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Introduction

The *Peer Group Medians, FY2008*, is a featured report published intermittently in the public library *Data for Massachusetts* series. The last *Peer Group Medians* report compiled FY2008 data.

The purpose of the report is to help readers identify similar, peer libraries based on the population and per capita equalized property valuation (EQV) of the municipality in which the library is located. The peer group designations for each municipality are listed on pages 7-11. In a cross-tabulation format using population and EQV ranges, the *Peer Group Medians* report displays the median values for various service and support indicators reported by Massachusetts public libraries in municipalities within those ranges.

Medians are provided for these indicators of library service: annual hours open, adult and children's programs held, computers accessing the Internet, and per capita direct circulation, reference and attendance. Medians are displayed for these indicators of library support: per capita total appropriated municipal income, materials expenditure and total operating expenditures, and MLS full-time equivalency (FTE).

Table 1 on page 6 displays in the first column ranges of the 2007 population figures and the header row displays ranges of the 2008 equalized valuation (EQV) per capita. Each cell in the table shows the number of municipalities falling within each peer group, excluding three municipalities that do not have public libraries. For this report, the municipalities of Hamilton and Wenham are treated as one because they closed their individual libraries and opened a joint library located in Hamilton during FY2002.

Using the Report

To locate a peer group and its median value for an indicator:

1. Find the population and the per capita EQV values of a municipality from the list on pages 1-5, or from the corresponding peer groups on pages 7-11.
2. Select a library service or support indicator from Tables 2-11.
3. On the selected table, using the population and per capita EQV values, or by using the peer group designations, locate the

intersecting cell for a municipality. This cell contains the median value reported by libraries within that population and EQV range.

For example, using Table 2, (Annual Hours Open Medians), a municipality with a population of 5,500 and a per capita EQV of \$50,000 would look at the intersection of row C (5,000 - 9,999 population) and column 1 (less than \$100,827 per cap EQV) to locate peer municipalities. The cell at that intersection shows a median of 1,924 hours open to the public during FY2008 reported by libraries in those population and EQV groupings.

To find the indicator value for a particular library (including its branches and bookmobiles), or totaled for all multiple independent libraries in a municipality, consult the list arranged by municipality on pages 22 through 32.

The 2008 library data was submitted on the FY2009 Annual Report Information Survey and the FY2009 Financial Report form. The EQV data is from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

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Public Library List - 2007 Population and 2008 Equalized Valuations per Capita

Municipality	2007 Population	2008 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Abington	16,365	135,966	Bourne	19,023	263,705
Acton	20,753	197,659	Boxborough	5,097	216,941
Acushnet	10,443	127,935	Boxford	8,074	248,582
Adams	8,214	62,765	Boylston	4,266	178,239
Agawam	28,333	110,226	Braintree	34,422	177,305
Alford	394	687,436	Brewster	10,023	417,260
Amesbury	16,429	137,981	Bridgewater	25,514	115,781
Amherst	35,962	64,552	Brimfield	3,695	124,107
Andover	33,284	233,062	Brockton	93,092	92,673
Aquinnah	354	2,198,986	Brookfield	3,030	112,918
Arlington	41,144	183,712	Brookline	54,809	283,961
Ashburnham	5,959	123,220	Buckland	1,990	113,634
Ashby	2,944	128,494	Burlington	25,034	205,269
Ashfield	1,815	139,422	Cambridge	101,388	257,667
Ashland	15,796	167,884	Canton	21,916	204,757
Athol	11,601	77,610	Carlisle	4,882	320,900
Attleboro	43,113	115,335	Carver	11,547	118,906
Auburn	16,259	140,039	Charlemont	1,367	101,531
Avon	4,303	225,111	Charlton	12,576	139,850
Ayer	7,369	147,281	Chatham	6,726	1,020,177
Barnstable	46,738	345,378	Chelmsford	34,128	167,117
Barre	5,419	96,258	Chelsea	38,203	74,768
Becket	1,797	306,467	Cheshire	3,299	95,324
Bedford	13,146	238,942	Chester	1,296	96,841
Belchertown	13,971	109,421	Chesterfield	1,273	127,375
Bellingham	15,908	163,116	Chicopee	53,876	72,161
Belmont	23,356	245,451	Chilmark	963	3,287,901
Berkley	6,433	144,366	Clarksburg	1,631	76,338
Berlin	2,699	238,712	Clinton	14,030	100,099
Bernardston	2,225	104,589	Cohasset	7,182	348,854
Beverly	39,198	162,659	Colrain	1,840	96,432
Billerica	42,038	144,914	Concord	16,840	342,961
Blackstone	9,042	127,163	Conway	1,884	147,689
Blandford	1,279	134,484	Cummington	974	142,299
Bolton	4,481	237,843	Dalton	6,582	102,760
Boston	599,351	176,652	Danvers	26,736	179,785

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Municipality	2007 Population	2008 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Dartmouth	31,241	203,246	Gosnold	84	3,331,381
Dedham	24,132	188,322	Grafton	17,525	148,699
Deerfield	4,731	155,220	Granby	6,285	104,708
Dennis	15,473	472,500	Granville	1,676	121,439
Dighton	6,748	149,930	Great Barrington	7,372	194,165
Douglas	7,924	142,310	Greenfield	17,706	84,861
Dover	5,627	444,853	Groton	10,641	169,503
Dracut	29,498	118,205	Groveland	6,923	142,439
Dudley	10,780	104,943	Hadley	4,787	208,955
Dunstable	3,290	169,655	Halifax	7,700	130,300
Duxbury	14,444	278,773	Hamilton-Wenham	12,803	199,028
East Bridgewater	13,879	132,940	Hampden	5,305	124,704
East Brookfield	2,069	128,493	Hancock	1,082	312,837
East Longmeadow	15,222	132,384	Hanover	13,966	203,220
Eastham	5,445	598,128	Hanson	9,956	140,601
Easthampton	16,064	93,783	Hardwick	2,650	115,307
Easton	22,969	153,508	Harvard	6,001	209,492
Edgartown	3,920	1,928,297	Harwich	12,387	459,331
Egremont	1,350	391,708	Hatfield	3,258	156,765
Erving	1,537	396,088	Haverhill	59,902	111,855
Essex	3,323	265,185	Heath	797	125,488
Everett	37,269	135,174	Hingham	22,394	276,432
Fairhaven	16,124	147,758	Hinsdale	1,937	142,919
Fall River	90,905	79,313	Holbrook	10,663	130,110
Falmouth	33,247	394,824	Holden	16,581	137,387
Fitchburg	39,835	77,522	Holland	2,532	153,718
Florida	678	201,767	Holliston	13,941	160,962
Foxborough	16,298	176,160	Holyoke	39,737	59,419
Framingham	64,786	147,366	Hopedale	6,165	130,335
Franklin	31,381	165,978	Hopkinton	14,307	230,033
Freetown	8,935	162,486	Hubbardston	4,461	122,648
Gardner	20,613	72,125	Hudson	19,580	142,183
Georgetown	8,147	170,430	Hull	11,067	206,501
Gill	1,379	115,810	Huntington	2,193	92,464
Gloucester	30,308	206,019	Ipswich	13,245	218,823
Goshen	956	142,675	Kingston	12,339	172,020

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Municipality	2007 Population	2008 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Lakeville	10,587	167,856	Middleborough	21,245	134,877
Lancaster	7,047	138,031	Middlefield	551	118,439
Lanesborough	2,891	156,705	Middleton	9,347	203,302
Lawrence	70,066	59,491	Milford	27,263	139,621
Lee	5,803	162,034	Millbury	13,470	123,967
Leicester	10,982	105,299	Millis	7,927	150,643
Lenox	5,105	263,433	Millville	2,834	125,016
Leominster	41,128	105,497	Milton	25,691	192,665
Leverett	1,746	163,254	Monroe	96	221,239
Lexington	30,332	282,998	Monson	8,788	96,639
Leyden	802	109,788	Montague	8,334	91,831
Lincoln	7,994	258,272	Monterey	960	534,528
Littleton	8,714	182,622	Montgomery	754	136,343
Longmeadow	15,315	149,580	Mount Washington	138	574,038
Lowell	103,512	79,087	Nahant	3,519	257,289
Ludlow	22,062	92,658	Nantucket	10,531	2,136,363
Lunenburg	9,948	145,396	Natick	31,975	216,056
Lynn	87,122	87,392	Needham	28,263	270,234
Lynnfield	11,382	234,164	New Bedford	91,849	77,737
Malden	55,712	109,123	New Braintree	1,112	112,898
Manchester-by-the-Sea	5,265	445,689	New Marlborough	1,521	370,941
Mansfield	22,993	165,692	New Salem	990	119,048
Marblehead	20,039	298,228	Newbury	6,926	222,140
Marion	5,217	362,954	Newburyport	17,144	224,928
Marlborough	38,065	147,873	Newton	83,271	266,857
Marshfield	24,576	209,911	Norfolk	10,646	151,247
Mashpee	14,261	391,205	North Adams	13,617	57,550
Mattapoisett	6,447	278,794	North Andover	27,637	177,770
Maynard	10,177	140,308	North Attleborough	27,907	160,537
Medfield	12,266	207,826	North Brookfield	4,819	99,360
Medford	55,565	143,184	North Reading	14,021	202,430
Medway	12,749	149,880	Northampton	28,411	119,015
Melrose	26,782	147,060	Northborough	14,611	181,325
Mendon	5,767	169,261	Northbridge	14,375	131,557
Merrimac	6,425	128,395	Northfield	2,985	140,468
Methuen	43,979	127,312	Norton	19,222	129,466

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Norwell	10,271	256,487	Royalston	1,380	110,378
Norwood	28,172	174,311	Russell	1,730	81,967
Oak Bluffs	3,731	838,825	Rutland	7,846	115,811
Oakham	1,906	123,743	Salem	40,922	126,291
Orange	7,796	75,053	Salisbury	8,521	199,780
Orleans	6,315	677,856	Sandisfield	837	309,909
Otis	1,394	442,151	Sandwich	20,255	236,066
Oxford	13,641	111,350	Saugus	27,192	165,089
Palmer	12,849	86,226	Savoy	720	108,752
Paxton	4,530	133,525	Scituate	17,881	255,860
Peabody	51,441	153,868	Seekonk	13,593	183,284
Pelham	1,404	129,031	Sharon	17,033	181,636
Pembroke	18,595	147,864	Sheffield	3,334	187,897
Pepperell	11,409	123,457	Shelburne	2,036	111,826
Peru	838	112,733	Sherborn	4,217	309,568
Petersham	1,283	132,896	Shirley	7,726	93,893
Phillipston	1,787	127,359	Shrewsbury	33,489	161,911
Pittsfield	42,931	87,882	Shutesbury	1,834	132,442
Plainfield	600	148,178	Somerset	18,268	158,669
Plainville	8,311	156,382	Somerville	74,405	129,189
Plymouth	55,188	191,856	South Hadley	16,952	96,520
Plympton	2,772	175,859	Southampton	5,962	113,609
Princeton	3,494	160,236	Southborough	9,484	257,541
Provincetown	3,390	820,674	Southbridge	16,926	73,929
Quincy	91,622	141,318	Southwick	9,431	120,379
Randolph	30,168	122,983	Spencer	12,006	105,034
Raynham	13,641	170,358	Springfield	149,938	56,556
Reading	23,129	175,919	Sterling	7,874	154,648
Rehoboth	11,484	178,509	Stockbridge	2,232	405,272
Revere	55,341	100,677	Stoneham	21,508	158,579
Richmond	1,591	282,673	Stoughton	26,951	146,007
Rochester	5,218	191,438	Stow	6,327	207,130
Rockland	17,780	122,228	Sturbridge	9,102	160,884
Rockport	7,633	273,697	Sudbury	17,159	263,593
Rowe	347	910,794	Sunderland	3,721	101,222
Rowley	5,839	182,530	Sutton	9,015	162,096

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Municipality	2007 Population	2008 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Swampscott	13,994	197,675	Westfield	40,160	87,422
Swansea	16,237	146,874	Westford	21,790	189,963
Taunton	55,783	118,663	Westhampton	1,586	152,231
Templeton	7,783	102,214	Westminster	7,388	148,572
Tewksbury	29,607	152,429	Weston	11,698	471,161
Tisbury	3,805	822,260	Westport	15,136	241,548
Tolland	451	432,482	Westwood	14,010	278,812
Topsfield	6,067	226,452	Weymouth	53,272	138,673
Townsend	9,374	109,212	Whately	1,555	150,355
Truro	2,134	1,155,321	Whitman	14,385	114,084
Tyngsborough	11,860	140,343	Wilbraham	14,032	131,103
Tyringham	343	557,142	Williamsburg	2,440	141,985
Upton	6,526	182,985	Williamstown	8,108	145,291
Uxbridge	12,634	143,252	Wilmington	21,679	181,053
Wakefield	24,706	170,241	Winchendon	10,130	85,328
Wales	1,844	99,318	Winchester	21,137	271,504
Walpole	23,086	188,658	Windsor	856	136,809
Waltham	59,758	166,238	Winthrop	20,154	109,008
Ware	9,933	90,939	Woburn	37,042	171,258
Wareham	21,154	199,324	Worcester	173,966	79,482
Warren	5,071	81,957	Worthington	1,272	145,708
Warwick	750	123,033	Wrentham	11,116	182,154
Watertown	32,521	182,734	Yarmouth	24,010	289,266
Wayland	13,017	267,747			
Webster	16,705	111,492			
Wellesley	26,985	371,671			
Wellfleet	2,748	995,379			
Wendell	1,003	93,701			
West Boylston	7,779	127,413			
West Bridgewater	6,679	182,418			
West Brookfield	3,826	115,071			
West Newbury	4,269	209,900			
West Springfield	27,603	101,950			
West Stockbridge	1,447	307,493			
West Tisbury	2,628	1,135,802			
Westborough	18,459	217,837			

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**Table 1
Number of Municipalities**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	12	17	9	2	18	58
B	2,000 -4,999	7	9	7	8	12	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	12	12	17	14	12	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	10	12	7	15	9	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	8	8	13	17	8	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	9	9	12	12	5	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	9	3	5	1	2	20
H	100,000 or more	3			1	1	5
Total Reporting		70	70	70	70	67	347

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Population Groups and EQV Columns Listing

Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column		Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Charlemont	A	1
Chester	A	1
Clarksburg	A	1
Colrain	A	1
Leyden	A	1
New Braintree	A	1
Peru	A	1
Royalston	A	1
Russell	A	1
Savoy	A	1
Wales	A	1
Wendell	A	1
Ashfield	A	2
Blandford	A	2
Buckland	A	2
Chesterfield	A	2
Gill	A	2
Granville	A	2
Heath	A	2
Middlefield	A	2
Montgomery	A	2
New Salem	A	2
Oakham	A	2
Pelham	A	2
Petersham	A	2
Phillipston	A	2
Shutesbury	A	2
Warwick	A	2
Windsor	A	2
Conway	A	3
Cumington	A	3
Goshen	A	3
Hinsdale	A	3
Leverett	A	3
Plainfield	A	3
Westhampton	A	3

Whately	A	3
Worthington	A	3
Florida	A	4
Monroe	A	4
Alford	A	5
Becket	A	5
Chilmark	A	5
Egremont	A	5
Erving	A	5
Aquinnah	A	5
Gosnold	A	5
Hancock	A	5
Monterey	A	5
Mount Washington	A	5
New Marlborough	A	5
Otis	A	5
Richmond	A	5
Rowe	A	5
Sandisfield	A	5
Tolland	A	5
Tyringham	A	5
West Stockbridge	A	5
Bernardston	B	1
Brookfield	B	1
Cheshire	B	1
Huntington	B	1
North Brookfield	B	1
Shelburne	B	1
Sunderland	B	1
Ashby	B	2
Brimfield	B	2
East Brookfield	B	2
Hardwick	B	2
Hubbardston	B	2
Millville	B	2
Northfield	B	2

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column		Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Paxton	B	2
West Brookfield	B	2
Deerfield	B	3
Dunstable	B	3
Hatfield	B	3
Holland	B	3
Lanesborough	B	3
Princeton	B	3
Williamsburg	B	3
Avon	B	4
Berlin	B	4
Bolton	B	4
Boylston	B	4
Hadley	B	4
Plympton	B	4
Sheffield	B	4
West Newbury	B	4
Carlisle	B	5
Edgartown	B	5
Essex	B	5
Nahant	B	5
Oak Bluffs	B	5
Provincetown	B	5
Sherborn	B	5
Stockbridge	B	5
Tisbury	B	5
Truro	B	5
Wellfleet	B	5
West Tisbury	B	5
Adams	C	1
Barre	C	1
Dalton	C	1
Granby	C	1
Monson	C	1
Montague	C	1
Orange	C	1

Shirley	C	1
Templeton	C	1
Townsend	C	1
Ware	C	1
Warren	C	1
Ashburnham	C	2
Blackstone	C	2
Halifax	C	2
Hampden	C	2
Hanson	C	2
Hopedale	C	2
Lancaster	C	2
Merrimac	C	2
Rutland	C	2
Southampton	C	2
Southwick	C	2
West Boylston	C	2
Ayer	C	3
Berkley	C	3
Dighton	C	3
Douglas	C	3
Freetown	C	3
Georgetown	C	3
Groveland	C	3
Lee	C	3
Lunenburg	C	3
Mendon	C	3
Millis	C	3
Plainville	C	3
Sterling	C	3
Sturbridge	C	3
Sutton	C	3
Westminster	C	3
Williamstown	C	3
Boxborough	C	4
Boxford	C	4

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column	Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
Great Barrington	C	4	Charlton	D	2
Harvard	C	4	East Bridgewater	D	2
Littleton	C	4	Holbrook	D	2
Middleton	C	4	Maynard	D	2
Newbury	C	4	Millbury	D	2
Rochester	C	4	Northbridge	D	2
Rowley	C	4	Pepperell	D	2
Salisbury	C	4	Tyngsborough	D	2
Stow	C	4	Whitman	D	2
Topsfield	C	4	Wilbraham	D	2
Upton	C	4	Groton	D	3
West Bridgewater	C	4	Holliston	D	3
Chatham	C	5	Lakeville	D	3
Cohasset	C	5	Medway	D	3
Dover	C	5	Norfolk	D	3
Eastham	C	5	Raynham	D	3
Lenox	C	5	Uxbridge	D	3
Lincoln	C	5	Bedford	D	4
Manchester-by-the-Sea	C	5	Hamilton-Wenham	D	4
Marion	C	5	Hanover	D	4
Mattapoisett	C	5	Hopkinton	D	4
Orleans	C	5	Hull	D	4
Rockport	C	5	Ipswich	D	4
Southborough	C	5	Kingston	D	4
Athol	D	1	Lynfield	D	4
Belchertown	D	1	Medfield	D	4
Clinton	D	1	North Reading	D	4
Dudley	D	1	Northborough	D	4
Leicester	D	1	Rehoboth	D	4
North Adams	D	1	Seekonk	D	4
Oxford	D	1	Swampscott	D	4
Palmer	D	1	Wrentham	D	4
Spencer	D	1	Brewster	D	5
Winchendon	D	1	Duxbury	D	5
Acushnet	D	2	Harwich	D	5
Carver	D	2	Mashpee	D	5

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column	Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
Nantucket	D	5	Canton	E	4
Norwell	D	5	Dedham	E	4
Wayland	D	5	Foxborough	E	4
Weston	D	5	Marshfield	E	4
Westwood	D	5	Newburyport	E	4
Easthampton	E	1	Reading	E	4
Gardner	E	1	Sandwich	E	4
Greenfield	E	1	Scituate	E	4
Ludlow	E	1	Sharon	E	4
South Hadley	E	1	Walpole	E	4
Southbridge	E	1	Wareham	E	4
Webster	E	1	Westborough	E	4
Winthrop	E	1	Westford	E	4
Abington	E	2	Westport	E	4
Amesbury	E	2	Wilmington	E	4
Auburn	E	2	Bourne	E	5
East Longmeadow	E	2	Concord	E	5
Holden	E	2	Dennis	E	5
Middleborough	E	2	Hingham	E	5
Norton	E	2	Marblehead	E	5
Rockland	E	2	Sudbury	E	5
Ashland	E	3	Winchester	E	5
Bellingham	E	3	Yarmouth	E	5
Easton	E	3	Agawam	F	1
Fairhaven	E	3	Amherst	F	1
Grafton	E	3	Chelsea	F	1
Hudson	E	3	Fitchburg	F	1
Longmeadow	E	3	Holyoke	F	1
Mansfield	E	3	Leominster	F	1
Pembroke	E	3	Pittsfield	F	1
Somerset	E	3	West Springfield	F	1
Stoneham	E	3	Westfield	F	1
Swansea	E	3	Attleboro	F	2
Wakefield	E	3	Bridgewater	F	2
Acton	E	4	Dracut	F	2
Belmont	E	4	Everett	F	2

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Methuen	F	2
Milford	F	2
Northampton	F	2
Randolph	F	2
Salem	F	2
Beverly	F	3
Billerica	F	3
Chelmsford	F	3
Franklin	F	3
Marlborough	F	3
Melrose	F	3
North Attleborough	F	3
Saugus	F	3
Shrewsbury	F	3
Stoughton	F	3
Tewksbury	F	3
Woburn	F	3
Andover	F	4
Arlington	F	4
Braintree	F	4
Burlington	F	4
Danvers	F	4
Dartmouth	F	4
Gloucester	F	4
Milton	F	4
Natick	F	4
North Andover	F	4
Norwood	F	4
Watertown	F	4
Barnstable	F	5
Falmouth	F	5
Lexington	F	5
Needham	F	5
Wellesley	F	5
Brockton	G	1
Chicopee	G	1

Fall River	G	1
Haverhill	G	1
Lawrence	G	1
Lynn	G	1
Malden	G	1
New Bedford	G	1
Revere	G	1
Somerville	G	2
Taunton	G	2
Weymouth	G	2
Frammingham	G	3
Medford	G	3
Peabody	G	3
Quincy	G	3
Waltham	G	3
Plymouth	G	4
Brookline	G	5
Newton	G	5
Lowell	H	1
Springfield	H	1
Worcester	H	1
Boston	H	4
Cambridge	H	5

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**Table 2
Annual Hours Open Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	911.0	815.0	820.0	812.0	828.0	55
B	2,000 -4,999	1,220.0	1,217.0	1,174.0	1,853.5	2,167.0	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	1,965.0	1,891.5	2,040.0	2,063.0	2,403.5	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	2,113.0	2,141.5	2,152.0	2,474.0	2,623.0	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	2,523.0	2,492.5	2,757.0	2,956.0	3,246.0	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	3,131.0	3,046.0	3,114.0	3,240.0	3,450.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	4,794.0	4,744.0	6,308.0	4,894.0	7,179.0	20
H	100,000 or more	5,758.0			65,535.0	16,419.0	5
Total Reporting		69	70	70	69	66	344

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**Table 3
Direct Circulation Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	8.50	7.07	5.64	23.38	7.29	55
B	2,000 -4,999	7.82	5.19	7.87	7.19	20.95	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	6.80	7.61	7.83	10.67	15.82	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	8.01	6.83	11.02	10.59	14.84	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	6.26	7.50	7.51	12.21	15.07	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	6.87	6.35	7.68	9.70	17.42	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	2.59	5.13	7.54	7.10	21.81	20
H	100,000 or more	3.47			5.24	10.50	5
Total Reporting		69	70	70	69	66	344

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**Table 4
Reference Transactions Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	0.51	0.20	0.18		0.43	33
B	2,000 -4,999	0.57	0.20	0.12	0.31	1.71	30
C	5,000 - 9,999	0.36	0.51	0.25	1.24	0.89	55
D	10,000 - 14,999	0.39	0.21	0.20	0.47	0.81	41
E	15,000 - 24,999	0.42	0.43	0.24	0.76	1.09	46
F	25,000 - 49,999	0.72	0.52	0.34	0.97	1.26	45
G	50,000 - 99,999	0.28	0.44	0.59	0.90	1.32	19
H	100,000 or more	0.58			1.82	1.87	5
Total Reporting		52	54	57	55	56	274

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**Table 5
Attendance Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	4.11	4.03	2.37	13.27	4.12	43
B	2,000 -4,999	4.75	2.92	2.61	3.96	22.09	28
C	5,000 - 9,999	5.23	6.46	4.16	6.52	10.27	50
D	10,000 - 14,999	6.03	6.32	7.02	5.06	8.71	32
E	15,000 - 24,999	5.67	4.33	6.52	8.62	12.84	32
F	25,000 - 49,999	5.90	4.74	6.37	6.53	10.89	35
G	50,000 - 99,999	2.89		5.76	4.22	10.31	14
H	100,000 or more	7.58			5.90		3
Total Reporting		46	42	49	44	56	237

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**Table 6
Adult and Children's Programs Held Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	41.0	27.5	18.0		32.5	49
B	2,000 -4,999	100.0	112.0	117.0	90.5	179.0	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	187.0	131.0	159.0	206.0	245.5	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	287.5	232.5	175.0	281.0	393.0	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	253.0	212.5	290.0	236.0	335.5	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	338.0	304.0	309.5	330.5	428.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	347.0	493.0	691.0	892.0	1,156.0	20
H	100,000 or more	672.0			11,269.0	4,466.0	5
Total Reporting		68	69	70	68	63	338

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**Table 7
Computers Accessing the Internet**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	53
B	2,000 -4,999	5.0	4.0	2.0	3.5	9.0	42
C	5,000 - 9,999	5.0	6.5	6.0	10.5	9.0	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	9.0	9.5	12.0	11.0	14.0	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	10.5	8.5	11.0	14.0	19.5	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	14.0	19.0	17.0	19.5	50.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	36.0	28.0	23.0	26.0	64.5	20
H	100,000 or more	120.0			513.0	51.0	5
Total Reporting		69	70	70	69	63	341

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**Table 8
MLS Full-Time Equivalencies Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55
B	2,000 -4,999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.5	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	1.1	2.1	1.1	3.9	4.9	53
E	15,000 - 24,999	2.8	3.1	3.0	5.1	5.7	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	4.6	4.4	5.4	6.5	10.2	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	6.0	5.4	9.0	8.3	25.3	20
H	100,000 or more	27.9			154.0	38.6	5
Total Reporting		69	70	70	69	66	344

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**Table 9
Total Operating Expenditures Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	22.57	21.00	24.61	32.33	28.50	53
B	2,000 -4,999	28.07	26.23	28.48	41.35	102.57	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	30.77	33.87	33.44	47.44	75.16	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	24.96	30.11	26.70	40.97	60.64	52
E	15,000 - 24,999	26.70	32.39	31.44	43.95	57.18	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	28.93	25.59	34.67	43.99	58.46	46
G	50,000 - 99,999	21.09	22.27	29.97	25.94	66.26	20
H	100,000 or more	26.55			61.15	59.75	5
Total Reporting		69	69	69	69	64	340

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**Table 10
Total Materials Expenditures Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	5.14	5.17	5.40	13.41	8.29	53
B	2,000 -4,999	6.02	5.64	6.00	8.66	19.75	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	5.84	6.97	6.77	8.16	14.90	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	4.39	5.14	5.98	7.37	10.67	52
E	15,000 - 24,999	4.15	5.39	5.87	6.75	9.11	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	3.99	3.36	4.95	6.84	8.46	46
G	50,000 - 99,999	2.75	2.57	4.67	3.87	10.66	20
H	100,000 or more	3.44			7.37	5.54	5
Total Reporting		69	69	69	69	64	340

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**Table 11
Total Appropriated Municipal Income Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$113,609	\$113,609 - \$140,601	\$141,318 - \$171,258	\$172,020 - \$255,860	\$256,487 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	20.72	19.15	20.95	30.97	28.50	53
B	2,000 -4,999	22.67	24.70	26.22	39.81	103.23	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	27.73	33.97	34.24	44.07	55.25	67
D	10,000 - 14,999	25.52	30.11	26.11	38.70	58.87	52
E	15,000 - 24,999	23.87	29.36	29.13	43.67	50.63	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	27.33	23.10	34.43	43.16	48.55	46
G	50,000 - 99,999	20.50	25.39	29.38	25.69	62.19	20
H	100,000 or more	25.37			49.39	60.26	5
Total Reporting		69	69	69	69	64	340

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Abington	2,430.0	5.75	0.60	4.33	223	1.0	14.0	26.98	5.15	25.99
Acton	4,764.0	27.29	0.90	11.58	350	8.6	14.0	48.19	9.55	45.15
Acushnet	1,965.0	4.23	0.00	0.00	44	1.0	3.0	19.68	3.77	18.18
Adams	2,152.0	8.48	0.20	0.00	151	1.5	2.0	35.38	6.30	32.42
Agawam	3,131.0	11.80	0.52	10.50	288	4.0	25.0	35.65	5.94	32.74
Alford	102.0	0.09	0.00	0.51	2	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amesbury	2,552.0	8.82	0.42	3.46	184	4.3	3.0	34.50	5.62	33.77
Amherst	4,892.0	13.86	1.18	9.73	338	10.0	49.0	58.19	6.89	40.63
Andover	3,317.0	14.89	1.93	12.45	568	15.7	40.0	74.59	10.76	72.94
Aquinnah	822.0	35.06	1.28	11.02	78	0.0	3.0	253.16	46.83	192.83
Arlington	4,094.0	12.87	1.81	0.00	402	12.4	20.0	49.83	7.19	44.94
Ashburnham	2,397.0	4.39	0.00	8.81	97	0.0	5.0	33.51	6.37	33.51
Ashby	1,217.0	4.81	0.45	2.48	118	0.0	5.0	22.98	4.17	20.13
Ashfield	806.0	13.70	0.00	0.00	1	0.0	1.0	23.42	5.17	18.07
Ashland	2,013.0	9.00	0.06	0.00	182	2.3	14.0	18.67	3.24	17.26
Athol	2,238.0	11.19	0.16	0.00	392	2.2	29.0	32.30	5.63	33.30
Attleboro	3,029.0	5.35	0.26	4.27	304	5.5	8.0	25.59	3.36	23.10
Auburn	2,753.0	11.63	0.44	0.00	325	3.2	4.0	35.59	5.75	32.50
Avon	2,109.0	7.76	0.22	11.59	42	0.0	5.0	72.57	14.53	76.98
Ayer	2,040.0	8.62	3.39	10.86	140	2.1	9.0	57.81	11.74	58.03
Barnstable	13,602.0	10.31	0.85	7.17	1,377	9.4	53.0	58.46	6.77	32.36
Barre	1,700.0	6.11	0.69	8.55	175	0.0	9.0	35.83	6.71	32.62
Becket	828.0	7.01	0.43	0.00	46	0.0	2.0	39.23	9.16	14.47
Bedford	3,367.0	23.09	0.89	0.00	299	6.8	10.0	84.37	17.02	82.43
Belchertown	2,019.0	7.75	0.41	6.03	456	1.1	7.0	26.09	4.53	25.97
Bellingham	2,813.0	7.03	0.09	6.49	614	2.6	10.0	31.44	6.04	29.54
Belmont	3,464.0	23.61	1.81	13.26	302	11.5	18.0	75.19	11.95	73.83
Berkley	1,419.0	3.88	0.04	0.00	115	1.0	2.0	16.40	3.08	16.52
Berlin	1,620.0	5.74	0.00	0.00	161	0.0	3.0	40.21	8.01	36.47
Bernardston	917.0	7.82	0.26	4.36	100	0.0	3.0	24.40	5.90	22.67

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Beverly	7,044.0	9.38	0.40	7.35	474	13.3	21.0	43.44	6.32	42.50
Billerica	3,364.0	6.84	0.64	5.31	328	7.4	25.0	30.23	3.94	29.57
Blackstone	1,955.0	8.40	0.68	5.55	283	1.1	22.0	33.76	7.14	34.86
Blandford	1,056.0	7.07	0.11	0.00	24	0.0	2.0	27.49	6.88	28.66
Bolton	2,036.0	9.66	0.00	4.93	96	1.1	2.0	45.20	9.04	45.20
Boston	65,535.0	5.24	1.82	5.90	11,269	154.0	513.0	61.15	7.37	49.39
Bourne	2,536.0	7.01	0.14	5.51	444	3.2	8.0	29.43	6.02	29.15
Boxborough	2,085.0	20.94	1.24	14.27	313	1.7	12.0	63.74	14.07	54.40
Boxford	4,090.0	10.60	1.68	4.95	198	3.2	9.0	52.24	10.62	50.27
Boylston	1,671.0	5.12	0.00	2.65	85	0.8	2.0	34.38	7.47	35.76
Braintree	3,050.0	9.31	0.68	0.00	311	6.0	19.0	37.32	6.11	37.27
Brewster	2,075.0	12.85	0.42	11.00	224	1.0	14.0	59.93	9.72	47.63
Bridgewater	1,101.0	3.49	0.17	1.81	32	2.3	9.0	19.94	1.93	18.99
Brimfield	1,132.0	4.88	0.22	1.83	47	0.0	2.0	22.57	5.64	22.55
Brockton	6,214.0	2.59	0.35	0.00	313	10.0	51.0	21.09	2.59	21.75
Brookfield	1,495.0	8.34	0.62	4.62	160	0.2	5.0	33.87	6.82	33.36
Brookline	7,954.0	21.76	0.78	12.74	573	22.0	77.0	63.86	10.56	60.71
Buckland	770.0	10.26	0.03	0.00	2	0.0	1.0	14.37	3.52	13.04
Burlington	3,017.0	14.76	0.97	5.82	346	6.4	15.0	45.33	6.84	45.89
Cambridge	16,419.0	10.50	1.87	0.00	4,466	38.6	51.0	59.75	5.54	60.26
Canton	2,423.0	10.50	0.39	6.33	211	6.1	29.0	43.95	6.15	41.21
Carlisle	2,737.0	24.13	0.25	0.00	247	3.9	7.0	102.98	21.13	99.72
Carver	2,634.0	7.60	0.00	0.00	282	2.1	19.0	30.98	5.14	30.41
Charlemont	505.0	8.50	0.45	6.15	36	0.0	1.0	14.72	5.29	11.05
Charlton	1,914.0	6.68	0.04	0.00	278	1.0	21.0	26.20	4.38	24.77
Chatham	2,500.0	17.54	0.63	26.25	699	2.7	17.0	99.07	15.23	56.51
Chelmsford	4,637.0	17.23	0.58	6.37	758	7.5	47.0	45.28	5.90	44.91
Chelsea	2,629.0	1.39	0.01	0.00	46	1.0	14.0	8.75	1.28	7.66
Cheshire	720.0	1.88	0.00	0.00	6	0.0	1.0	6.54	1.87	6.03
Chester	721.0	5.85	0.18	1.66	5	0.0	1.0	28.22	6.55	22.03

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Chesterfield	817.0	5.50	0.33	0.00	60	0.0	3.0	18.49	3.55	19.15
Chicopee	6,666.0	5.86	0.38	4.79	589	6.0	72.0	25.38	3.10	25.27
Chilmark	1,536.0	66.34	1.71	56.16	270	0.4	8.0	232.27	45.75	223.27
Clarksburg	1,758.0	12.47	0.57	7.14	243	0.0	7.0	41.26	9.11	36.68
Clinton	2,105.0	9.62	0.33	5.61	187	1.0	10.0	23.31	4.17	23.31
Cohasset	2,579.0	20.88	0.75	18.46	204	1.9	29.0	73.58	15.08	67.65
Colrain	1,110.0	9.01	0.00	4.11	46	0.0	3.0	22.30	4.59	20.23
Concord	5,757.0	22.19	2.02	15.12	256	12.5	22.0	106.04	16.19	101.29
Conway	720.0	7.69	0.25	2.88	5	0.0	1.0	29.49	4.55	0.84
Cummington	491.0	4.20	0.21	1.85	5	0.0	1.0	9.53	2.63	6.79
Dalton	1,882.0	7.25	0.00	7.27	53	1.1	5.0	25.84	5.20	25.63
Danvers	3,143.0	7.59	1.00	0.00	219	6.5	21.0	42.64	7.29	41.38
Dartmouth	2,576.0	7.29	2.07	0.00	193	4.3	18.0	31.13	4.41	28.11
Dedham	5,140.0	11.14	3.77	0.00	141	7.5	13.0	42.70	5.95	42.97
Deerfield	1,266.0	7.87	0.00	0.00	302	1.0	2.0	28.48	6.00	24.76
Dennis	7,135.0	11.48	1.59	13.00	726	2.2	30.0	34.93	6.96	26.58
Dighton	1,923.0	5.20	0.43	1.95	298	2.0	5.0	24.25	5.50	27.45
Douglas	1,768.0	3.48	0.17	0.00	157	1.0	2.0	23.65	4.79	24.31
Dover	2,406.0	24.56	3.72	18.23	276	4.0	9.0	76.73	16.07	69.91
Dracut	3,046.0	7.38	0.57	5.21	399	1.0	20.0	22.24	3.27	23.78
Dudley	2,121.0	3.70	0.00	5.24	40	1.1	5.0	14.87	2.82	15.18
Dunstable	1,040.0	8.39	0.25	3.36	117	0.0	3.0	41.55	8.35	41.54
Duxbury	2,623.0	16.80	0.47	0.00	460	8.3	16.0	81.41	13.29	76.64
East Bridgewater	2,399.0	6.86	0.49	0.00	285	2.0	4.0	30.11	4.15	30.11
East Brookfield	1,201.0	5.19	0.44	2.92	122	0.0	2.0	30.96	6.99	33.30
East Longmeadow	2,564.0	12.29	0.13	0.00	257	3.2	16.0	38.39	6.28	38.49
Eastham	1,937.0	16.97	0.79	0.00	216	3.1	11.0	47.76	11.31	45.14
Easthampton	2,576.0	6.48	0.02	4.86	214	1.1	7.0	18.37	2.75	11.45
Easton	3,770.0	4.53	0.00	0.00	330	5.0	11.0	43.51	6.10	18.72
Edgartown	2,184.0	10.56	1.28	10.72	156	2.1	15.0	102.15	16.20	106.73

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Egremont	748.0	5.85	0.08	2.94	20	0.0	2.0	17.03	4.41	18.18
Erving	880.0	7.29	0.15	3.03	10	0.0	3.0	19.54	5.08	24.46
Essex	1,468.0	8.90	0.00	0.00	67	0.0	3.0	25.04	5.64	23.09
Everett	5,086.0	3.15	0.39	0.00	241	8.9	19.0	23.52	3.16	21.83
Fairhaven	2,757.0	7.51	0.00	0.00	250	2.1	4.0	36.70	5.49	35.52
Fall River	7,589.0	1.97	0.30	1.82	255	5.1	32.0	11.37	1.98	11.47
Falmouth	8,195.0	13.10	1.31	0.41	928	9.8	58.0	56.86	8.46	48.55
Fitchburg	3,159.0	4.20	0.00	0.00	341	3.6	10.0	29.55	3.51	28.22
Florida	812.0	23.38	0.00	13.27	0	0.0	2.0	32.33	13.41	30.97
Foxborough	2,705.0	12.21	0.26	7.93	166	5.1	8.0	53.80	8.04	53.25
Framingham	6,308.0	12.79	1.55	5.60	664	16.6	22.0	41.25	5.73	38.93
Franklin	3,175.0	10.36	0.45	6.80	409	2.7	12.0	27.28	5.29	29.32
Freetown	2,080.0	3.09	0.16	1.41	86	0.0	8.0	12.18	2.07	12.03
Gardner	2,347.0	8.83	0.83	0.00	149	2.5	6.0	38.08	5.45	28.34
Georgetown	1,232.0	5.38	0.00	3.99	115	1.0	20.0	34.55	7.57	34.24
Gill	761.0	3.96	0.00	1.98	53	0.0	1.0	16.24	4.02	12.69
Gloucester	2,984.0	5.07	0.00	5.09	315	3.9	21.0	27.72	5.22	25.64
Goshen	488.0	1.65	0.00	1.19	16	0.0	2.0	5.68	1.41	3.29
Gosnold	520.0	30.75	1.40	15.93	26	0.0	0.0	49.88	20.93	55.04
Grafton	4,183.0	4.97	0.04	4.39	241	2.0	8.0	25.86	4.15	27.62
Granby	1,343.0	7.91	1.03	5.23	199	0.0	4.0	19.01	3.91	18.44
Granville	815.0	6.37	0.00	3.67	79	0.0	3.0	20.24	5.15	18.60
Great Barrington	3,722.0	18.25	3.10	0.00	291	1.1	24.0	60.45	11.50	55.03
Greenfield	2,490.0	14.23	0.45	9.80	292	3.6	17.0	40.70	6.67	35.13
Groton	2,152.0	22.10	0.49	7.66	346	4.0	25.0	72.81	11.86	66.13
Groveland	1,807.0	5.15	0.30	1.97	130	1.1	2.0	27.56	5.43	25.78
Hadley	1,184.0	4.82	0.38	2.98	78	1.0	6.0	21.17	4.76	21.15
Halifax	2,132.0	6.81	0.07	8.65	429	0.0	6.0	36.50	7.13	34.92
Hamilton-Wenham	2,631.0	17.74	1.32	0.00	604	2.2	18.0	52.60	9.70	50.71
Hampden	1,300.0	4.18	0.00	0.00	56	0.7	6.0	15.81	2.76	14.49

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Hancock	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hanover	2,474.0	9.82	0.00	0.00	251	2.6	17.0	37.05	6.12	36.03
Hanson	2,338.0	6.15	0.65	6.22	159	1.4	10.0	17.90	6.16	20.95
Hardwick	1,576.0	6.54	0.00	3.36	127	0.0	9.0	26.23	5.51	24.70
Harvard	2,620.0	15.98	1.82	17.38	357	4.8	12.0	83.33	15.77	85.06
Harwich	3,088.0	14.84	1.12	0.40	624	4.9	23.0	53.78	11.32	49.94
Hatfield	1,216.0	6.63	0.12	2.61	57	0.8	2.0	26.27	5.38	26.22
Haverhill	2,678.0	7.64	0.95	5.96	141	6.1	46.0	27.49	3.90	22.82
Heath	741.0	13.79	0.75	6.86	22	0.0	1.0	45.51	9.36	37.61
Hingham	2,675.0	19.22	0.24	12.68	329	7.0	17.0	71.12	11.01	60.28
Hinsdale	1,161.0	3.54	0.13	0.00	14	0.0	3.0	25.67	5.00	26.33
Holbrook	2,255.0	6.80	0.00	0.00	139	3.4	8.0	37.22	5.96	34.26
Holden	2,700.0	18.10	0.83	0.00	171	3.0	8.0	43.43	7.52	41.90
Holland	845.0	1.47	0.00	1.06	4	0.0	1.0	11.67	2.52	12.48
Holliston	2,429.0	11.75	0.42	10.54	175	3.7	13.0	32.74	5.98	30.62
Holyoke	2,854.0	1.76	0.60	2.13	75	4.6	10.0	17.21	2.87	11.35
Hopedale	1,759.0	4.38	0.16	4.01	80	0.3	2.0	40.52	7.42	39.58
Hopkinton	2,207.0	7.48	0.12	4.19	165	3.4	6.0	27.29	4.87	23.30
Hubbardston	1,094.0	3.64	0.11	0.00	69	0.0	1.0	12.57	3.28	13.95
Hudson	3,128.0	9.98	0.27	3.56	470	4.1	8.0	32.64	5.98	31.51
Hull	2,212.0	4.02	0.16	4.32	50	1.0	9.0	27.32	4.37	26.35
Huntington	1,211.0	7.41	0.57	4.87	119	0.0	5.0	28.07	6.02	28.07
Ipswich	2,589.0	10.59	0.42	7.78	202	3.9	12.0	38.60	7.37	37.11
Kingston	2,190.0	10.89	0.55	6.09	291	4.0	17.0	55.79	8.43	45.20
Lakeville	2,032.0	11.62	0.28	8.12	230	1.1	12.0	26.70	4.60	25.15
Lancaster	1,828.0	11.93	0.36	0.00	102	1.1	6.0	45.19	8.73	38.52
Lanesborough	1,037.0	5.90	0.07	1.87	15	0.0	2.0	10.34	2.56	10.54
Lawrence	3,891.0	1.78	0.20	2.77	579	2.0	32.0	18.61	2.75	19.27
Lee	2,360.0	5.42	0.33	0.00	61	1.0	1.0	40.56	7.13	40.01
Leicester	2,010.0	3.37	0.59	0.00	88	0.0	7.0	14.73	3.09	13.76

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Lenox	1,886.0	13.75	4.89	10.27	1,105	3.0	8.0	79.37	11.22	47.30
Leominster	3,280.0	8.75	0.85	0.00	355	5.9	10.0	29.89	4.16	27.33
Leverett	1,140.0	18.55	0.00	0.00	94	0.9	6.0	44.36	9.51	43.36
Lexington	3,450.0	22.02	1.43	16.25	424	14.7	14.0	71.33	9.31	69.12
Leyden	620.0	9.26	0.75	3.36	20	0.0	1.0	24.85	4.88	22.60
Lincoln	2,701.0	19.06	0.48	7.81	397	6.6	10.0	96.62	15.27	96.35
Littleton	2,213.0	20.72	0.47	7.05	242	1.7	11.0	63.06	8.91	47.92
Longmeadow	2,418.0	11.50	1.17	6.54	306	3.1	18.0	43.59	6.54	41.08
Lowell	4,392.0	1.94	0.50	0.00	295	8.0	53.0	10.86	1.81	10.23
Ludlow	2,556.0	6.04	0.00	0.00	422	2.3	10.0	15.99	2.79	16.49
Lunenburg	2,160.0	10.70	0.16	10.46	211	1.1	17.0	29.91	5.84	31.67
Lynn	2,948.0	1.85	0.08	5.61	488	2.0	17.0	13.23	2.44	10.78
Lynnfield	2,906.0	11.34	2.30	9.96	317	5.0	11.0	59.17	9.92	54.15
Malden	4,794.0	4.87	0.25	2.94	424	11.5	17.0	27.72	2.96	24.13
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,319.0	11.55	0.67	7.32	237	3.0	6.0	83.32	14.72	65.01
Mansfield	2,879.0	9.48	0.21	0.00	277	3.4	4.0	27.27	5.87	27.01
Marblehead	2,851.0	10.12	0.95	0.00	156	5.7	22.0	55.61	7.51	45.34
Marion	2,515.0	7.69	2.59	8.84	233	1.0	7.0	35.45	7.17	23.88
Marlborough	3,144.0	5.14	0.17	0.00	358	5.3	16.0	20.73	3.56	20.62
Marshfield	2,720.0	11.15	0.91	0.00	189	5.3	13.0	30.00	6.69	28.28
Mashpee	1,971.0	8.73	0.00	8.15	238	2.1	6.0	22.39	3.86	21.66
Mattapoisett	1,666.0	6.91	0.17	4.36	65	1.0	9.0	42.44	8.71	39.21
Maynard	2,002.0	12.19	0.00	0.00	119	2.3	14.0	38.59	7.23	36.84
Medfield	2,595.0	16.59	0.00	0.00	281	2.6	10.0	47.71	7.90	47.82
Medford	3,290.0	5.22	1.43	0.00	691	9.0	9.0	22.98	3.40	22.81
Medway	1,196.0	7.59	0.14	4.02	9	0.5	6.0	26.06	6.19	8.50
Melrose	3,043.0	9.41	1.62	9.33	245	4.4	26.0	35.65	5.05	34.74
Mendon	2,850.0	7.83	0.68	4.50	159	1.1	4.0	33.44	9.31	35.00
Merrimac	2,134.0	9.53	0.51	8.59	124	0.0	13.0	33.98	6.80	33.38

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Methuen	3,200.0	4.93	0.52	3.14	734	8.0	22.0	29.76	3.62	19.65
Middleborough	2,337.0	6.17	0.19	4.65	202	4.3	23.0	30.27	4.77	26.22
Middlefield	559.0	3.87	0.01	1.76	1	0.0	1.0	8.18	5.55	4.17
Middleton	2,337.0	6.27	0.00	2.16	106	1.1	4.0	34.25	6.29	36.20
Milford	2,935.0	6.61	1.05	5.34	496	4.0	25.0	37.06	4.84	35.76
Millbury	2,112.0	4.34	0.00	0.00	285	1.1	4.0	28.26	5.11	26.91
Millis	2,275.0	9.19	0.20	4.16	155	1.8	6.0	39.02	7.91	35.55
Millville	779.0	0.95	0.00	0.00	60	0.0	4.0	11.58	2.50	13.20
Milton	6,010.0	6.51	0.25	0.00	60	5.9	14.0	35.82	4.77	36.13
Monroe	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monson	2,555.0	5.22	0.36	0.00	225	0.0	7.0	39.39	7.92	29.83
Montague	2,723.0	11.32	0.37	4.48	369	2.0	8.0	34.89	7.07	34.55
Monterey	666.0	13.33	0.28	5.44	37	0.0	2.0	48.62	15.71	49.72
Montgomery	700.0	6.71	1.18	4.23	19	0.0	2.0	21.00	4.69	24.18
Mount Washington	1,510.0	10.36	0.00	1.78	0	0.0	1.0	5.88	4.75	7.70
Nahant	2,123.0	6.78	1.11	3.36	49	1.1	0.0	49.32	11.86	49.39
Nantucket	2,320.0	14.18	0.76	12.34	807	3.5	14.0	60.64	9.95	58.87
Natick	4,949.0	17.24	0.94	0.00	1,084	13.0	21.0	64.28	9.24	59.84
Needham	3,337.0	17.42	1.26	10.89	216	10.2	29.0	47.13	8.00	43.72
New Bedford	12,780.0	2.79	0.20	2.83	347	10.0	43.0	22.54	2.98	20.50
New Braintree	565.0	7.75	0.00	3.23	25	0.0	2.0	15.39	4.63	11.36
New Marlborough	1,566.0	13.64	0.00	5.45	75	0.0	5.0	43.38	12.27	48.56
New Salem	922.0	9.57	0.20	4.03	35	0.0	2.0	38.80	8.56	37.14
Newbury	1,620.0	10.74	0.00	8.03	146	1.1	16.0	42.63	7.41	40.21
Newburyport	3,596.0	18.10	1.27	16.51	236	5.8	20.0	72.09	10.50	68.43
Newton	6,404.0	21.85	1.86	7.88	1,739	28.5	52.0	68.65	10.76	63.66
Norfolk	2,465.0	11.02	0.20	7.02	389	3.0	16.0	53.22	8.59	52.62
North Adams	2,581.0	9.71	0.37	6.87	329	2.8	9.0	30.00	5.06	28.46
North Andover	3,332.0	7.31	0.89	5.83	396	4.8	8.0	29.11	4.39	27.78
North Attleborough	3,092.0	4.87	0.14	5.59	203	5.7	3.0	21.13	2.88	20.64

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North Brookfield	1,220.0	5.55	0.00	0.00	75	0.0	7.0	21.30	4.42	19.29
North Reading	2,163.0	6.41	0.42	3.00	270	4.0	11.0	31.34	5.43	30.73
Northampton	4,598.0	14.98	1.36	8.41	1,717	10.5	38.0	54.71	7.93	45.25
Northborough	2,739.0	8.66	0.46	1.84	304	4.2	4.0	48.42	9.31	47.84
Northbridge	618.0	2.43	0.00	0.00	43	0.0	4.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northfield	1,784.0	16.96	0.18	7.92	90	1.1	5.0	44.77	8.75	43.91
Norton	2,433.0	5.92	0.51	4.60	285	3.0	4.0	28.04	4.46	23.52
Norwell	2,480.0	12.94	0.49	6.56	385	4.3	11.0	53.99	9.86	53.99
Norwood	3,207.0	10.08	0.70	7.22	287	8.4	15.0	50.85	6.84	49.13
Oak Bluffs	2,052.0	25.26	2.13	20.03	373	2.3	23.0	109.14	20.94	109.51
Oakham	952.0	2.82	0.13	2.05	48	0.0	2.0	23.22	5.72	27.00
Orange	2,384.0	8.12	0.43	6.02	338	2.0	13.0	32.93	6.40	32.41
Orleans	2,401.0	27.12	0.99	26.37	441	2.3	6.0	84.39	17.56	75.13
Otis	1,650.0	7.75	0.43	5.44	28	0.0	2.0	25.72	5.60	27.98
Oxford	2,506.0	8.27	0.00	0.00	327	2.5	16.0	30.41	5.51	30.41
Palmer	2,500.0	9.35	1.48	10.54	268	1.0	46.0	56.75	10.75	55.51
Paxton	1,614.0	13.50	0.09	0.00	117	0.2	6.0	40.21	9.10	35.93
Peabody	7,476.0	5.34	0.59	5.76	765	6.9	30.0	29.97	4.51	29.10
Pelham	1,340.0	26.92	1.78	10.68	91	0.6	8.0	30.02	9.41	26.23
Pembroke	2,731.0	7.93	0.64	6.73	294	2.1	11.0	29.79	6.37	28.71
Pepperell	2,117.0	11.24	0.21	0.00	386	3.0	7.0	38.81	6.83	36.99
Peru	510.0	2.14	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	1.0	9.32	1.62	9.01
Petersham	967.0	7.24	0.29	5.23	41	0.6	2.0	46.29	9.64	6.05
Phillipston	572.0	3.18	0.00	1.40	30	0.0	1.0	13.12	3.02	9.95
Pittsfield	3,064.0	5.59	0.84	0.00	191	6.0	12.0	23.99	3.99	21.52
Plainfield	538.0	15.92	0.00	0.00	18	0.0	2.0	24.30	7.94	20.95
Plainville	1,895.0	10.14	0.00	0.00	186	1.7	6.0	26.15	6.54	23.87
Plymouth	4,894.0	7.10	0.90	4.22	892	8.3	26.0	25.94	3.87	25.69
Plympton	1,280.0	6.62	0.23	2.58	53	0.0	3.0	36.71	8.27	36.12
Princeton	1,816.0	10.66	0.07	0.00	210	0.0	6.0	46.81	8.97	38.12

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Provincetown	2,370.0	15.25	3.45	93.54	183	2.3	14.0	99.91	18.70	95.68
Quincy	7,478.0	7.54	0.57	9.15	754	16.0	95.0	29.91	4.97	29.38
Randolph	2,969.0	6.35	0.43	2.81	87	3.0	10.0	21.08	3.17	22.15
Raynham	2,554.0	6.18	0.05	2.27	164	1.0	5.0	19.62	3.23	19.95
Reading	2,956.0	16.54	2.68	0.00	464	12.8	24.0	52.86	7.65	48.92
Rehoboth	2,152.0	4.71	0.00	0.00	175	0.7	4.0	18.07	2.73	16.28
Revere	3,076.0	0.99	0.00	0.59	80	1.1	36.0	9.13	1.84	8.55
Richmond	1,211.0	6.96	0.09	4.15	73	0.0	3.0	28.50	6.01	28.50
Rochester	2,132.0	10.44	0.29	6.44	172	1.1	6.0	31.10	6.15	33.00
Rockland	2,419.0	4.53	0.26	3.53	196	3.0	9.0	22.65	3.36	21.73
Rockport	1,778.0	9.60	1.70	13.44	254	1.1	12.0	64.63	16.83	53.99
Rowe	1,229.0	25.19	0.45	9.21	20	0.0	3.0	150.48	33.57	156.12
Rowley	1,658.0	5.60	1.35	5.04	263	1.0	14.0	33.64	7.34	33.46
Royalston	911.0	10.14	0.62	7.23	118	0.0	2.0	35.68	9.68	33.43
Russell	1,034.0	2.58	0.00	0.00	26	0.0	4.0	14.53	3.30	19.26
Rutland	1,754.0	9.97	0.59	0.00	182	0.0	9.0	21.52	4.15	20.26
Salem	3,386.0	12.60	1.09	5.85	289	4.4	13.0	28.96	4.74	26.33
Salisbury	1,828.0	4.11	0.35	0.00	134	0.0	2.0	18.70	3.94	19.36
Sandisfield	780.0	2.69	0.00	2.06	9	0.0	1.0	13.45	2.93	10.64
Sandwich	2,467.0	13.21	0.16	8.62	341	3.9	29.0	42.88	6.71	39.90
Saugus	2,222.0	2.51	0.20	5.22	36	4.3	18.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Savoy	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scituate	3,235.0	12.81	0.76	6.45	278	4.0	7.0	49.32	9.24	49.14
Seekonk	2,536.0	16.03	0.64	9.66	274	5.9	34.0	55.18	9.34	55.04
Sharon	2,566.0	13.06	0.00	0.00	350	4.5	8.0	42.41	6.75	45.52
Sheffield	2,065.0	17.85	0.00	0.00	339	1.1	4.0	42.49	9.28	43.14
Shelburne	1,456.0	11.88	0.64	0.00	23	0.4	2.0	43.88	13.01	22.65
Sherborn	2,601.0	21.21	0.96	0.00	96	4.1	4.0	84.82	13.91	83.41
Shirley	1,645.0	14.18	0.00	8.61	422	0.0	8.0	26.93	5.38	23.84
Shrewsbury	3,044.0	11.34	0.95	7.11	291	4.3	13.0	36.39	5.59	35.69

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Shutesbury	1,129.0	11.04	0.05	5.13	25	0.0	2.0	20.03	4.90	22.37
Somerset	2,679.0	5.46	0.21	8.27	287	3.0	13.0	30.99	4.90	29.13
Somerville	7,442.0	5.13	0.44	0.00	555	17.0	36.0	26.68	3.68	27.02
South Hadley	3,279.0	9.15	0.12	0.00	406	4.7	17.0	38.62	8.96	31.16
Southampton	1,261.0	6.29	0.00	0.00	138	0.0	5.0	16.83	3.91	15.17
Southborough	2,723.0	14.66	1.50	8.15	229	2.3	4.0	38.73	7.79	39.60
Southbridge	2,421.0	3.90	0.00	6.48	306	2.1	12.0	29.83	4.98	23.98
Southwick	2,164.0	8.64	0.35	6.09	121	0.0	7.0	34.66	8.39	34.43
Spencer	1,979.0	5.74	0.41	0.00	307	2.1	9.0	23.82	4.24	25.06
Springfield	13,954.0	3.70	0.76	10.41	1,598	29.1	125.0	40.89	4.29	37.43
Sterling	2,222.0	10.19	0.07	6.27	356	0.0	13.0	37.37	6.77	36.78
Stockbridge	2,150.0	20.69	0.35	12.38	103	0.9	4.0	92.35	13.18	42.15
Stoneham	2,444.0	4.14	1.13	4.63	290	4.3	14.0	36.69	5.49	36.06
Stoughton	3,075.0	5.31	0.09	5.61	238	5.0	5.0	34.67	4.35	34.43
Stow	2,015.0	15.14	0.00	0.00	198	1.0	4.0	33.13	6.81	28.98
Sturbridge	2,523.0	12.73	0.00	0.00	204	3.1	10.0	41.57	8.40	39.21
Sudbury	3,368.0	18.65	1.22	0.00	342	5.7	16.0	58.75	10.71	55.91
Sunderland	1,976.0	14.46	0.12	13.35	185	1.1	17.0	34.13	8.92	29.05
Sutton	1,706.0	5.54	0.09	2.92	278	1.0	4.0	18.67	3.96	19.08
Swampscott	2,400.0	11.57	0.47	5.06	404	4.5	16.0	40.97	7.11	38.70
Swansea	2,489.0	4.10	0.00	0.00	92	1.9	10.0	14.85	2.61	13.58
Taunton	3,051.0	3.13	1.12	0.00	208	5.4	22.0	20.89	2.57	19.89
Templeton	1,318.0	3.10	0.04	0.00	247	0.0	3.0	8.13	1.65	6.68
Tewksbury	3,094.0	8.51	0.28	6.34	373	5.4	24.0	36.80	4.95	36.09
Tisbury	2,432.0	26.43	0.00	24.15	322	1.1	17.0	121.99	20.80	119.53
Tolland	615.0	6.08	0.00	3.98	0	0.0	3.0	26.80	8.29	33.02
Topsfield	2,040.0	23.17	0.65	20.51	214	2.1	19.0	90.07	17.94	72.03
Townsend	2,048.0	6.34	0.00	2.64	65	0.9	3.0	17.37	3.11	17.93
Truro	2,060.0	14.69	2.26	0.00	175	1.7	5.0	119.56	20.81	117.01
Tyngsborough	2,166.0	8.77	0.13	5.91	187	1.0	11.0	25.29	6.34	24.77

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Tyringham	202.0	3.50	0.00	4.08	0	0.0	2.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upton	2,004.0	9.90	0.55	4.90	288	1.1	3.0	31.00	6.90	27.87
Uxbridge	1,953.0	6.28	0.08	2.93	59	0.0	3.0	24.55	4.43	26.11
Wakefield	3,336.0	11.71	1.22	12.91	398	9.5	24.0	60.94	7.12	44.00
Wales	1,196.0	4.34	0.19	2.28	47	0.0	3.0	22.57	5.14	21.10
Walpole	2,580.0	8.43	0.22	0.00	193	4.0	15.0	30.20	4.76	29.30
Waltham	3,330.0	9.67	0.51	0.00	319	8.0	23.0	34.67	4.67	33.58
Ware	1,488.0	3.21	0.10	2.10	80	1.0	5.0	28.61	4.68	22.71
Wareham	2,236.0	7.42	0.33	0.00	241	2.8	27.0	27.88	3.60	25.56
Warren	2,165.0	5.42	0.10	1.57	98	0.0	5.0	35.83	7.20	32.70
Warwick	940.0	11.18	0.45	6.09	9	0.0	4.0	37.75	7.61	28.73
Watertown	3,273.0	16.50	1.10	11.07	471	14.0	60.0	62.01	8.70	62.33
Wayland	3,246.0	18.31	1.55	9.26	189	5.9	11.0	75.57	14.15	73.48
Webster	2,600.0	2.66	0.42	1.92	210	3.1	7.0	17.96	2.73	17.75
Wellesley	3,345.0	22.45	1.11	15.18	428	13.7	50.0	83.20	14.67	79.79
Wellfleet	2,119.0	33.90	2.31	31.75	514	1.0	18.0	122.69	25.73	112.63
Wendell	949.0	11.50	0.00	7.94	137	0.0	6.0	29.71	10.76	20.72
West Boylston	1,459.0	8.98	1.02	6.70	238	0.0	11.0	41.34	7.79	40.32
West Bridgewater	2,041.0	9.59	1.26	6.52	94	1.1	10.0	53.50	12.12	50.46
West Brookfield	1,514.0	7.15	0.00	0.00	112	0.0	3.0	42.41	9.69	44.86
West Newbury	2,476.0	24.58	0.43	10.30	169	0.0	7.0	70.00	16.55	65.49
West Springfield	2,932.0	8.20	2.02	5.90	403	7.5	17.0	28.85	4.30	30.61
West Stockbridge	1,007.0	2.28	0.00	2.39	126	0.0	4.0	13.34	3.28	12.25
West Tisbury	2,567.0	44.93	6.83	41.94	275	0.0	9.0	127.33	33.76	125.01
Westborough	3,180.0	10.27	0.72	0.00	150	5.0	9.0	45.38	6.83	43.67
Westfield	3,200.0	6.87	0.55	5.17	358	4.2	20.0	28.93	3.76	19.30
Westford	3,294.0	15.43	5.58	12.12	221	8.4	12.0	64.42	9.94	64.30
Westhampton	1,405.0	12.81	0.00	0.00	49	0.0	2.0	44.55	9.31	41.42
Westminster	1,818.0	8.38	0.83	0.00	242	2.1	9.0	45.90	7.93	42.05
Weston	2,865.0	26.46	2.08	13.74	393	7.0	15.0	111.89	17.64	92.21

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Westport	2,048.0	4.23	0.00	0.00	108	1.1	8.0	16.35	2.56	13.30
Westwood	3,937.0	17.84	0.86	8.04	396	6.8	15.0	64.69	10.67	64.68
Weymouth	4,744.0	5.55	0.33	0.00	493	4.0	28.0	22.27	2.48	25.39
Whately	1,304.0	5.62	0.15	0.00	66	0.0	2.0	24.61	5.68	24.29
Whitman	2,392.0	5.65	0.21	6.32	119	2.1	12.0	25.23	3.82	24.07
Wilbraham	2,735.0	14.08	1.01	10.18	347	5.1	13.0	50.25	8.92	48.32
Williamsburg	1,174.0	32.99	1.84	16.39	165	0.0	10.0	56.20	13.22	40.95
Williamstown	2,392.0	19.33	1.35	9.35	323	2.8	13.0	57.12	9.09	58.66
Wilmington	3,108.0	9.67	0.39	6.18	284	4.6	18.0	39.80	6.06	39.41
Winchendon	1,865.0	3.18	0.36	0.00	117	1.1	5.0	17.77	2.86	14.75
Winchester	3,124.0	25.71	2.52	14.08	988	10.3	14.0	73.67	11.18	72.11
Windsor	570.0	4.87	0.10	1.99	0	0.1	1.0	4.05	3.56	2.69
Winthrop	2,267.0	3.82	0.00	0.00	106	3.0	11.0	23.57	3.32	23.76
Woburn	3,134.0	5.38	0.20	7.60	213	9.6	12.0	28.24	3.80	28.50
Worcester	5,758.0	3.47	0.58	4.74	672	27.9	120.0	26.55	3.44	25.37
Worthington	820.0	5.64	0.00	4.31	50	0.0	3.0	22.86	5.40	8.75
Wrentham	2,156.0	9.50	0.27	0.00	389	1.0	13.0	28.89	6.44	27.77
Yarmouth	4,839.0	9.84	0.22	7.22	224	2.2	23.0	33.28	5.45	31.62

Appendix - Definitions FY2008 Peer Group Medians Report

Term	Definition
2007 Population	2007 population estimate for the municipality.
2008 EQV Per Capita	2008 equalized valuation divided by the municipality's population. EQV's are the determinations of the fair cash value of all property in each municipality that is subject to local taxation. The Commissioner of Revenue, in accordance with Chapter 58, Section 10C, is charged with the responsibility of biannually determining an equalized valuation for all municipalities. For the joint Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, the total EQV & population of both communities is used.
Appropriated Municipal Income	The sum of the municipal revenue sources appropriated to the library for operating during FY2008. Excludes State Aid to Public Libraries monies.
Annual Hours Open	The sum of the annual hours the main and branch library/libraries and bookmobile(s) were open during FY2008.
Attendance	Also called library visits, the total number of persons entering the library for whatever purpose during FY2008.
Computers Accessing the Internet	Number of public use computers with internet access, including those used by staff as well, and those in a computer lab used for public instruction.
Direct Circulation	Total circulation of all library materials of all types, including renewals during FY2008. Note: Count all materials in all formats that are charged out for use outside the library. Interlibrary loan transactions included are only items borrowed for users. Do not include items checked out to another library.
MLS FTE	Full-time equivalency for all positions paid from the library budget with a Master's from an ALA accredited program and reported in the Library Director, Assistant Director, Senior Librarian, Branch Librarian and all the Staff Librarian (Reference, Children's etc) position classifications. This is computed by totaling the funded hours for those positions per week and dividing by 35. MLS FTE data is as of 7/1/08, rounded to the nearest 10 th and excludes temporarily vacant positions.
Materials Expenditures	The sum of operating expenditures from the library's budget for library materials including print, non-print, and electronic resources during FY2008.
Median	The median figures for this report were calculated by ranking the values from lowest to highest and selecting the mid-point value.
Municipality	Name of the Municipality. In the case of the Hamilton-Wenham joint library, the name of the library is used.

Term	Definition
2007 Population	2007 population estimate for the municipality.
Per Capita	This is calculated by dividing the value of the indicator by the municipality's 2007 population. For the joint Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, the total population of both communities is used.
Programs	Number of library sponsored programs held for adults/young adults and children during FY2008. A program is any planned event which introduces those attending to any of the broad range of library services or activities, or which directly provides information through the presentation of talks, films, dramas, etc. Programs need not take place in the library, but the library must be the primary contributor of time, money, or people in the planning or presentation.
Reference Transactions	A reference transaction is an information contact which involves the knowledge, use, recommendations, interpretation or instruction in the use of one or more information sources by a member of the library staff. It includes information and referral services. Information sources include printed and non-printed materials, machine-readable databases, catalogs and other holdings records, and, through communication or referral, other libraries and institutions and people inside and outside the library. The request may come in person, by phone, by fax, mail, or electronic-mail from an adult, a young adult, or a child. Does not include directional transactions or questions of rules or policies.
Total Operating Expenditures	The sum of the operating expenditures from the library's budget for personnel (salaries and benefits), library materials, and other operating expenditures (e.g., building maintenance, energy and utilities, network membership, supplies, etc.) during FY2008.

Massachusetts Public Library Data Reports

- **Children's Services, xxxx Data** (available in February)
Selected statistics related to children's services including staffing, programming, holdings and circulation.
- **Circulation and Holdings Report, FYxxxx** (available in January)
Various public library circulation and holdings raw data. Also includes circulation per FTE, per hour open and per capita and holdings per capita data.
- **Education & Staffing Report, 7-1-xxxx** (available in January)
Public library staffing levels and distribution of the staff's highest educational level. Staffing level data includes: total full-time equivalencies (FTE), number full time and part time, and FTE for MLS, librarian, children's librarian and non-custodian positions as well as total hours open per non-custodian FTE. Director's education level and length of work week are displayed.
- **Electronic Services, FYxxxx Data** (available in May)
Selected statistics related to electronic services including: website hits, number of users of public Internet computers, electronic subscriptions and materials in electronic format.
- **Featured Reports, FYxxxx Data** (available in the spring)
Reports on changing topics present public library data not displayed in other reports.
- **Financial Statistics Report, FYxxxx Data** (available in February)
Raw and per capita figures for each reporting public library's (including branches) total municipal appropriation, operating income, and salary, materials, other and total operating expenditures. Also included are percent of total operating expenditures spent for salaries, materials and other expenditures.
- **The FYxxxx Municipal Pie...What's Your Share?** (available in January)
Relates the amount expended from the general fund by each city and town on public library service, to the amount expended to operate the entire municipality.
- **Public Library Outlets, FYxxxx Data** (available in May)
Selected statistics relating to public library outlets including: staffing, holdings and circulation.
- **Rankings Report, xxxx Data** (available in March)
Each municipality's rank within its population group and within the entire state based on its library's per capita values for certain income and expenditure data. For services, the indicators are: FTE per 10,000 population, MLS FTE per 10,000, hours open per week, direct and total circulation per capita and holdings per capita.
- **Salaries Report, 7-1-xxxx** (available in January)
Hourly minimum and maximum salaries for up to 17 public library position classifications from Library Director to Custodian. Annual salary for the Library Director is also displayed.
- **Services Report, FYxxxx** (available in January)
Services data includes number of terminals with Internet, average weekly visits, reference questions and hours open. Counts are provided for weekend days open, branches, adult and children's programs and attendance. Average hours open on weekends is also shown.
- **Summary Tables and Graphs, xxxx Data** (available in March)
Statewide, population group and regional totals of various incomes, expenditures, holdings, circulation, services and staffing data. Subject index provided.

Massachusetts Academic Library Data, Fall xxxx, Selected Statistics (available biennially)

The reports are available in PDF format and the related spreadsheet and database files are available for downloading from the Board's web site (<http://mblic.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/index.php>)