>SUFFOLK</b>       | \$39,993                                | <b>6.2%</b>  | 19.0%         | <b>78.1%</b>        | 32.5%          | <b>25.5%</b> | 33.8%      | <b>52.1%</b>    | 22.2% | <b>15.5%</b>     | 7.0%  | <b>0.4%</b> | 8.2%       |
| <b>WORCESTER</b>     | \$48,939                                | <b>6.7%</b>  | 9.2%          | <b>83.5%</b>        | 26.9%          | <b>7.9%</b>  | 15.0%      | <b>86.5%</b>    | 2.7%  | <b>6.8%</b>      | 2.6%  | <b>0.3%</b> | 2.9%       |
| <b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> | \$51,085                                | <b>5.80%</b> | 9.3%          | <b>84.8%</b>        | 33.2%          | <b>12.2%</b> | 18.7%      | <b>81.9%</b>    | 5.4%  | <b>6.8%</b>      | 6.8%  | <b>0.2%</b> | 3.7%       |

<sup>1</sup> [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov)